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Barry Kaplan, DPM; Joseph Leonetti, DPM; Barbara Campbell, DPM;
M. Elizabeth Miles, Public Member; John Rhodes, Public Member; Sarah Penttinen, Executive Director

Telephonic Special Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2015; 1:00 p.m.

1400 West Washington St., Suite 230 Conference Room
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Board Members: Barbara Campbell, D.P.M, President
Barry Kaplan, D.P.M., Member
Joseph Leonetti, D.P.M., Member
John Rhodes, Secretary-Treasurer
M. Elizabeth Miles, Public Member

Staff: Sarah Penttinen, Executive Director

Assistant Attorneys General: John Tellier
Frankie Shinn-Eckberg

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Campbell called the meeting to order at 1 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

All Board members were present including Frankie Shinn-Eckberg, John Tellier and acting staff, Margaret Whelan. Current Executive Director, Sarah Penttinen was present.

III. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PERSONNEL MATTERS REGARDING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

1. Sarah Penttinen, Executive Director, Arizona State Board of Podiatry Examiners

Vicky Rokkos, Human Resources Specialist and Bob Sokol, Attorney from ADOA Human Resources were present to address the Board.

Ms. Rokkos advised the Board of going-on since the last Board meeting on August 9, 2015. Ms. Penttinen failed to call in sick to Dr. Campbell as required and Ms. Rokkos was informed by OSPB that the 2012, 2014, 2015 and 2016 budgets were not submitted as required by A.R.S. §35-103.

Ms. Penttinen was present telephonically to address the Board. She stated that the information regarding the budget was inaccurate and asked if the Board had proof that there were no submissions for the years in question.

Dr. Leonetti asked that OSPB provide proof for the Board that the budgets for those stated years were indeed not submitted. Ms. Rokkos offered to contact OSPB right away to get this information for the Board prior to the end of the meeting.

Ms. Miles moved to go into executive session at 1:11 p.m. for legal advice. Dr. Leonetti seconded the motion.

The Board went into executive session at 1:11 p.m.
The Board reconvened regular session at 1:28 p.m.

Ms. Penttinen addressed the Board stating Drs. Leonetti and Kaplan were the only Board members on the Board in 2008 when she was hired; and that she personally turned the Board around. She stated she couldn't write "Findings of Fact" for two Orders and that she asked for help from Dr. Leonetti and Dr. Kaplan but received none. Ms. Penttinen continued, telling the Board that it is not a one-person job at this Agency and that Dr. Leonetti and Dr. Campbell both backed up this statement to her via text messages. Ms. Penttinen stated not a single Board member has ever showed up at the office to see how the Agency runs. She stated her investigative skills are unsurpassed; she received no help from the Attorney General's office or the Assistant Attorney General assigned to the Board. Ms. Penttinen states she has taken on more than anyone is expected to handle- working 50 to 60 hours per week. She stated she feels that at this point, the behavior of the Board (towards her) is disrespectful, unprofessional, retaliatory and "wrong". Dr. Campbell asked Ms. Penttinen about being late on the Tuesday she was due to come back to the office. Ms. Penttinen did not respond to the question but instead asked the Board to accept her resignation in lieu of a motion and vote to possibly dismiss her from employment. Dr. Campbell asked Mr. Sokol if it is appropriate to hear from Ms. Rokkos at this point regarding the budget findings. Mr. Sokol advised the Board that Ms. Penttinen had submitted a verbal resignation and that the Board should consider that in lieu of any further discussion.

MOTION: Dr. Campbell moved to accept the resignation of Ms. Sarah Penttinen as Executive Director of the Arizona State Board of Podiatry Examiners. Mr. Rhodes seconded the motion.

Dr. Leonetti stated he felt bad that Sarah felt the Board has no confidence in her and that her only option was to resign.

<u>Vote</u>		Barbara Campbell, D.P.M. President	Joseph Leonetti, D.P.M.	Barry Kaplan, D.P.M.	M. Elizabeth Miles Public Member	John Rhodes Public Member
YES	5	X	X	X	X	X
NO	0					
ABSTAIN	0					
ABSENT	0					

VOTE: Motion passed 5-0.

IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Dr. Campbell made a call to the public. No one from the public was present to address the Board.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Due to a lack of quorum, the meeting adjourned at approximately 1:39 p.m. and no further discussion took place when the phone call was terminated.