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MINUTES
Board Meeting
July 17, 2020

The Alabama State Board of Podiatry held its regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, July 17, 2020 via video-conferencing during the COVID 19 State of Emergency. The following Board members participated in the call: Dr. Tommy Garnett (Board Chair), Dr. John Odle (Board Secretary), Dr. Angela Hampton (member), Dr. Jeffrey Dull (member), Dr. Robson Araujo (member) and Dr. Maurice Wainwright (member). Member not present was Dr. Hadryan H. Vaughn (Board Vice Chair). Also on the call was Mr. Cameron McEwen (Board Legal Counsel) and Mr. Dennis Trammell (Investigator). The meeting was based from the Board's office located at 2777 Zelda Road in Montgomery, Alabama and others onsite in attendance were Mr. Keith E. Warren (Executive Director), Ms. Hope Childers (Board Administrator) and Ms. Renee' Reames (recording secretary).

Mr. Warren called Board roll and indicated a quorum was present with all members in attendance. The Board Chair, Dr. Garnett, called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

Public Notice of this regularly scheduled meeting was submitted to the Secretary of State and published on the 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.

Mr. Warren presented the April 17, 2020 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. Hampton made a motion to approve the April meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Dull and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented the Executive Director Report, which included FY 2020 financial information for the period ending June 30, 2020. He reported on the number of licensees and status of complaints in current fiscal year.

Mr. Warren also presented the Administrator's Report, which listed activities performed by the staff since the last Board meeting held in April (report filed in the Board's Official Book of Minutes). Dr. Hampton made the motion to accept the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Dull and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. McEwen presented the Legal Counsel's Report. He presented for the Board's approval a copy of the Stipulation and Consent Agreement in the matter of complaint case 2020-003. He reviewed the violation of the Respondent in the case having signed blank prescriptions in case of emergency when the Respondent was out of town. A 2-year probation was recommended and \$3,000 fine. Dr. Araujo made the motion to approve the Final Order as presented with the correction to typographical error in listing the Respondent's name. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hampton and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented as Final Rule 730-X-3-.03 Application for Spouses of Active Duty Military Personnel. Mr. Warren reported that no comments were received from the public regarding this proposed Rule. Dr. Araujo made the motion to approval as a Final Rule. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wainwright and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented, for the Board's consideration, a request for approval of CE hours related to Crossfit. It was the consensus of the Board that Crossfit was not CME eligible.

The Board considered a request concerning use of a controlled substance license to prescribe Dexamethasone. It was the consensus of the Board that, with the appropriate documentation, the Board had no issue with prescribing the drug.

The Board considered a request to expedite the law examination process due to shortages in a practice. Following a review of the Board's statute and rules, during the State of Emergency guidelines, the Board was in favor of the request and making modifications in the Board's Rule regarding the examination schedule. Dr. Dull made a motion to approve the request to take the law examination. The motion was seconded by Dr. Odle and unanimously approved by the Board. The Board asked the Board Administrator to proceed with the law examine process pending no issues and problems with the CPME candidate information.

Chairman Garnett presented an email concerning the CPME College Accreditation Eligibility Requirements. He commented on the six-year review by CPME of the standards and procedures, etc. associated with its evaluation activities and indicated that comments could be submitted to CPME.

The Board discussed Board terms and appointment eligibility. Following a lengthy discussion of candidates and Board diversity, potential candidates were identified and agreed upon by the members.

The Board considered the bid submitted for the Administrative Services Contract. The bid was emailed at the beginning of the meeting to the members for their review. Chairman Garnett indicated that the bid was sealed and opened at the beginning of the meeting and only one bid was received. The Board reviewed the bid submitted by Warren & Company. Dr. Garnett reported an increase in bid amount from \$4500 to \$5000 per month. Dr. Araujo made a motion to approve the bid from Warren & Company for Administrative Services Contract. The motion was seconded by Dr. Dull. Chairman Garnett called for a roll call vote and the motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Chairman Garnett thanked the members for their action today on the examination requests and support of an electronic Law exam. He indicated that the Exam Rule would be presented at the next Board meeting with changes discussed by the Board.

Chairman Garnett announced that the next regular meeting of the Board was scheduled on October 16, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

There being no further business of the Board, Dr. Dull made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hampton and unanimously approved by the Board. Dr. Garnett adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tommy W. Garnett, DPM
Board Chair

Keith E. Warren
Executive Director

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