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MINUTES
Board Meeting
July 15, 2022

The Alabama State Board of Podiatry held its regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, July 15, 2022. The following Board members were in attendance at the meeting: Dr. Jeffrey Dull (Board Chair), Dr. Maurice Wainwright (Vice Chair), Dr. Michael Hames (member), Dr. Paul Ciavarelli (member), and Dr. Johnnie Alston (member). Board members absent were Dr. Robson Araujo (Secretary/Treasurer) and Dr. Angela Hampton (member). The meeting was held at the Board's office located at 2777 Zelda Road in Montgomery, Alabama and others attending were Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Director), Mr. Zack Wilson (Assistant Attorney General), Ms. Hope Childers (Board Administrator), Mr. Mike James (Investigator), Ms. Karen Harlow (Legal Assistant) and Ms. Renee' Reames (recording secretary). The meeting was called to order by Dr. Dull, Board Chairman, at 2:20 p.m. Mr. Warren called Board roll and indicated that a quorum of the members was present to conduct business.

Public Notice of this regularly scheduled meeting was submitted and published on the Secretary of State website at www.sos.alabama.gov, in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act, and posted on the Board's website at www.podiatryboard.alabama.gov.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Dull presented the proposed agenda for the July 15, 2022, meeting. Dr. Hames made the motion to accept the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ciavarelli and unanimously approved by the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Dull presented the January 14, 2022, Board meeting minutes for the Board's approval. A copy of the minutes was distributed to the members prior to the meeting for their review. Dr. Ciavarelli made a motion to approve the January meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hames and unanimously approved by the Board.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Warren presented the Executive Director Report, which included financial information for the period ending June 30, 2022. He also reported on the current number of licensees (#166) and status of complaints received (#2) in fiscal year 2022. Dr. Alston made the motion to accept the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wainwright and unanimously approved by the Board.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Warren presented the Administrator's Report on activities performed by the staff since the last Board meeting held in January (report filed in the Board's Official Book of Minutes). He reported that the online licensee roster was published in real-time with no delays in current data.

LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

Mr. Wilson reported that he had no new information on cases to report at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS

Update on 2022 Proposed Legislation: The Board discussed that the proposed 2022 legislation had failed to pass out of the legislative committee. Mr. Warren reported that he would request a copy of the 2023 proposed legislation from the Alabama Podiatric Association to present at the next meeting of the Board to consider for approval.

Update on Board Terms: Mr. Warren reported that he had contacted two candidates about their interest to serve on the Board regarding Dr. Hampton's term that had expired in May 2021.

Annual Renewal of Administrative Services Contract: Mr. Warren reported that the annual renewal of the Administrative Services Contract was due. Dr. Ciavarelli made the motion to approve the contract with Warren & Company for one year. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hames and unanimously approved by the Board.

Proposed New Rule – Application for Spouses of Active Duty Military Personnel: Mr. Warren presented the proposed new rule concerning Application for Spouses of Activity Duty Personnel and explained that the new rule stated that the Board would expedite these applications and waive the initial licensing fee. Dr. Ciavarelli made the motion to approve the new rule as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hames and unanimously approved by the Board.

Proposed Amended Rule – Fees (730-X-3-.10): Mr. Warren presented amendments to Rule 730-X-3-.10 Fees recommending a one-hundred dollar increase in license renewal fees from \$400 to \$500. Dr. Ciavarelli made the motion to approve the amended rule with an increase in renewal fees as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hames and unanimously approved by the Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Nurse Practitioner: The Board discussed Georgia's Nurse Practitioner (NP) Rules and practice limitations. Also discussed were timeframes for a NP to complete a residency program, take the examination, temporary license considerations, and eligibility to be reimbursed by third parties for services, etc. Mr. Warren reported that he would obtain information about a Nurse Practitioners for Podiatry. Dr. Dull encouraged the Board members to review other States' requirements in advance of the next Board meeting.

Next Board Meeting: Dr. Dull reminded the members that the next meeting of the Board was scheduled October 14, 2022.

Adjournment: Dr. Dull called for other business and there being none. Dr. Hames made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ciavarelli and unanimously approved by the Board. Dr. Dull adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Jeffrey Dull
Board Chair

Keith E. Warren
Executive Director

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