

Minutes

The Oklahoma State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners met on March 23, 2024. The regular meeting was held consistent with the Open Meeting Act, 25 O.S.2011, § 301 *et. seq.* Advance notice of this meeting was transmitted to the Oklahoma Secretary of State on December 1, 2023 and posted on the Board's website on March 19, 2024 at 2:27 p.m. in compliance with 25 O.S. § 311.9.

Members present:

Jeremy Mason, DPM, President
Bradley Nelson, DPM, Vice-President
Angela Schuff, DPM, Secretary-Treasurer
Bradley Beasley, DPM
Nicole Cupp, DPM
Mr. Charles Coker, Public Member

Others present:

Lyle Kelsey, Executive Director of the Podiatric Board
Sandra Harrison, Deputy Director of the Oklahoma Medical Board
Barbara Smith, Executive Secretary for the Oklahoma Medical Board
Lisa Cullen, Director of Licensing for the Oklahoma Medical Board
Tyler Semour, Licensing Analyst
Jason Fennell, I.T. Network Administrator
Madalynn Martin, Assistant Attorney General and Board Legal Advisor

Having noted a quorum, Dr. Mason called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

Following review, Dr. Nelson moved to approve the special meeting minutes of July 31, 2023, as written. Dr. Schuff seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative with Mr. Charles Coker abstaining.

Next, the Board considered nominations for the election of board officers. Following discussion, Dr. Schuff moved to retain all board officers serving in their current roles for another year. Dr. Beasley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

The Board then prepared to review applications for licensure. **AERIAL AVERY**, applicant for Podiatric licensure, appeared virtually in support of his application. All witnesses expected to testify were sworn. Ms. Cullen advised the Board that the applicant had answered an application question incorrectly. Mr. Avery responded to questions of the Board regarding the incorrect answer he gave on his application. Dr. Mason moved to approve the application, based on the applicant's personal appearance and sworn statements, pending completion of his file to include successfully passing the licensure examination. Dr. Beasley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Following review, Dr. Mason moved to approve the following incomplete applications as shown below pending completion of the files to include successfully passing the licensure

examination. Dr. Cupp seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

INCOMPLETE PODIATRY APPLICATIONS	
POD 391	BRANTLEY, BRANDEN JAMES
POD 393	HAMILTON, CURTIS DALE
POD 394	MARTINEZ, ALEXIS NOEL
POD 395	ANDERSEN, RYLEY STEPHEN
POD 396	LIANG, JASON LIH-DER
POD 397	RUSH, KATI KEPPE
POD 398	KIENZLE, WOLFGANG CHRISTOPH
POD 399	KITCHENS, BRANDON PAUL
POD 401	VERDIN, CRAIG JAMES

BRYAN ANDREW BLANCK, DPM, appeared virtually in response to allegations of unprofessional conduct.

Dr. Mason RECUSED. Hearing no objection, Dr. Mason remained in the board room during the presentation of this matter.

Joseph L. Ashbaker, Assistant Attorney General, appeared on behalf of State, and Brian J. Kuester appeared on behalf of Defendant. All witnesses expected to testify were sworn. Mr. Ashbaker gave a brief history of the matter and presented a Consent Order for the Board's consideration.

Following presentation, Dr. Nelson moved to go into Executive Session. Dr. Beasley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Executive Session

Dr. Nelson moved to return to Open Session. Dr. Schuff seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Open Session

Dr. Nelson moved to reject the Consent Order. Dr. Beasley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Dr. Mason rejoined the meeting.

Next, Mr. Kelsey presented the FY 2024-2025 Contract for Administrative Services with the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision. Mr. Kelsey advised that there were no changes to any of the terms contained therein. Following review, Dr. Schuff moved to approve the contract as presented. Dr. Nelson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Mr. Kelsey opened a discussion regarding DEA CME Requirements for podiatrists licensed in Oklahoma. Dr. Nelson stated he had been in contact with the podiatric association and the association has advised its members as follows:

“For those inquiring whether federally required DEA CME hours can be used for state license required CME, the answer is, yes, if one of the two requirements below is met.

DEA hours can be utilized for state CME if:

1. You attend an in-person, hospital-sponsored, scientific program for DEA hours **and** that program is approved by the state Board for state hours,*

or

2. You receive your DEA hours online and those hours are approved by the Council on Continuing Education of the American Podiatric Medical Association.**

*You need to make sure the hospital program is taught by a DEA qualified provider to receive DEA CME credit.

**Because the American Podiatric Medical Association and individual state podiatry associations are not qualified providers of DEA required education under federal law, you need to make sure your online hours are taught by a DEA qualified provider, in addition to being approved by the Council on Continuing Education of the American Podiatric Medical Association, to receive both DEA and state CME credit. PresentPodiatry.com has hours that meet both requirements.”

Mr. Kelsey introduced Sandra Harrison, JD, as the new Deputy Director of the Oklahoma Medical Board. Ms. Harrison provided a 2024 Legislative Update. Ms. Harrison reported that we are currently halfway through the legislative process. SB 1231 extends the sunset of the Board and it is set for hearing on March 27th at 3:00 p.m. in House Administrative Rules. Dr. Nelson advised that the director of the podiatric association will be attending that hearing. Ms. Harrison then updated the Podiatric Board on bills related to the Medical Board, SB 597 and HB 3035. The Perfusion bill, SB 1234, extends that board to 2027 with no other changes and is also set to be heard on March 27th. In closing, she reported that sine die is the last Friday in May and currently there is no agreement on budget. The Board requested that, in the future, they be notified when the Podiatric Board sunset bill is up for consideration so that they may attend the proceedings.

The Board requested that at least one additional meeting be set this calendar year. They will continue to only test applicants once annually. After graciously acknowledging the effort required for staff to conduct a board meeting off-site, a staff directive was issued to Barbara Smith to set a special meeting for May 10, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. to be held in the board office at 101 NE 51st Street in Oklahoma City.

There being no further business, Dr. Nelson moved to adjourn the meeting. The time was 9:54 a.m.