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OPEN SESSION MINUTES

June 12, 2019

Members of the Arizona State Board of Podiatry Examiners (“Board”) held a meeting at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 12, 2019, at 1740 West Adams St., Boardroom C, Phoenix, Arizona 85007. One Executive Session was held.

BOARD MEMBERS:

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

STAFF AND ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT:

Heather Broaddus..... Executive Director
Frankie Shinn-Eckberg, Esq..... Assistant Attorney General

GUEST(S) PRESENT AND/OR PARTICIPATING

Kamran Farahani, DPM.....Licensee
Robert Chelle, Esq.....Attorney
☎ Brenna Gingrich, Esq.....Attorney
☎ Michael Dershowitz, DPM.....Licensee
Jessica Prebish, DPM.....Licensee
☎ Dedrie Polakof, DPM..... Investigator
☎ Jerome Cohn, DPM.....Investigator
☎ Appeared telephonically

OPEN SESSION

Dr. Campbell called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. The board considered the following order of business.

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

Dr. Campbell recused from voting on item VI. A. 14. of the Consent Agenda.
Dr. Leonetti recused from voting on item VI. A. 67. of the Consent Agenda.

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REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Discussion and approval of the Open Session Minutes from the May 8, 2019, Board meeting
 Dr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Forman, to approve the May 8, 2019, Open Session Minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

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

Discussion and approval of the Executive Session Minutes from the May 8, 2019, Board meeting
 Dr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Forman, to approve the May 8, 2019, Executive Session Minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

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

ITEMS FOR BOARD REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Investigation Files

19-18-C; Michael Dershowitz, DPM

The Boards Investigator, Dedrie Polakof, DPM, was present and provided a summary of the Complaint to the Board. Dr. Dershowitz and his attorney, Brenna Gingrich, Esq., were present, requested to speak and made a statement. Board members deliberated. After deliberation, Mr. Rhodes made a motion, seconded by Dr. Forman, to dismiss Complaint No. 19-18-C, as there are no violations of statute or rule. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

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

19-12-B; Jessica Prebish, DPM

The Boards Investigator, Jerome Cohn, DPM, was present and provided a summary of the Complaint to the Board. Dr. Prebish was present, requested to speak, made a statement and answered Board members’ questions. Dr. Prebish provided a timeline of her care of the patient. Dr. Prebish provided a list of the patient’s symptoms throughout treatment. Board members deliberated. Board members expressed concern in regards to the amount of opioids that Dr. Prebish prescribed to the patient over the course of her treatment. After deliberation, Dr. Leonetti made a motion, seconded by Dr. Campbell, to issue a Letter of Concern in Complaint No. 19-12-B, in regards to the amount of opioids that were prescribed to the patient during the course of treatment. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

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

Initial Analysis

Kamran Farahani, DPM

Dr. Campbell provided a summary stating that a Complaint was submitted to the Board office and it is before the Board to determine whether to open a Complaint. The Complaint does not involve patient care. An individual who works at the same hospital as Dr. Farahani submitted the Complaint. The Complainant alleges that Dr. Farahani made inappropriate comments to the Complainant.

At 8:40 a.m. Dr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Leonetti, to go into Executive Session to obtain confidential legal advice from the Board’s attorney. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

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

Open Session reconvened at 8:45 a.m.

Dr. Farahani and his legal counsel, Robert Chelle, Esq, were present, requested to speak and made a statement. Mr. Chelle stated that the human resources department at the hospital that Dr. Farahani and the Complainant work at has not received a complaint. Dr. Farahani stated that he did not intend to cause the Complainant to become uncomfortable by his comments.

Board members deliberated. Board members expressed concern that the Complainant was compelled to file a Complaint with the Board. After deliberation, Dr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Leonetti, to open a Complaint and to assign the Complaint to a Board Investigator. The motion carried 3-1 with Mr. Rhodes voting no.

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

Issuance of Licenses

Yehia Elebrashi, DPM

Board members noted that Dr. Elebrashi does not complete his residency until June 30, 2019 otherwise his application meets statute and rule requirements. After deliberation, Dr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Leonetti, to approve Dr. Elebrashi's application for licensure pending receipt of verification that he successfully completed his residency and upon payment of the license issuance fee. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

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

Steven Farmer, DPM

Board members noted that Dr. Farmer's application meets statute and rule requirements. After deliberation, Dr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, to approve Dr. Farmer's application for licensure upon payment of the license issuance fee. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

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

Andrew Goodeill, DPM

Board members noted that Dr. Goodeill's application meets statute and rule requirements. After deliberation, Dr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Forman, to approve Dr. Goodeill's

application for licensure upon payment of the license issuance fee. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

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

Thomas Hooke, DPM

Board members noted that Dr. Hooke does not complete his residency until June 30, 2019 otherwise his application meets statute and rule requirements. After deliberation, Dr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Leonetti, to approve Dr. Hooke’s application for licensure pending receipt of verification that he successfully completed his residency and upon payment of the license issuance fee. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

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

Ashley Jensen, DPM

Board members noted that Dr. Jensen does not complete her residency until June 30, 2019 otherwise her application meets statute and rule requirements. After deliberation, Dr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Leonetti, to approve Dr. Jensen’s application for licensure pending receipt of verification that she successfully completed her residency and upon payment of the license issuance fee. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

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

Blake Peterson, DPM

Board members noted that Dr. Peterson does not complete his residency until June 30, 2019 otherwise his application meets statute and rule requirements. After deliberation, Dr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Leonetti, to approve Dr. Peterson’s application for licensure pending receipt of verification that he successfully completed his residency and upon payment of the license issuance fee. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

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

Application for Registration to Dispense Drugs/Devices

Kyle Gillespie, DPM

Board members noted that Dr. Gillespie’s application meets statute and rule requirements.

