

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

DATE: May 27, 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.
Ramesh Pavuluri, D.P.M. (Board Chairman)
Gerald Stark, PhD, MSEM, CPO
Bhekumuzi Khumalo, D.P.M.

**BOARD MEMBERS
NOT PRESENT:** Chad Webster, D.P.M.

BOARD STAFF

PRESENT: Diana Hunley, Regulatory Board Administrator Director
Leandra Houston, Board Administrator
Cheryl Gover, Board Administrator
Ashley Fine, 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 administrator, Cheryl Gover.

Dr. Pavuluri called the meeting to order at 9:01 am with a quorum established.

Financial Report:

Mr. Silvus addressed the Board concerns pertaining to the hold on the fee reductions and explained the approval process. Dr. Pavuluri suggested that the Finance office presents the Year-End report with Mr. Silvus in attendance to alleviate any discrepancies or further delaying of the reductions. Dr. Sables made a motion to keep the agreed upon reductions, seconded by Dr. Stark. The majority did not agree, so it will be tabled until the next meeting.

Review/Approve Board Meeting Minutes:

Upon review of the Board meeting minutes for March 11, 2022 Dr. Khumalo made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Dr. Sables. All approved. The motion carried.

Office of Investigations:

Mr. Knowlton informed the Board of the investigative statistics for year 2021 and 2022.

Office of General Counsel:

Mrs. Fine 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.

Administrative Report:

Mrs. Houston provided the following administrative report:

- 311 Active Podiatrists
- 113 Active Podiatric X-ray operators
- 144 Active Orthotists
- 145 Active Prosthetists
- 37 Active Pedorthists

She advised the Board of the next two upcoming meetings scheduled for:

- August 19, 2022
- November 21, 2022

Ratification of Licenses:

Newly Licensed Podiatrist:

- Nicole Zahn
- Angela Freeman
- Craig Marsh
- Robby Wiemer
- Whitney Johnson
- Seth Rogers
- Thomas Tran

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

Reinstated Podiatrists:

- Michael Webb
- Stephen Chapman
- Dean Elwood

Academic Podiatrist:

- Aleksandr Vinogradov

Dr. Khumalo made a motion to approve the reinstated Podiatrist and newly license Academic Podiatrist, seconded by Dr. Stark. The motion carried.

Newly Licensed Podiatric X-Ray Operators:

- Donna Campbell
- Amber Neeld
- Sydney Richardson

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

Reinstated Podiatric X-Ray Operators:

Donna S Taylor
Brittany Trotter

Dr Khumalo made a motion to approve the reinstated Podiatric X-Ray operators, seconded by Dr. Sables. All approved. The motion carried.

Newly Licensed Orthotists:

Tyler Nichols
Cassidy Rice

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

Newly Licensed Prosthetists:

Jason Conrad Myers
Blakeley Koziol
Cassidy Rice
Bradley Carver

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

Newly Licensed Pedorthists:

Eric Saltsberg
Marcin Wilczewski

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

Reinstated Pedorthists:

Thomas Bonneville

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

Rules Activity:

The Board addressed licensees being allowed to gain all CEUs in either year, instead of half one year and half another year. The Board will table the discussion of the redlines of the rules to the next meeting. Mrs. Fine gave the Board a copy of the redlines for review.

The Board open discussion on the Opioid CEUs portion and the possibility of the surplus balance being put in place to cover that cost.

Adjournment:

Dr. Khumalo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 a.m., Dr. Stark seconded. All approved. The motion carried.

Ratified by the Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners August 19, 2022.