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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, December 17, 2025

State Board of Podiatry  
December 17, 2025

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BOARD MEMBERS:

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

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Ashley D. Keefer, Esquire, Board Counsel  
Paul J. Jarabeck, Esquire, Senior Prosecutor-In-  
Charge  
Timothy J. Henderson, Esquire, Board Prosecution  
Liaison  
Priscilla Turek, Board Administrator  
Danie Bendensky, Special Assistant for Strategic  
Initiatives, Department of State  
Ryan Lysaght, Esquire, Office of General Counsel

ALSO PRESENT:

Jacob Hill, Sargent's Court Reporting Service, Inc.

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2 State Board of Podiatry

3 December 17, 2025

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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.]

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13 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State  
14 Board of Podiatry was held on Wednesday, December 17,  
15 2025. Eric B. Greenberg, D.P.M., J.D., Chairman,  
16 called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

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18 Introduction of Board Members/Attendees  
19 [Priscilla Turek, Board Administrator, provided an  
20 introduction of the Board members, staff, and  
21 audience in attendance. A quorum of Board members  
22 was present.]

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24 [Eric B. Greenberg, D.P.M., J.D., Chairman, noted the  
25 meeting was being recorded and voluntary

1 participation constituted consent to be recorded.]

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3 [Ashley D. Keefer, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted  
4 pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act  
5 that the Board entered into Executive Session for the  
6 purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations on  
7 a number of matters that are currently pending before  
8 the Board and to receive the advice of counsel.]

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10 Approval of Minutes - August 20, 2025

11 CHAIR GREENBERG:

12 So let's move towards approval of  
13 Minutes from the August 20, 2025. For  
14 those who are present, do you approve  
15 of the minutes?

16 MS. KEEFER:

17 We would need to approve the August  
18 2025 minutes with the correction naming  
19 Dr. Fetchik as the speaker at page  
20 seven, line nine.

21 CHAIR GREENBERG:

22 Yes, is that approved, Board?

23 DR. HART:

24 Motion to approve, Hart.

25 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

1 Claggett, second.

2 CHAIR GREENBERG:

3 Let's do the roll call.

4

5 Arion Claggett, aye; Eric Greenberg,

6 aye; Christopher Seda, aye; Steven

7 Shannon, abstain; Edwin Hart, aye.

8 [The motion carried. Dr. Shannon abstained from  
9 voting on the matter.]

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11 Appointment - No Report

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13 Report of Prosecutors

14 [Paul J. Jarabeck, Esquire, Senior Prosecutor-In-  
15 Charge presented the VRP Consent Agreement for Agenda  
16 Item No. 3, Case No. 25-44-012081.]

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18 MS. KEEFER:

19 We would need a motion to adopt the VRP  
20 Consent Agreement at Item No. 3 which  
21 is Case No. 25-44-012081.

22 CHAIR GREENBERG:

23 May I have a motion to adopt?

24 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

25 Claggett, so moved.

1 DR. HART:

2 Hart, second.

3 CHAIR GREENBERG:

4 May I have the vote for the record?

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6 Arion Claggett, aye; Eric Greenberg,  
7 aye; Christopher Seda, abstain; Steven  
8 Shannon, aye; Edwin Hart, aye.

9 [The motion carried. Dr. Seda abstained from  
10 deliberations and voting on the matter.]

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12 [Timothy J. Henderson, Esquire, Board Prosecution  
13 Liaison, reported on lecturing to third-year students  
14 at Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine on  
15 December 4, 2025. He noted the program was well-  
16 received, and the students were inquisitive. He  
17 stayed for part of Chair Greenberg's presentation and  
18 commented that he did a wonderful job.

19 Mr. Henderson noted his upcoming attendance at a  
20 meeting of board attorneys hosted by the Federation  
21 of Podiatric Medical Boards, along with Ms. Keefer.  
22 He stated it is a virtual meeting, scheduled to occur  
23 later on December 17, 2025, for the board attorney  
24 community of practice in which board counsels from  
25 across the country will be participating. He added

1 topics to be discussed included disciplinary matters,  
2 general regulatory issues, and board operations.]