Julia Granone, DPM

Board members noted that Dr. Granone’s application meets statute and rule requirements.

Dr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Forman, to approve the applications of Kyle Gillespie, DPM and Julia Granone, DPM. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

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

Compliance Update

Hayman Brad, DPM

Board members reviewed Dr. Hayman’s correspondence. The Board did not take action on this item.

Farrell, Patrick, DPM

Board members reviewed Dr. Farrell’s correspondence. The Board did not take action on this item.

Peterson, Kent, DPM

There was no update provided for Dr. Peterson.

Wessel, Loren, DPM

Ms. Shinn-Eckberg provided a summary stating that Dr. Wessel was sentenced and is required to self-surrender in mid-June. Dr. Wessel’s legal counsel, Bruce Crawford, Esq., has requested that the Board review this matter at its July 10, 2019, meeting. Ms. Shinn-Eckberg indicated that

additional documentation regarding Dr. Wessel's sentencing will be provided at the July 10, 2019, meeting.

Limited License Podiatric Radiology Certification for Medical Assistants

The Board discussed the fact that the Medical Radiologic Technical Board of Examiners (MRTBE) was absorbed by the Arizona Department of Health Services, Bureau of Special Licensing. The Board expressed concern that podiatric medical assistants who wish to gain certification to take radiographs now have to complete a comprehensive exam that is not specific to the podiatry profession. Board members expressed concern that this requirement will affect the amount of podiatric medical assistants that can gain certification to take radiographs, which, in turn, will affect many podiatric practices.

Board members noted that originally the MRTBE and the Board worked in concert to create an exam specific to podiatric medical assistants. After deliberation, it was the consensus of the Board to direct Dr. Forman to draft a letter on behalf of the Board, expressing the Board's concerns, to send to the Arizona Department of Health Services, Bureau of Special Licensing. The Board will review the letter at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Renewal Applications for Arizona Podiatric License and Dispensing Registration

Dr. Campbell recused from voting on her renewal. Dr. Leonetti recused from voting on Michael Leonetti, DPM renewal.

1. Adams, Nicole, DPM
2. Ahmed, Raziuddin, DPM
3. Axt, Steven, DPM
4. Baer, Brian, DPM
5. Barnes, Demetrius, DPM
6. Barrett, Stephen, DPM
7. Beecroft, Carl, DPM
8. Blocher, Kenneth, DPM
9. Bocian, Darin, DPM
10. Bock, Erich, DPM
11. Boggs, Scott, DPM
12. Bui, Alex, DPM
13. Burke, William, DPM
14. Campbell, Barbara, DPM
15. Carlson, Alan, DPM
16. Caton, Adam, DPM
17. Charski, John, DPM
18. Chesler, Sanford, DPM
19. Choe, Ki, DPM
20. Clement, Dean, DPM
60. Ko, Edalyn, DPM
61. Krahn, Morten, DPM
62. Kratzer, Duane, DPM
63. Kravitz, Alan, DPM
64. Krell, Bruce, DPM
65. Kruczay, Adam, DPM
66. Lamster, Todd, DPM
67. Leonetti, Michael, DPM
68. Levin, Bruce, DPM
69. Little, Mark, DPM
70. Longton, James, DPM
71. Lubeck, Stanley, DPM
72. Marin, John, DPM
73. Martin, Erin, DPM
74. Mecham, Brandon, DPM
75. Montes, Eduardo, DPM
76. Myskiw, Peter, DPM
77. Nguyen, Vu, DPM
78. Palmquist, Ronald, DPM
79. Panahi, Kaveh, DPM

