



TENNESSEE BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS
February 23, 2024

MINUTES

The regular Board meeting of the Tennessee Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners was called to order at 9:05 a.m. in the Poplar Room, Ground Floor, Metro Center Complex, 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, Tennessee 37243 by Dr. Bhekumuzi Khumalo, Board Chair.

Board members present: Bhekumuzi Khumalo, D.P.M.
 Christopher Frazier, D.P.M.
 Chad Webster, D.P.M.
 Aaron Sorensen

Board Member(s) Absent: Kelly Bumpus, D.P.M.
 Vacant, Consumer Member

Staff present: Candyce Wilson, Unit 1 Board Director
 Ashley Fine, Deputy General Counsel

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board members reviewed the meeting minutes from August 11, 2023 and November 17, 2023. Dr. Chad Webster motioned to approve both sets of minutes. Dr. Christopher Frazier seconded the motion and it passed.

REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

Ms. Barbara Granum reported for 2023 there were thirteen (13) complaints open and eleven (11) closed for podiatrists. Ms. Granum also reported that no complaints have been opened or closed for podiatric x-ray operators. There were no complaints for orthotists. There was one (1) complaint closed with no action for pedorthists and none for prosthetist.

Ms. Barbara Granum reported at this time, for 2024, there has been six (6) complaints open and five (5) closed for podiatrists. Ms. Granum also reported that no complaints have been opened or closed for podiatric x-ray operators. There was one (1) complaint opened and closed for orthotists,

two (2) open and one (1) closed for pedorthists, and two (2) open and none closed for prosthetist.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REPORT

The Board reviewed and heard the current Board Administrative Office report. At this time there are 321 licensed Podiatrists, 100 licensed podiatric x-ray operators, 142 licensed orthotists, 144 licensed prosthetists, and 35 licensed pedorthist.

OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT

Ms. Ashley 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. At the December 17, 2021, meeting, the Board voted to change the amount of continuing education hours that can be obtained virtually for orthotists, prosthetists, and pedorthists. These amendments are currently under review with the Attorney General’s Office. Ms. Fine stated there are no pending appeals nor civil suits. Ms. Fine informed the board there are two (2) open cases against respondents who hold DPM licenses.

Ms. Fine made a brief presentation about rules as they pertain to 2021 Public Chapter 328. At the Boards next meeting, they will review all proposed redline amendments for consideration.

DISCIPLINARY REPORT

Ms. Fine report indicated the following regarding disciplinary report for the Board of Podiatry is currently monitoring the following:

- One (1) licensee for a reprimand;
- Two (1) licensees for probation;
- Four (4) licensees for revocation.

CONDUCT NEW BUSINESS

Ratification of New Licensees

Dr. Webster made a motion to approve the newly licensed applicants under this Board. Dr. Frazier seconded the motion and it passed.

Request to Repeal Rule

Board Rule 1155-04-.16, passed in 2006, is a rule that included a deadline (also known as a grandfather clause). This rule is now obsolete, and it is requested that the Board repeal the rule. Dr. Webster motioned to repeal Rule 1155-04-.16. Dr. Frazier seconded the motion, and it passed by roll call vote.

Conference Request

Dr. Webster motioned for one attorney to attend the FARB RLS conference to be held in Atlanta, GA on September 19-22, 2024. Dr. Frazier seconded the motion and it passed.

Adjournment

Dr. Webster motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:35am. Dr. Frazier seconded the motion and it passed.