

Minutes

The Advisory Committee on Podiatry of the Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision met on February 23, 2009, in accordance with the Open Meeting Act. The meeting was held at the office of the Board, 5104 North Francis, Suite C, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Members present were:

Juliet Burk, DPM
Angela Fleming, L.Ped.
Jeff Talmage, L.Ped.
Ms. Carol Blacklee, Public Member

Member absent was:

J. Andy Sullivan, MD

Others present included:

Patricia Podolec, Assistant Attorney General
Robyn Hall, Director of Licensing
Kathy Plant, Executive Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. The minutes from the June 16, 2008 Committee meeting were reviewed. Ms. Blacklee moved to accept the minutes as presented. Mr. Talmage seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. A report of the October 13, 2008, meeting was reviewed. No quorum was present for the October meeting, but the Committee reviewed a report regarding the public hearing on proposed rule changes held. No further action was required.

The next item of business was election of officers. Ms. Blacklee moved to nominate Dr. Burk as Chair. Mr. Talmage seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Mr. Talmage nominated Ms. Fleming as Vice Chair. Ms. Blacklee seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Applications for licensure were reviewed. Dr. Burk moved to recommend approval of the following applications for licensure as Podiatrists. Mr. Talmage seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

HEATHER BOMBOY
SHELLEY HUSEBO PERKINS
STEVEN PARRISH THOMPSON

Dr. Burk moved to recommend approval of the application of **DANIEL JOSEPH GRIMES** for licensure as a Podiatrist pending satisfactory completion of his file. Ms. Fleming seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

The Committee discussed regulation of Therapeutic Shoe Fitters. The Committee heard from members of the public present, including Mark Dougherty, L.Ped, Harlan Compton, LO, L.Ped, Daniel Grimes, L.Ped and Kelly West, L.Ped, RCP. Mr. Talmage expressed his concerns that a fitter may not recognize the need for care by a pedorthist or other health care professional. He felt a fitter belongs in a clinical situation not traveling around to nursing homes or other locations without supervision. Dr. Burk suggested changing the law to clarify who could call themselves fitter, what kind of supervision fitters need and by whom. Mr. Talmage suggested meeting with other professional associations to discuss this type of law change. The Committee also discussed talking with the Oklahoma Pedorthic Association about changing the rules to define fitters and how they should be supervised by Pedorthists.

The Committee asked that defining supervision of fitters by Pedorthists in the rules be placed on the next meeting's agenda.

Dr. Burk moved that the goal of the Committee is to improve the quality of patient care by adopting clear language within the Pedorthic rules that defines the fitter and the supervision of the fitter. She further moved, based on these goals, to pursue collectively with other professions utilizing fitters, the adoption of language in the law to regulate fitters. Ms. Blacklee seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The time was 11:36 a.m.