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OPEN SESSION MINUTES

December 19, 2019

Members of the Arizona State Board of Podiatry Examiners (“Board”) held a teleconference meeting at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 19, 2019. No Executive Sessions were held.

BOARD MEMBERS:

Barbara Campbell, DPM.....Board President and Practitioner Member
John Rhodes.....Secretary and Public Member
Albert Eulano, DPM.Practitioner Member
Mark Forman, DPM.....Practitioner Member
Vacancy.....Public Member

STAFF AND ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT:

Heather Broaddus..... Executive Director
Marc Harris, Esq. Assistant Attorney General
Seamus Monaghan, Esq.....Assistant Attorney General

GUEST(S) PRESENT AND/OR PARTICIPATING

Devin Bland, DPM.....Licensee
Flynn Carey, Esq.....Attorney

OPEN SESSION

Dr. Campbell called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.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.

ITEMS FOR BOARD REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED PERTAINING TO DEVIN BLAND, DPM; ACTION MAY INCLUDE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, OPENING A COMPLAINT, ORDERING AN EXAMINATION AND POSSIBLE SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Ms. Broaddus provided a summary stating that Dr. Bland self-reported a driving under the influence charge in July 2019. The Board voted to table the matter until the Court makes a determination in the case. Subsequently, on December 13, 2019, the Board office received email

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correspondence from Robert Sorrentino, Chief Medical Officer at Tuba City Regional Healthcare Corporation (Tuba City). The correspondence indicated that Dr. Bland resigned from Tuba City while under investigation. The Investigation was initiated due to allegations that Dr. Bland was consuming alcohol while on call. On December 17, 2019, the Board office received additional correspondence from Tuba City. The correspondence provided additional details regarding the Tuba City investigation pertaining to Dr. Bland.

Dr. Bland and his attorney, Flynn Carey, Esq., were present. Mr. Carey requested to speak, made a statement and answered Board members' questions. Mr. Carey stated that the Tuba City investigation coincides with Dr. Bland's July 2019 self-report. Mr. Carey assured the Board that this was a one-time incident and that the correspondence from Tuba City is misleading.

After deliberation, Dr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, to open a Complaint to investigate the matter further. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Eulano	Dr. Forman	Mr. Rhodes	VACANCY
Yay	X	X	X	X	
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent					

REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING COMPLAINT NO. 19-23-C; DEVIN BLAND, DPM

Ms. Broaddus provided a summary stating that Dr. Bland self-reported a driving under the influence charge in July 2019. Dr. Bland self-reported within the required time frame. Ms. Broaddus stated that this item was placed on the agenda in the event the Board took action on the previous agenda item that warranted discussing Complaint No. 19-23-C.

Dr. Bland and his attorney, Flynn Carey, Esq, were present. Mr. Carey requested to speak, made a statement and answered Board members' questions. Mr. Carey stated that he consulted with Dr. Bland's defense attorney in the driving under the influence case. Mr. Carey indicated that Dr. Bland has been offered a plea deal and that there is a good chance that the charge will be dropped to a reckless driving charge. Mr. Carey stated that Dr. Bland will keep the Board apprised of the matter.

The Board took no action in this matter.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no requests to speak.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS

There were no new items for future meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Campbell, seconded by Dr. Forman, and passed unanimously, 4-0, to adjourn the meeting at 12:27 p.m.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Eulano	Dr. Forman	Mr. Rhodes	VACANCY
Yay	X	X	X	X	
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent					