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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

F I N A L M I N U T E S

MEETING OF:

STATE BOARD OF PODIATRY

TIME: 10:31 A.M.

Held at

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

2525 North 7th Street

CoPA HUB, Eaton Conference Room

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

as well as

VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

State Board of Podiatry
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BOARD MEMBERS:

Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of
Professional and Occupational Affairs
Christopher A. Seda, D.P.M., Chairman
Steven Shannon, D.P.M., Vice Chairman
Edwin Hart, D.P.M., Secretary - Absent
Eric B. Greenberg, D.P.M., J.D.
Walker Kmetz, Public Member - Absent

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Ashley D. Keefer, Esquire, Board Counsel
Paul J. Jarabeck, Esquire, Senior Prosecutor-In-
Charge
Priscilla Turek, Board Administrator
Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Deputy Chief Counsel,
Prosecution Division
Deena Parmelee, Legal Office Administrator
Diedre Bowers, Division Chief

ALSO PRESENT:

Mike Barth, Executive Director, Pennsylvania
Podiatric Medical Association
Michael Paris, D.P.M.
Call-In # 1-484-883-8528
Jacob Hill, Sargent's Court Reporting Service, Inc.

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5 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,
6 at 10:00 a.m., the Board entered into Executive
7 Session with Ashley D. Keefer, Esquire, Board
8 Counsel, for the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial
9 deliberations on a number of matters that are
10 currently pending before the Board and to receive the
11 advice of counsel. The Board returned to open
12 session at 10:30 a.m.]

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14 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
15 Board of Podiatry was held on Wednesday, February 18,
16 2026. Christopher A. Seda, D.P.M., Chairman, called
17 the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

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19 Introduction of Board Members/Attendees
20 [Priscilla Turek, Board Administrator, provided an
21 introduction of the Board members, staff, and
22 audience in attendance. A quorum of Board members
23 was not present.]

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25 [Ashley D. Keefer, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted

1 pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act
2 that the Board entered into Executive Session for the
3 purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations on
4 a number of matters that are currently pending before
5 the Board and to receive the advice of counsel.

6 Ms. Keefer also noted the meeting was being
7 recorded and those who continued to participate were
8 giving their consent to being recorded.]

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10 Approval of Minutes - No Quorum

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12 Appointment - Annual Prosecution Report

13 [Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Deputy Chief Counsel,
14 Prosecution Division explained the Bureau of
15 Professional and Occupational Affairs (BPOA) provides
16 administrative and legal support to the 29
17 professional and occupational licensing boards and
18 commissions within the department. The Office of
19 Chief Counsel Prosecution Division works with the
20 Bureau of Enforcement and Investigation (BEI) , who
21 receive and investigate complaints and help enforce
22 compliance with the acts and regulations that govern
23 the boards and commissions. She stated the
24 Prosecution Division consists of 5 senior attorneys
25 and 34 prosecuting attorneys.

1 Ms. Walter stated the prosecution process always
2 begins with a complaint, either from the public or by
3 Board referral. She reported in 2024 and 2025, BPOA
4 received approximately 23,000 complaints. She noted
5 the primary role of prosecution at Board meetings is
6 to present Consent Agreements to the Board.

7 Ms. Walter explained after the investigative
8 process, the evidence is reviewed by the prosecuting
9 attorney to determine if they believe there have been
10 any violations of the act or regulations, how
11 sufficient the evidence is and determine if
12 additional files need to be opened. She stated if a
13 violation is suspected, it may result in filing a
14 petition for an immediate temporary suspension;
15 filing an order to show cause; seeking an automatic
16 suspension; filing a petition for a mental or
17 physical examination; or a petition for appropriate
18 relief, if the case violates a previous Board order.

19 She noted that discipline types include revocation;
20 suspension; probation; public reprimand; civil
21 penalty; remedial education; and cost of
22 investigation.

23 Ms. Walters shared, in 2025, for the Podiatry
24 Board, 87 cases were opened and 78 cases closed.
25 Highlights for disposition of the closed cases

1 included 2 reinstatements and 11 warning letters. At
2 the time of the report, the Podiatry Board had 1,516
3 active licensees with 98 open cases.]

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5 [Eric B. Greenberg, D.P.M., J.D. re-entered the
6 meeting at 10:45 a.m. Due to his camera and
7 microphone not working, quorum was not met.]

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9 [Ashley D. Keefer, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted
10 Agenda Items 2, 4, 5, and 6 would be tabled until the
11 next meeting of the Board, scheduled for April 16,
12 2026.]

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14 Report of Prosecutors -No Quorum

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16 Report of Board Chair - No Report

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18 Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

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20 Report of Board Administrator

21 [Priscilla Turek, Board Administrator, noted the
22 statement of financial interest was coming out and
23 was due by May 1, 2026. She stated it could be
24 filled out online or Board Members could get a paper
25 copy from her.]

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2 Report of Probable Cause Committee - No Report

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4 Report of Application Committee - No Report

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6 Report of CE Committee - No Report

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8 Public Comment

9 [Michael Paris, D.P.M., asked if it was possible to
10 expediate the approval of minutes from previous
11 meetings. He accessed the website the prior night to
12 prepare for the meeting and the last available
13 minutes were from August 2025.

14 Acting Commissioner Claggett stated minutes could
15 not be approved in between meetings as minutes have
16 to be publicly approved at the meeting. It was noted
17 the October meetings was canceled, and the August
18 minutes were approved in December which is why the
19 last set posted was from the August meeting.]

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21 [Mike Barth, Executive Director, Pennsylvania
22 Podiatric Medical Association, asked if it would
23 appropriate for him to hold off on regulation
24 feedback until the Board had a quorum.

25 Acting Commissioner Claggett responded it would

1 be best for Mr. Barth to hold off until the
2 regulations could be presented to a quorum.]

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4 Adjournment

5 CHAIR SEDA:

6 I call to adjourn the State Board of
7 Podiatry February 18, 2026 meeting.

8 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

9 Claggett so moved.

10 CHAIR SEDA:

11 Okay, the meeting is adjourned.

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13 [There being no further business, the State Board of
14 Podiatry Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.]

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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing summary minutes of the State Board of Podiatry meeting, was reduced to writing by me or under my supervision, and that the minutes accurately summarize the substance of the State Board of Podiatry meeting.

Jacob Hill

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Minute Clerk

Sargent's Court Reporting
Service, Inc.

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