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MINUTES
Board Meeting
January 14, 2022

The Alabama State Board of Podiatry held its regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, January 14, 2022. The following Board members attended the meeting: Dr. Jeffrey Dull (Board Chair), Dr. Maurice Wainwright (Vice Chair), Dr. Robson Araujo (Secretary/Treasurer attended virtually), Dr. Michael Hames (member attended virtually), Dr. Paul Ciavarelli (member), and Dr. Johnnie Alston (member). Board member Dr. Angela Hampton was absent. 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. Mike James (Investigator) and Ms. Renee' Reames (recording secretary). Mr. Zack Wilson (Assistant Attorney General) attended virtually. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Dull, Board Chairman, at 2:07 p.m. Mr. Warren called Board roll and indicated that a quorum of the members was physically present in order 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 January 14, 2022 meeting. Dr. Araujo made the motion to accept the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hampton and unanimously approved by the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Dull presented the October 22, 2021 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 October meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wainwright 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 December 31, 2021. He also reported on the current number of licensees and status of complaints received as of the end of fiscal year 2021 and first quarter of fiscal year 2022. Dr. Ciavarelli made the motion to approve 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 October (report filed in the Board's Official Book of Minutes). He reported

that online renewal of licenses had been implemented and the process went well. He reviewed a list of expired licenses.

LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

Mr. Warren reported that the Board's Legal Counsel, Mr. Zack Wilson, was participating virtually and the Board's Investigator, Mr. Mike James, reported on the recommendations of the Investigative Committee concerning complaints:

Case 2021-003 – case regarding personnel and office administration. Dr. Ciavarelli recommended that the case be closed for lack of probable cause as recommended by the Investigative Committee. The motion was seconded by Dr. Alston and unanimously approved by the Board.

Case 2021-005 – case regarding services. Dr. Ciavarelli recommended that the case be closed for lack of probable cause as recommended by the Investigative Committee. The motion was seconded by Dr. Alston and unanimously approved by the Board.

Case 2021-006 – case regarding potential HIPPA violations. Dr. Ciavarelli recommended that a letter of concern be issued to the licensee about HIPPA confidentiality as recommended by the Investigative Committee. The motion was seconded by Dr. Alston and unanimously approved by the Board.

Case 201-007 – case regarding licensee prescribing medications outside scope of practice and a consent agreement was presented for Board approval. Dr. Alston made the motion to approval the consent agreement as recommended by the Investigative Committee to include an assessed fine of \$7,500, licensee placed on a 3-year probation and surrender of Controlled Substance (CS) license and the licensee would not be eligible to reapply for CS license for a period of one year from the surrender date. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ciavarelli and unanimously approved by the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Dull commented on the progress made during the last Legislative Session on the proposed changes to the Board's statute regarding scope of practice. He explained some of the efforts by the Alabama Podiatric Medical Association to gain support of the proposed legislation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Dull suggested that the April Board meeting be changed from April 15th, which was Good Friday prior to Easter. Dr. Araujo made the motion for the Board to meet on April 8, 2022, instead of April 15th. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ciavarelli and unanimously approved by the Board.

There being no further business of the Board, Dr. Araujo made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Alston 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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