

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

**DATE:** December 17, 2021

**TIME:** 9:00 A.M., CST

**LOCATION:** Health Related  
Boards Poplar Room  
665 Mainstream Drive  
Nashville, TN 37243

**BOARD MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Ramesh Pavuluri, D.P.M - Chair  
David Sables, D.P.M.  
Chad Webster, D.P.M.  
Gerald Stark, PhD, MSEM, CPO  
Bhekumuzi Khumalo

**BOARD MEMBERS**

**NOT PRESENT:**

**BOARD STAFF**

**PRESENT:** Mrs. Diana Hunley, Regulatory Board Administrator Director  
Leandra Welch, 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. Pavuluri called the meeting to order at 9:04 am with a quorum established.

**Review/Approve Board Meeting Minutes:**

Upon review of the Board meeting minutes for July 30, 2021 Dr. Khumalo made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Dr. Sables. All approved. The motion carried.

**Investigative Report:**

A current report will be given at the meeting scheduled for February 4, 2022.

**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. There is one contested case that will be heard at today’s meeting.

Mrs. Parham presented two consent orders:

- 1) D. Dowell: Dr. Sables made a motion to accept the order and Dr. Webster seconded. All approved. The motion was carried.

- 2) M. Webb: Dr. Sables made a motion to accept the order and Dr. Pavuluri seconded. All approved. The motion was carried.

**Financial Report:**

Mr. Mathew McSpadden gave the end of the year financial report, with an update that the new fees agreed upon had been paused. The Board voice that they did not accept the pause and it proceed with the renewal fee reduction voted upon at the previous meeting.

**Administrative Report:**

Ms. Leandra provided the following administrative report: 304 Active Podiatrists  
104 Active Podiatric X-ray operators  
144 Active Orthotists  
141 Active Prosthetists  
35 Active Pedorthists

Newly licensed (July 30, 2021, thru December 16, 2021):

Podiatrist: 10 new licenses, 43 renewed, 6 expired  
Podiatry X-Ray Operators: 5 new operators, 15 renewed, 0 retired, 19 expired  
Orthotist: 4 new license, 0 reinstate, 15 renewed licensed, 0 retired, 4 expired  
Prosthetics: 4 new license, 1 reinstate, 17 renewed, 0 retired, 4 expired  
Pedorthist: 1 new reinstate, 3 renewed licensed, 0 retired, 4 expired.

**File Reviews:**

- 1) D. Hurst: Dr. Pavuluri made a motion to deem the application abandoned, due to lack of supporting documentation and Dr. Khumalo seconded. All approved. The motion was carried.
- 2) B. Potter: After presenting his case with documentation and a lawyer present, Dr. Sables made a motion to approve the license application, with Dr. Webster seconding. All approved. The motion was carried.

**Ratification of Licenses:**

**Newly Licensed Podiatrist:**

Riya Altomonte  
Andrew Alward  
John Boyd Jr.  
Sheela Chockalingham  
Stefan Feldman  
Michael Holland  
Matthew Janda  
Christopher Lotufo  
Darcia Dillard  
Trevor Whiting

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:**

Shelby Kratzer  
Stephanie Teoulet  
Christopher Weary

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

**Reinstated Podiatric X-Ray Operators:**

Lyndsey Bruce  
Leticia Rodriguez

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

**Newly Licensed Orthotists:**

Thomas Gavin  
Kelly McMurray  
Daniel Smoker

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

**Reinstated Orthoptists:**

John Buchanan

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

**Newly Licensed Prosthetists:**

Kelly McMurray  
Daniel Smoker

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

**Reinstated Prosthetists:**

John Buchanan

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

**Reinstated Pedorthists:**

Anthony Rivera

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

**Correspondence:**

Mrs. Sivertson was called via landline to provide feedback on the written request, but the Board voted to not make any changes. She agreed and did not have any further comments to add.

**Rulemaking Activity:**

Mrs. Parham discussed the virtual CME rule amendment from last meeting. Dr. Stark proposed that the CEU rules in place stay the same. Dr. Khumalo seconded. All approved. The motion was carried. Dr. Khumalo proposed an idea to add a “pandemic/world disaster” clause, due to the current COVID-19 impact. Mrs. Parham did make the Board aware that there are waivers readily available for hardships. Dr. Webster made a motion for a new CEU rule allowing 8 Live and 7 Online for Orthotist & Prosthetists. Dr. Sables seconded. All approved. The motion was carried.

**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 recognize two previous Board Member’s:  
Dr. Schuler for her great contributions to the Board and send condolences to Mrs. Oglesby’s family in light of her passing. Also, he made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:27pm. Dr. Khumalo seconded. All approved. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

These minutes were ratified at the March 11, 2022, Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners meeting.