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4 Report of Board Counsel

5 MS. KEEFER:

6 On your Agenda is Item No. 4, which is  
7 the Proposed Adjudication and Order in  
8 the matter involving Luther Bond, DPM  
9 at Case No. 23-44-011114.

10 Is there a motion to adopt the  
11 proposal of the Hearing Examiner,  
12 substitute Board Order and address  
13 exceptions?

14 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

15 Claggett, so moved.

16 DR. HART:

17 Second, Hart.

18 CHAIR GREENBERG:

19 May I have the vote for the record?

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21 Arion Claggett, aye; Eric Greenberg,  
22 aye; Christopher Seda, aye; Steven  
23 Shannon, aye; Edwin Hart, aye.

24 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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1 Sunshine Act and Recusal Guidelines

2 [Ashley D. Keefer, Esquire, Board Counsel, presented  
3 the biannual Sunshine Act and Recusal Guidelines  
4 Presentation. She summarized that the Sunshine Act  
5 ensures transparency in government by requiring open  
6 meetings for all official actions and deliberations  
7 involving agency matters. Any time Board members  
8 meet to discuss Board business, the meeting must be  
9 publicly advertised. Deliberations are defined as  
10 discussions intended to lead to decisions, and  
11 official actions include votes or policy decisions.

12 Public notice of meetings must be issued at the  
13 beginning of the calendar year and at least three  
14 days in advance, with any changes requiring 24-hour  
15 notice. Emergency meetings are exempt but must be  
16 justified. All meetings and agendas are posted  
17 publicly, including in the Pennsylvania Bulletin and  
18 on the Board's website.

19 Ms. Keefer noted that amendments to the Sunshine  
20 Act in 2021 require that if the agenda changes within  
21 24 hours of the meeting, an amended agenda must be  
22 published afterward. Meeting locations and agendas  
23 must be made available in advance. All votes must be  
24 publicly casted, so virtual participant members must  
25 have cameras on. Meeting minutes must include the

1 time, place, attendance, and substance of  
2 discussions, though not verbatim. Executive Sessions  
3 may be held for limited purposes, such as discussing  
4 litigation strategy, deliberation matters, or  
5 personnel issues, though personnel issues typically  
6 fall outside Board purview.

7 She warned that violations of the Sunshine Act  
8 can invalidate meeting actions and lead to litigation  
9 or attorney fees. Criminal penalties are rare and  
10 require District Attorney action. She clarified that  
11 actions of Board committees, like the Application  
12 Committee or Probable Cause Committee, are  
13 administrative or prosecutorial functions that can  
14 occur outside of the normal meeting, but any votes or  
15 ratifications of votes must occur during public  
16 session.

17 Regarding recusals, Ms. Keefer outlined the types  
18 of recusals and the impact of those recusals.  
19 Mandatory recusals include involvement in  
20 prosecution, being a complainant, or having a direct  
21 financial interest. Strongly recommended recusals  
22 include personal connections or outside knowledge of  
23 a case. Discretionary recusals apply when  
24 impartiality is uncertain. She advised Board members  
25 to consult Counsel in advance when unsure. Members

1 may still attend for quorum purposes, but recusals  
2 count against quorum.

3 She also detailed conflict-of-interest rules.  
4 Professional members may not serve as officers or  
5 agents of statewide professional associations, and  
6 public members may not be part of the regulated  
7 profession or have immediate family members who are.  
8 Public members must not hold any other appointed  
9 office in the Commonwealth.

10 Acting Commissioner Claggett commented there have  
11 recently been some board members from various boards  
12 who were serving on statewide associations. He noted  
13 the Board members then had to choose if they wanted  
14 to stay on the Board or serve with the association.  
15 He added, if there were any questions, Board Members  
16 should speak with Ms. Keefer and not with the  
17 association's attorneys.]

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19 Report of Board Chair

20 [Eric B. Greenberg, D.P.M., J.D., Chairman, expressed  
21 appreciation for his time served as Board Chair. He  
22 stated experiencing the workings of state government  
23 from within the Board had been nothing but excellent.  
24 He extended his appreciation to past and present  
25 associates of the Board including Board Counsel,

1 Board Prosecution, Commissioners, and Board staff.  
2 He expressed his appreciation the collegiality and  
3 competence of all of the podiatrists he has served  
4 with on the Board.]

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6 Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report.

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8 Report of Board Administrator - No Report.

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10 Continuing Education Program Approval

11 MS. KEEFER:

12 I think the Chair would entertain a  
13 motion to ratify the approval by the CE  
14 Committee of the Application to conduct  
15 a CE conference submitted by Jefferson  
16 Health Northeast Podiatry Grand Rounds.

17 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

18 Claggett, so moved.

19 DR. HART:

20 Hart, Second.

21 CHAIR GREENBERG:

22 May I have a vote?

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24 Arion Claggett, aye; Eric Greenberg,  
25 aye; Christopher Seda, aye; Steven

1 Shannon, aye; Edwin Hart, aye.

2 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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4 Board Meeting Dates

5 [Eric B. Greenberg, D.P.M., J.D., Chairman, reported  
6 the 2026 meeting dates are February 18, April 15,  
7 June 17, August 19, October 28 and December 16. He  
8 also reported the dates chosen for 2027 are February  
9 17, April 21, June 23, August 18, October 20 and  
10 December 15.]

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12 CHAIR GREENBERG:

13 Can I have a motion to accept those  
14 dates?

15 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

16 Claggett, so moved.

17 DR. HART:

18 Hart, Second.

19 CHAIR GREENBERG:

20 Okay and a vote?

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22 Arion Claggett, aye; Eric Greenberg,  
23 aye; Christopher Seda, aye; Steven  
24 Shannon, aye; Edwin Hart, aye.

25 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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2 New Business - Annual Election of Officers

3 MS. KEEFER:

4 First, is there a nominee for Chair of  
5 the Board?

6 CHAIR GREENBERG:

7 Yes, I nominate Dr. Christopher Seda to  
8 be the new Chair of the Board.

9 MS. KEEFER:

10 Okay, is there a second?

11 DR. SHANNON:

12 Second.

13 MS. KEEFER:

14 Okay, can we get a roll call please?

15

16 Arion Claggett, aye; Eric Greenberg,  
17 aye; Christopher Seda, aye; Steven  
18 Shannon, aye; Edwin Hart, aye.

19 [The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Keefer noted  
20 the terms begin on January 1, 2026 for the  
21 positions.]

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23 MS. KEEFER:

24 Is there a nominee for Vice Chair?

25 DR. SEDA:

1 I nominate Steven Shannon.

2 MS. KEEFER:

3 Okay, we have a nomination of Dr.  
4 Shannon for vice chair. Is there a  
5 second?

6 DR. HART:

7 Second, Hart.

8 MS. KEEFER:

9 Roll call?

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11 Arion Claggett, aye; Eric Greenberg,  
12 aye; Christopher Seda, aye; Steven  
13 Shannon, aye; Edwin Hart, aye.

14 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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16 MS. KEEFER:

17 Finally, is there a nominee for  
18 Secretary of the Board?

19 DR. SHANNON:

20 I nominate Edwin Hart.

21 MS. KEEFER:

22 Okay, is there a second for Dr. Hart?

23 CHAIR GREENBERG:

24 Second.

25 MS. KEEFER:

1                   Okay, roll call.

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3                   Arion Claggett, aye; Eric Greenberg,  
4                   aye; Christopher Seda, aye; Steven  
5                   Shannon, aye; Edwin Hart, aye.

6 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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8 Review of Committee Members

9 [Ashley D. Keefer, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted the  
10 Board wished to consolidate the Act 41 committee with  
11 the Application committee. The members of the new  
12 consolidated committee would be Dr. Seda and Dr.  
13 Shannon with the alternate being Dr. Hart. Dr. Seda  
14 will continue to be the CE committee. Dr. Shannon  
15 was named to serve on the Probable Cause committee.]

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17 Adjournment

18 CHAIR GREENBERG:

19                   May I have a motion to adjourn?

20 DR. HART:

21                   So moved, Hart.

22 DR. SHANNON:

23                   Second.

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25 [There being no further business, the State Board of

1 Podiatry Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.]

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CERTIFICATE

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

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Jacob Hill

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Minute Clerk

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Sargent's Court Reporting

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Service, Inc.

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TIME	AGENDA
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