

Alabama State Board of Podiatry

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Honorable Kay Ivey State of Alabama 600 Dexter Avenue Montgomery, AL 36104

RE: Alabama State Board of Podiatry 2022 Annual Report

Dear Governor Ivey:

Pursuant, §34-24-252, Code of Alabama, 1975, the Alabama State Board of Podiatry is required to submit an annual report to the Governor as to its activities, conditions, and financial status. Therefore, I submit for the following information for your records.

Board Members are:

Dr. Jeffrey M. Dull, *Chair* Fairhope, Alabama Expiration: July 21, 2023

Dr. Maurice Wainwright, *Vice-Chair* Birmingham, Alabama Expiration: July 21, 2023

Dr. Robson F. Araujo, *Secretary-Treasurer* Boaz, Alabama Expiration: July 21, 2023 Dr. Angela L. Hampton Huntsville, Alabama Expiration: May 9, 2021

Dr. Michael Hames Florence, Alabama Expiration: March 25, 2024

Dr. Johnnie L. Alston Montgomery, Alabama Expiration: March 25, 2024

Dr. Paul Ciavarelli, Jr. Opelika, Alabama Expiration: March 25, 2024

The Board has continued to be successful in resolution of complaints. The Board is very active in the Alabama Opioid Overdose and Addiction Council. The Board monitors prescribing habits of podiatrists and does not tolerate over prescribing opioids to patients.

The Board and industry continue to discuss the change in scope of practice to allow a podiatrist to practice above the foot to include the ankle area. Alabama is 1 of 2 states in the United States that does not allow its licensees this privilege. This is extremely important with recruiting new licensees to come to Alabama to practice Podiatry. Most graduates choose their practice locations based on this one privilege. We are not growing in licensees and do see this as a significant issue in the near future. The Alabama Podiatric Medical Association is introducing legislation this year to expand the scope of practice with the Boards assistance, we both hope it is successful during the 2023 Regular Legislative Session.

Board revenue consists of license fees, license renewal fees, examination fees, administrative fines and/or penalties.

Beginning Balance 10/1/21	\$ 81,155.56
Receipts	\$115,513.95
Expenditures	\$ 88,644.01
Ending Balance 9/30/22	\$108,025.50

The accountant for the Board, Kevin Smith, CIA, with Smith Warren Management Services, Inc., is currently working with the Comptroller's Office to convert the Board's account to comply with the Executive Order and create a treasury account, STAARS accounting and reporting. We will continue to update on this process through completion.

The Board currently has 157 licensed podiatrists, 7 inactive licensed podiatrists and 1 retired licensed podiatrist.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Board office should you need any additional information or have any questions.

Sincerely,

Keith E. Warren Executive Director

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Secretary of State State Auditor Alabama Archives and History