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MINUTES
Board Meeting
July 14, 2023

The Alabama State Board of Podiatry held its regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, July 14, 2023. The following Board members were in attendance at the meeting: Dr. Jeffrey Dull (Board Chair), Dr. Maurice Wainwright (Vice Chair arrived at 2:18 p.m.), Dr. Paul Ciavarelli (member), Dr. Johnnie Alston (member), and Dr. Michael Hames (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. Ben Seiss (Assistant Attorney General), Ms. Karen Harlow (Legal Assistant) and Ms. Renee' Reames (recording secretary). The meeting was called to order by Dr. Dull at 2:12 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 14, 2023, meeting for the Board's approval. Dr. Ciavarelli made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hames and unanimously approved by the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Dull presented the April 21, 2023 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. Alston made a motion to approve the April meeting minutes with a correction the spelling of Dr. Alston name. 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, 2023. Mr. Warren also reported on the current number of licensees (#162), along with the number of complaints received in FY 2022 and FY 2023. A list of activities completed by the staff since the last Board meeting held in April was included in the report (copy of report in Official Book of Minutes).

Dr. Wainwright arrived at 2:18 p.m.

MOTION: Dr. Alston made the motion to accept the financial report as presented. The motion was by Dr. Hames and unanimously approved by the Board.

LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

Mr. Seiss presented the Legal Counsel Report. He reported on three (3) cases:

Case 2023-004 complaint regarding patient post-operative care. He reported that the Investigative Committee (IC) recommended a letter of concern to the Respondent in the case. Dr. Hames made a motion to accept the recommendation of the IC to issue a letter of concern. The motion was seconded by Dr. Alston and the motion was unanimously approved by the voting members, with Dr. Ciavarelli abstaining from voting as an IC member.

Case 2023-005 complaint had been withdrawn by the complainant. He reported that the IC recommended that the case be dismissed and administratively closed. Dr. Alston made a motion to accept the recommendation of the IC to close the case. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hames and the motion was unanimously approved by the voting members, with Dr. Ciavarelli abstaining from voting as an IC member.

Case 2022-006 complaint case was progressing with a Consent Agreement offer to the Respondent in the case.

ALAHOPE – CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUEST

Mr. Warren reminded the members about discussions at the last Board meeting to review the ALAHOPE's courses and credits (list available in Official Book of Minutes). Dr. Ciavarelli made the motion to approve ALAHOPE as a CE provider and adopt the AMA credit hours. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hames and unanimously approved by the Board.

UPDATE ON NEW LAW AND RULES COMMITTEE

Mr. Warren presented a copy of Act 2023-106, with the addition of the ankle in the scope of practice for licensed podiatrists, that would become effective August 1, 2023. The Board discussed revising the scope of practice and the licensure application, and to consider other licensure qualifications with training.

The Board agreed that a statement from the Board, approved by the Board Chairman Dr. Dull, would be released to the licensees. The statement would be placed on the Board's website and other means of communication.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Dull reported that the next meeting of the Board was scheduled for October 20, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Dull called for any new business and there was none. Dr. Hames made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ciavarelli, and Chairman Dull adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Jeffrey Dull
Board Chair

Keith E. Warren
Executive Director

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