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| 21. Cohen, Richard, DPM | 80. Patel, Naren, DPM |
| 22. Connell, Charles, DPM | 81. Paul, Marie, DPM |
| 23. Copoloff, Jeffrey, DPM | 82. Peters, Mary, DPM |
| 24. Cornfield, Michael, DPM | 83. Pfitzer, Tawnya, DPM |
| 25. Dancho, James, DPM | 84. Pirozzi, Kelly, DPM |
| 26. DeRose, Joseph, DPM | 85. Polakof, Dedrie, DPM |
| 27. Dershowitz, Michael, DPM | 86. Powers, John, DPM |
| 28. Dobrusin, Joseph, DPM | 87. Rabin, Ralph, DPM |
| 29. Evans, Scott, DPM | 88. Rand, Richard, DPM |
| 30. Ferguson, John, DPM | 89. Ratner, Joyce, DPM |
| 31. Fishco, William, DPM | 90. Reber, Travis, DPM |
| 32. Fiorino, John, DPM | 91. Robinson, Richard, DPM |
| 33. Freed, Lewis, DPM | 92. Robison, Glen, DPM |
| 34. Frykberg, Robert, DPM | 93. Roemer, Andrea, DPM |
| 35. Galli, Melissa, DPM | 94. Rosales, Mark, DPM |
| 36. Garza, Alexander, DPM | 95. Roth, Bryan, DPM |
| 37. Ghandhari, Vanousheh, DPM | 96. Rowland, Roberta, DPM |
| 38. Goss, Mark, DPM | 97. Samoy, Valarie, DPM |
| 39. Gunzy, Todd, DPM | 98. Sangalang, Maria Melinda, DPM |
| 40. Haddad, Marisa, DPM | 99. Sarraf, Payam, DPM |
| 41. Hansen, Myron, DPM | 100. Saunders, Daniel, DPM |
| 42. Harrill, Jason, DPM | 101. Seidner, Arthur, DPM |
| 43. Hatch, Daniel, DPM | 102. Sekosky, Timothy, DPM |
| 44. Hess, Carrie, DPM | 103. Shih, Alan, DPM |
| 45. Holmes, Jeffrey, DPM | 104. Shumway, Don, DPM |
| 46. Hsu, Daniel, DPM | 105. Sidoriak, Peter, DPM |
| 47. Hua, Natalie, DPM | 106. Smith, Martin, DPM |
| 48. Huston, Erika, DPM | 107. Squire, Chad, DPM |
| 49. Jarman, Mikkell, DPM | 108. Taxier, Wesley, DPM |
| 50. Jensen, Travis, DPM | 109. Tutnauer, Phillip, DPM |
| 51. Joseph, Warren, DPM | 110. Udupa Thares, DPM |
| 52. Kaplan, Barry, DPM | 111. Walters, Jodi, DPM |
| 53. Kelly, Edward, DPM | 112. Weintrub, Brent, DPM |
| 54. King, Jonathan, DPM | 113. Werber, Bruce, DPM |
| 55. Klebe, Lester, DPM | 114. Wilde, Troy, DPM |
| 56. Klotzbach-Larios, Tosha, DPM | 115. Yamada, Wesley, DPM |
| 57. Kluger, Barbara, DPM | 116. Zafar, Hammad, DPM |
| 58. Knochel, John, DPM | 117. Zonis, Larry, DPM |
| 59. Knochel, Joseph, DPM | |

Dr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Forman, to approve the renewal of Michael Leonetti, DPM. The motion carried 3-0-1 with Dr. Leonetti recused.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Leonetti	Dr. Forman	Mr. Rhodes	VACANCY
Yay	X		X	X	

Nay					
Recused		X			
Abstained					
Absent					

Dr. Leonetti made a motion, seconded by Dr. Forman, to approve the renewal application of Barbara Campbell, DPM. The motion carried 3-0-1 with Dr. Campbell recused.

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

Dr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Forman, to approve the remaining renewal applications listed under the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

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

REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PROPOSED RULE REVISIONS PERTAINING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION, LICENSE ISSUANCE FEES, LICENSE RENEWAL FEES AND PRORATING THE LICENSE ISSUANCE FEE

Ms. Broaddus provided a summary stating that at its May 8, 2019, meeting the Board voted to table this matter to a future meeting. Ms. Broaddus noted that at its May 8, 2019, meeting the Board expressed concern regarding increasing the license issuance fee. Ms. Broaddus provided additional information regarding renewal fees in other jurisdictions. The Board reviewed draft language regarding prorating the license issuance fee and increasing the annual renewal fee. After deliberation, Dr. Leonetti made a motion, seconded by Dr. Forman, to increase the annual renewal fee from \$275.00 to \$350.00. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

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

Absent					
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Ms. Broaddus provided a summary stating that at its May 8, 2019, meeting, the Board discussed allowing licensees to obtain all of the required continuing education via electronic means. Ms. Broaddus indicated that draft language revising the section of rule that pertains to continuing education is before the Board for review. After deliberation, it was determined that additional language may need to be added to the rule to clarify that the continuing education must be related to the podiatric profession. It was the consensus of the Board to direct the Board's Executive Director and Ms. Shinn-Eckberg to draft language and send the language to each Board member individually for approval.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Board reviewed the budget, agency operations, complaint log, and renewals. Board members asked whether any Complaints are not on the Complaint log. Ms. Broaddus indicated that one Complaint is not on the Complaint log as the Complaint was received on June 11, 2019. Board members expressed concern that it appears a numerous amount of licensees are unaware of the opioid continuing education requirement.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Ms. Broaddus provided a summary stating that she is scheduled to meet with Emily Rajakovich to discuss implementation of HB 2569. Ms. Broaddus will keep the Board apprised of developments with HB 2569.

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.

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE

Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, and passed unanimously, 4-0, to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

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