Alabama State Board of Podiatry



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MINUTES Board Meeting Thursday, October 16, 2008

The Alabama State Board of Podiatry met on Thursday, October 16, 2008 at the Board Office in Montgomery, Alabama in order to conduct business.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. and the following members were present: Dr. James (Jay) Morgan (President), Dr. Steven Grunfeld (Vice-President), Dr. Darron Barrus (Secretary/Treasurer), Dr. Patricia Antero, Dr. Mark Veres, Dr. Eric Fillinger and Dr. Tara Blasingame. Also in attendance were Ms. Hope Paulene (Executive Assistant), and Mr. Randy Reaves (Board Counsel). Mr. Keith E. Warren, Executive Director was not present. A quorum was declared to conduct business.

Public Notice of this meeting was submitted to the Secretary of State's Website in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act and it was also published on the Board's website, www.podiatryboard.alabama.gov.

The minutes from the July 18, 2008 Board meeting were presented for approval. Dr. Blasingame made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Grunfeld and unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Barrus addressed the Board with the current financial information; the account balance is \$ 42,599.08. Dr. Blasingame made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Veres and unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Grunfeld made a motion to accept the Board Calendar 2009 as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Blasingame and unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Barrus made a motion for Mr. Warren to research board compensation received by other health regulatory agency board members. The motion was seconded by Dr. Fillinger and unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Veres made a motion for the final adoption of the rules change of Chapter 730-X-3-.01 as advertised in the <u>Administrative Monthly</u>. The motion was seconded by Dr. Barrus and unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Barrus asked the Board to approve his attendance and travel expenses pertaining to the 2009 Forum for the Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards meeting from January 23 -25, 2009 in Tampa, FL.

Dr. Veres made a motion to approve Dr. Barrus's request and for the Board to reimburse expenses related to the conference. The motion was seconded by Dr. Blasingame and unanimously approved by the Board.

At approximately 1:40 p.m., the Board entered into an Administrative Hearing for Dr. Charles R. Oehrlein, License #198. Mr. James S. Ward, of Ward & Wilson, LLC, presided as the Hearing Officer. Ms. Kim Faucette, of Boggs Reporting & Video Services, served as the Court Reporter.

At approximately 1:57 p.m., the hearing was concluded.

Dr. Barrus made a motion to accept the consent order for Dr. Oehrlein, as presented by Mr. Reaves. The motion was seconded by Dr. Veres and the President called for a vote. Yeas: Dr. Blasingame, Dr. Fillinger, Dr. Veres, Dr. Barrus, Dr. Antero and Dr. Grunfeld. Nays: None. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Reaves addressed the Board, informing them that the Board had received several complaints that would require administrative hearings.

Ms. Paulene announced by next Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for Friday, January 16, 2009 beginning at 2:00 p.m.

There being no further business, Dr. Blasingame made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:31 p.m. The motion was seconded by Dr. Barrus and unanimously approved by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. James (Jay) Morgan

President

Keith E. Warren
Executive Director

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