

**MEETING MINUTES
TENNESSEE BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

DATE: March 11, 2022
TIME: 9:00 A.M., CST
LOCATION: Health Related
Boards Poplar Room
665 Mainstream Drive
Nashville, TN 37243

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: David Sables, D.P.M.
Chad Webster, D.P.M.
Gerald Stark, PhD, MSEM, CPO
Bhekumuzi Khumalo, D.P.M.

**BOARD MEMBERS
NOT PRESENT:** Ramesh Pavuluri, Chair

BOARD STAFF

PRESENT: Diana Hunley, Regulatory Board Administrator Director
Leandra Houston, Board Administrator
Kaitlin Parham, Senior Associate General Counsel

Mrs. Hunley read the opening remarks into the record. She asked everyone to introduce themselves for the record. A roll call vote was conducted, and all Board members were present. Mrs. Hunley introduced the new board member, Dr. Chad Webster.

Dr. Sables called the meeting to order at 9:24 am with a quorum established.

Review/Approve Board Meeting Minutes:

Upon review of the Board meeting minutes for December 17, 2021 Dr. Khumalo made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction of who adjourned the meeting, seconded by Dr. Webster. All approved. The motion carried.

Office of General Counsel:

Mrs. Parham with the Office of General Counsel (“OGC”) presented the OGC report. She read aloud the Conflict of Interest Policy and the Open Meetings Act. She then addressed disciplinary and rule activity. Mrs. Parham presented two Orders of Compliance:

- 1) M. Webb: Dr. Webster made a motion to accept the order moving his license from Suspended to Probation, Dr. Khumalo seconded. All approved. The motion was carried.

- 2) S. Chapman: Dr. Sables made a motion to accept the order to move the license back to active with the legal process not to exceed \$5K. and Dr. Stark seconded. All approved. The motion was carried.

Financial Report:

Mr. Mathew McSpadden gave the Mid-year financial report, with an update that the new fees agreed upon had ben paused. The Board voice that they wanted answers as to who is holding the power to pause the fee changes, ETA to when this will happen, and an explanation of why this is happening.

Administrative Report:

Mrs. Houston provided the following administrative report:

304 Active Podiatrists
104 Active Podiatric X-ray operators
143 Active Orthotists
141 Active Prosthetists
33 Active Pedorthists

Newly licensed (December 17, 2021- March 11, 2022):

Podiatrist: 3 new licenses, 11 renewed, 3 expired
Podiatry X-Ray Operators: 11 new operators, 9 renewed, 0 retired, 14 expired
Orthotist: 6 new licensees, 0 reinstate, 6 renewed licensed, 1 retired, 4 expired
Prosthetics: 6 new licensees, 0 reinstate, 3 renewed, 1 retired, 4 expired
Pedorthist: 1 reinstate, 3 renewed licensed, 0 retired, 4 expired.

File Reviews:

In the absence of Dr. Pavuluri, the Board collectively reviewed the following X-ray operator applications:

Jennifer Wolfe
Kimberly Torres
Amber Haynes
Marie Pierce
Haley Cummings
Brittni Bradley
Ebony Campbell
Hannah Kees
Dawn McKelvey

Dr. Sables made a motion to approve the applications, seconded by Dr. Webster. All approved. Motion carried.

Ratification of Licenses:

Newly Licensed Podiatrist:
Hurless, Jeffrey
Potter, Benjamin
Teslow Rickertsen, Jillian

Dr. Khumalo made a motion to approve the newly licensed Podiatrists, seconded by Dr. Webster. All approved. The motion carried.

Newly Licensed Podiatric X-Ray Operators:

- Broughton, Hannah
- Burchell, Dana
- Heatley, Catherine
- Hickman, Jessica
- Hill III, Grady
- Joyner, Shania
- Lewis, Odette
- Pratt, Kimberly
- Previtt, Billie
- Romero, Amanda
- Rossman, Rebecca

Dr. Khumalo made a motion to approve the newly licensed Podiatric X-Ray Operators, seconded by Dr. Webster. All approved. The motion carried.

Newly Licensed Orthotists:

- Abraham, Tobin
- Clinkscales, Andrew
- Lee, Perry
- Mcneese, Thomas
- Tobias, Conner
- Snyder, Ryan

Dr. Stark made a motion to approve the newly licensed Orthotists, seconded by Dr. Khumalo. All approved. The motion carried.

Newly Licensed Prosthetists:

- Abraham, Tobin
- Clinkscales, Andrew
- Lee, Perry
- Mcneese, Thomas
- Tobias, Conner
- Snyder, Ryan

Dr. Stark made a motion to approve the newly licensed Prosthetists, seconded by Dr. Khumalo. All approved. The motion carried.

Reinstated Pedorthists:

- Fischer, Thomas

Dr. Stark made a motion to approve the newly licensed Pedorthists, seconded by Dr. Webster. All approved. The motion carried

Correspondence:

T. Olsen requested that the board issue a signed letter of clarification stating a resident does not need a license for naturalization purposes is not in the Rules, but the Board denied that request.

Rulemaking Activity:

Mrs. Parham discussed the virtual CME rule amendment from last meeting. It will be tabled to the May 27, 2022 meeting.

Other Board Business:

Mrs. Parham requested the Board approves her request to attend the Rx Summit 2022 in Atlanta, GA. Dr. Pavuluri made a motion to approve her request and Dr. Stark seconded. All approved. The motion was carried.

Contested Case for S. Chapman was held soon after the meeting.

Adjournment:

Dr. Sables made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:24 a.m., Dr. Webster seconded. All approved. Motion carried.

Ratified by the Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners May 27, 2022.