

Katie Hobbs, Governor

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Arizona State Board of Podiatry Examiners "Protecting the Public's Health"

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OPEN SESSION MINUTES

December 11, 2024

Members of the Arizona State Board of Podiatry Examiners ("Board") held a meeting at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 1740 West Adams St., Boardroom C, Phoenix, Arizona 85007. No Executive Sessions were held.

Barbara Campbell, DPM.....Board President and Practitioner Member Mark Forman, DPM......Practitioner Member **2 R** STAFF AND ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT: Heather Broaddus Executive Director **GUEST(S) PRESENT AND/OR PARTICIPATING** Catlea Gorman, DPM.....Licensee **7** Bradley Newswander, DPM.....Licensee **7** Kamran Farahani, DPM......Investigator **~**

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Dr. Campbell called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. The Board considered the following order of business.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – A.R.S. §38-503

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

Appeared telephonically

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REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Discussion and approval of the Open Session Minutes from the November 13, 2024, Board meeting

Dr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Forman, to approve the November 13, 2024, Open Session Minutes as drafted. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Forman	Ms. Broman	Ms. Johnson-	VACANT
				Gray	
Yay	X	X	X	X	
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent					

Discussion and approval of the Executive Session Minutes from the November 13, 2024, Board meeting

Dr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Johnson-Gray, to approve the November 13, 2024, Executive Session Minutes as drafted. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Forman	Ms. Broman	Ms. Johnson-	VACANT
				Gray	
Yay	X	X	X	X	
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent					

ITEMS FOR BOARD REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Investigations

Complaint No. 24-06-C; Catlea Gorman, DPM

The Board's Investigator, Daniel Saunders, DPM, was present telephonically and provided a summary to the Board. Dr. Saunders answered Board members' questions.

The Complainant was not present.

Dr. Gorman and here attorney, Bruce Crawford, Esq., were present telephonically, requested to speak, made statements and answered Board members' questions.

After deliberation, Dr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Forman, to dismiss Complaint No. 24-06-C; Catlea Gorman, DPM as there were no violations of statute or rule. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Forman	Ms. Broman	Ms. Johnson-	VACANT
				Gray	
Yay	X	X	X	X	
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent					

Complaint No. 24-08-C; Bradley Newswander, DPM

The Board's Investigator, Kamran Farahani, DPM, was present and provided a summary to the Board. Dr. Farahani answered Board members' questions.

The Complainant was not present.

Dr. Newswander and his attorney, Bruce Crawford, Esq., were present telephonically, requested to speak, made statements and answered Board members' questions.

After deliberation, Dr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Johnson-Gray, to dismiss Complaint No. 24-08-C; Bradley Newswander, DPM as there were no violations of statute or rule. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Forman	Ms. Broman	Ms. Johnson-	VACANT
				Gray	
Yay	X	X	X	X	
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent					

Issuance of Licenses

1. Krupa, Joseph, DPM

Upon review of Dr. Krupa's application, the Board noted that his application meets requirements of statute and rule. After review, Dr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Forman, to approve Dr. Krupa's application upon payment of the license issuance fee. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Forman	Ms. Broman	Ms. Johnson-	VACANT
				Gray	
Yay	X	X	X	X	
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent					

REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON UPDATE OF THE FEDERATION OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL BOARDS NOVEMBER, 2024, MEETING REGARDING THE INTERSTATE PODIATRIC MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT

Ms. Broaddus clarified that four jurisdictions must run legislation before the Compact becomes effective. Ms. Broaddus also stated that she submitted a question to the Compact organizer regarding the criminal background check. Ms. Broaddus is still awaiting an answer. Dr. Campbell stated that it may be appropriate for the Arizona Foot and Ankle Medical Association to introduce legislation, rather than the Board, to become part of the compact.

REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING DRAFT BILL WHICH WILL IMPACT HEALTH BOARDS WEBSITE AND TIME LIMITATION REQUIREMENTS

Ms. Broaddus provided a summary stating that Representative P. Contreras drafted a Bill amending A.R.S. §32-3214. The draft Bill changes the time-frame in which Board actions are posted on the Board's website from 5 years to 25 years. The Bill also requires that non-disciplinary Letters of Concern be posted on the Board's website. Historically, only non-disciplinary and disciplinary Consent Agreements/Orders have been posted on the Board's website. Representative P. Contreras has contacted health Boards requesting feedback on the draft Bill. Representative P. Contreras is holding a meeting on December 18, 2024, for discussion and feedback on the draft language.

The Board deliberated. Board members discussed the time-frame in which Board actions should be posted on health Board websites. It was the consensus of the Board that a twenty-five-year time-frame is excessive. The Board directed its Executive Director to attend the December 18, 2024, meeting to communicate the Board's discussion.

REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON PERSONNEL ISSUES PERTAINING TO EVALUATION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

At 8:55 a.m., Dr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Forman to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. Open session reconvened at 9:18 a.m.

Ms. Broman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Forman, to approve a salary increase up the maximum amount allowed based on budget constraints, if any, as discussed in Executive Session to the Board's Executive Director, Ms. Broaddus. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Forman	Ms. Broman	Ms. Johnson-	VACANCY
				Gray	
Yay	X	X	X	X	
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent					

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Broaddus stated that historically the Board has issued 6-18 month licenses for new applicants. The Attorney General's Office recently advised that the Board should not issue a license for more than 12 months. With the Board's consensus, Board staff will no longer issue new licenses for more than 12 months. Regardless of when the new license is issued the license expiration date will be for the following June (June 30).

Ms. Broaddus stated that at its November 13, 2024, meeting the Board continued Complaint No. 24-14-C to obtain additional information/documentation. The Board also directed staff to contact the licensee to determine if the licensee would be willing to sign a Consent Agreement and Order for voluntary surrender of the license's license. The licensee agreed to a voluntary surrender of the license. Once the Consent Agreement and Order is drafted and signed by the licensee it will be brought before the Board for consideration and approval.

Ms. Broaddus stated that the Board implemented the fingerprint clearance card requirement this year. Licensees/applicants are required to attest that they possess a valid fingerprint clearance card on the license renewal and initial license applications. On November 25, 2024, the Board received notification from the Arizona Department of Public Safety that the FBI has approved the Board to accept fingerprint clearance cards.

Ms. Broaddus provided a summary of the current budget.

Ms. Broaddus provided a summary of the complaint log.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

There were no current events.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no calls to the public.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS

Dr. Campbell stated that it was previously discussed to place Representative Contreras Draft Bill on the January 8, 2025, Board meeting.

Ms. Broaddus stated that a representative from the Gateway Recovery Institute Physician's Health Program (PHP) will be attending a Board meeting in 2025 to present information on the PHP.

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE

The Board's next meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Campbell, seconded by Dr. Forman, and passed unanimously, 4-0, to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 a.m.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Forman	Ms. Broman	Ms. Johnson-	VACANT
				Gray	
Yay	X	X	X	X	
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent					