

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: 10:41 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, April 23, 2025

State Board of Podiatry
April 23, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS:

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

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Ashley D. Keefer, Esquire, Board Counsel
Timothy J. Henderson, Esquire, Board Prosecution
Liaison
Paul J. Jarabeck, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor
Andrew LaFratte, MPA, Deputy Policy Director,
Department of State
Priscilla Turek, Board Administrator

ALSO PRESENT:

William Ainsley, D.P.M
Ian Weeber, Sargent's Court Reporting Service, Inc.

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2 State Board of Podiatry

3 April 23, 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. 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, April 23,
16 2025. Christopher A. Seda, D.P.M., Vice Chairman
17 called the meeting to order at 10:41 a.m.

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19 [Ashley D. Keefer, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted the
20 meeting was being recorded and voluntary
21 participation constituted consent to be recorded.

22 Ms. Keefer also noted that the Board entered into
23 Executive Session for the purpose of conducting
24 quasi-judicial deliberations on a number of matters
25 that are currently pending before the Board and to

1 receive the advice of counsel.]

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3 Introduction of Board Members/Attendees

4 [Priscilla Turek, Board Administrator, provided an
5 introduction of the Board members, staff, and
6 audience in attendance. A quorum of Board members
7 was present.]

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9 Approval of Agenda

10 MS. KEEFER:

11 I believe the first matter to attend to
12 is a motion to amend the Agenda to
13 reflect that Dr. Shannon is the Board's
14 Secretary.

15 DR. HART:

16 I'll make that motion.

17 DR. SEDA:

18 Second.

19 MS. KEEFER:

20 Roll call?

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22 Christopher Seda, aye; William Fetchik,
23 aye; Edwin Hart, aye; Steven Shannon,
24 aye; Walker Kmetz, aye; Saidyad Ali, aye.

25 [The motion carried unanimously.]

Approval of minutes of the February 19, 2025 meeting

MS. KEEFER:

Okay. Item No. 2 on the Agenda is the approval of the Board minutes from the February 19, 2025 meeting.

I believe the Vice-Chair would entertain a motion to adopt the meeting minutes as presented.

DR. HART:

Motion to approve the minutes of our last meeting.

DR. SHANNON:

Second.

MS. KEEFER:

So, we have a first and a second. So, I believe it is time for the rollcall.

Christopher Seda, aye; William Fetchik, aye; Edwin Hart, aye; Steven Shannon, aye; Walker Kmetz, aye; Saidyad Ali, abstain.

[The motion carried. Saidyad Ali abstained from voting on the motion.]

1 Report of Prosecution - No Report

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3 Report of Board Counsel

4 MS. KEEFER:

5 Item No. 3 on the Agenda. This is
6 under report of Board Counsel is the
7 Reinstatement Petition filed by Dr.
8 William Ainsley at Case No. 25-44-
9 001926.

10 Based on the discussions during
11 Executive Session, I believe the Vice-
12 Chair would entertain a motion to grant
13 the Petition for Reinstatement filed by
14 Dr. Ainsley.

15 DR. SHANNON:

16 Motion to grant the Petition.

17 DR. HART:

18 Second.

19 MS. KEEFER:

20 Rollcall?

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22 Christopher Seda, aye; William Fetchik,
23 aye; Edwin Hart, aye; Steven Shannon,
24 aye; Walker Kmetz, aye; Saidyad Ali, aye.

25 [The motion carried unanimously.]

Report of Board Counsel - Regulatory Report

[Ashley D. Keefer, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted that the Board's regulations had not been reviewed in a long time, and Executive Order 1996-1 directs periodic reviews to ensure alignment of Board regulations with current practices. She proposed that the Board begin this process and invited input from Board members and the public.

Ms. Keefer added that Board members or the public could also contact her via email to offer input, which would be considered in future decisions. She asked if any Board members had thoughts or suggestions regarding the revisions.

Dr. Seda asked how long it had been since the last review.

Ms. Keefer responded that, apart from recent additions on continuing education, radiological procedures, and child abuse reporting, most regulations had not been updated since the 1980s or earlier. She highlighted that the ethical standards regulations dated back to the 1960s and 70s and should be prioritized for updates.

Dr. Seda remarked that the regulations need reviewed.

1 Dr. Seda suggested setting a standard review
2 interval of every five to ten years.

3 Ms. Keefer agreed and said that doing so would
4 align with the executive order and the board's
5 responsibilities. She affirmed that setting a
6 timeframe was possible and emphasized the need to
7 proceed with the review process.

8 Ms. Keefer asked if there were specific areas
9 beyond ethical standards, licensure, advertising, and
10 applications that the board should consider revising.

11 Dr. Seda said he would need to educate himself
12 and review the materials before making suggestions.

13 Ms. Keefer concluded that the discussion would
14 continue and requested the Board's permission to
15 begin the revision process.]

16 MS. KEEFER:

17 Is there a motion to begin the process to
18 review and draft General Revisions to the
19 Board's Regulations?

20 DR. SHANNON:

21 Motion to allow permission.

22 DR. HART:

23 Second in motion.

24 MS. KEEFER:

25 Rollcall?

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Christopher Seda, aye; William Fetchik,

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aye; Edwin Hart, aye; Steven Shannon,

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aye; Walker Kmetz, aye; Saidyad Ali, aye.

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[The motion carried unanimously.]

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Report of Board Counsel (Cont.) - Act 41 Regulation

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[Ashley D. Keefer, Esquire, Board Counsel, conveyed

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that the Act 41 regulations were expected to move

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forward next, and there was a push to complete them

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quickly. She added that updates would follow, but

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the radiologic procedures regulation still required

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further research and remained in progress.]

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Report of Board Chair - No Report

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Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

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Report of Board Administrator

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[Priscilla Turek, Board Administrator, reminded the

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Board that Financial Disclosure Statements are due by

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May 1st.]

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Adjournment

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MS. KEEFER:

1 There are no Applications for Licensure
2 or Continuing Education Programs on the
3 Agenda. The Board meeting dates for the
4 remainder of 2025 and 2026 are posted on
5 the Agenda and the Board's website.

6 Other than that, is there anything
7 to discuss today? There are no members
8 from the public that are present in
9 person. Is there anything that the
10 public online wishes to say? Seeing no
11 takers, Is there a motion to close?

12 DR. HART:

13 So moved.

14 DR. SHANNON:

15 Second.

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17 [There being no further business, the State Board of
18 Podiatry Meeting adjourned at 10:51 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.



Ian Weeber,

Minute Clerk

Sargent's Court Reporting
Service, Inc.

STATE BOARD OF PODIATRY
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April 23, 2025

TIME	AGENDA
9:50	Executive Session
10:30	Return to Open Session
10:41	Official Call to Order
10:41	Introduction of Board Members/Attendees
10:42	Approval of Minutes
10:43	Report of Prosecution
10:44	Report of Board Counsel
10:49	Report of Regulatory Counsel
10:49	Report of Chairperson
10:50	Report of Commissioner
10:50	Report of Board Administrator
10:51	Adjournment