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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: 10:30 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, August 20, 2025

State Board of Podiatry
August 20, 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 - Absent
William D. Fetchik, D.O.
Edwin Hart, D.P.M.
Walker Kmetz, Public Member

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Ashley D. Keefer, Esquire, Board Counsel
Thomas M. Davis, Esquire, Regulatory Board Counsel
Paul J. Jarabeck, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor
Timothy J. Henderson, Esquire, Board Prosecution
Liaison
Priscilla Turek, Board Administrator

ALSO PRESENT:

Michael Paris, M.D., Hillside Medical Center
Cathy Tully, Esquire, Department of State
Andrew LaFratte, Esquire, Department of State
Allison Walker, 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, August 20,
16 2025. Eric B. Greenberg, D.P.M., J.D., Chairman,
17 called the meeting to order at 10:30 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 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 [Ashley D. Keefer, Esquire, Board Counsel, provided
5 an 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 minutes of the meeting of June 18, 2025.

10 CHAIRMAN GREENBERG:

11 May I have a motion to accept the minutes
12 from June 18.

13 DR. FETCHIK:

14 So moved.

15 DR. SEDA:

16 Second.

17 CHAIRMAN GREENBERG:

18 Roll call.

19

20 Eric Greenberg, approve; Christopher
21 Seda, approve; William Fetchik, approve;
22 Arion Claggett, abstain; Walker Kmetz,
23 abstain; Edwin Hart, abstain.

24 [The motion carried. Commissioner Claggett, Walker
25 Kmetz and Edwin Hart abstained from voting on the

1 motion.]

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3 Appointment - No Report

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5 Report of Prosecutors - No Report

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7 Report of Board Counsel - General Regulatory
8 Revisions

9 [Ashley Keefer, Esquire, Board Counsel, reported on
10 General Regulatory Revisions. She stated a draft of
11 the general revisions was provided for the Board's
12 review. Feedback had been received from the PPMA
13 (Pennsylvania Podiatric Medical Association) and
14 prosecution as part of the drafting process. Ms.
15 Keefer reiterated to the Board that the goal was to
16 update current regulations to be more in line with
17 similar Boards and other states. She stated more
18 clarity would be provided regarding professional
19 conduct among practitioners.

20 Ms. Keefer stated the draft amendments to the
21 section on licenses, reciprocal licensing, and
22 applications will bring the regulations up to date
23 with current practices and simplify it overall.

24 Beginning with sections on licenses, Ms. Keefer
25 indicated the name of the examination would be

1 updated, and a section on renewal and reactivation
2 would be added to clarify the. The renewal and
3 reactivation regulation is being proposed to the
4 Medical Board.

5 Dr. Fetchick asked for clarification about what a
6 reciprocal license is and the requirements for it.

7 Ms. Keefer explained that if someone has a
8 license from a jurisdiction outside of Pennsylvania
9 and the requirements for that licensure were
10 substantially the same as Pennsylvania's, the
11 applicant would be eligible for licensure in
12 Pennsylvania, provided administrative requirements
13 were met.

14 Ms. Keefer referred to section 29.71. She
15 suggested revising the language to require the
16 completion of the application from the Board and
17 deleting application questions from the current
18 regulation to simplify the regulation and allow for
19 updates to the application without regulatory changes
20 in the future.

21 Ms. Keefer stated, in the Annex, section 29.72,
22 the language states that Pennsylvania's standard of
23 equivalency for licensure from those that have
24 already been licensed in another jurisdiction or in
25 the Commonwealth, along with those that obtained

1 licensure from Canada, may be eligible to practice
2 without examination. This, she advised, was
3 dependent upon those having had the education and
4 having met the criteria for licensure substantially
5 equivalent to the Commonwealth's licensure criteria.

6 She asked the Board to consider adding a provision
7 about podiatry graduates that are from countries
8 other than the U.S. and Canada.

9 Dr. William Fetchik asked how it was that the
10 Board or the state could verify that an individual's
11 background testing and education in the practice of
12 podiatry was equivalent to the criteria required for
13 licensure in Pennsylvania. Ms. Keefer stated any
14 individual applying for licensure from a jurisdiction
15 other than Pennsylvania would have to provide
16 information on their application proving their
17 eligibility for licensure in Pennsylvania without
18 examination.

19 Ms. Keefer then remarked on the regulation for
20 section 29.21, under Standards of Ethical Practice,
21 specifically Professional Conduct. She stated this
22 regulation was outdated. The proposed regulation
23 would clarify what conduct under this section would
24 be permitted and what conduct would be prohibited.

25 She first addressed a cleanliness requirement,

1 including but not limited to, the requirement that
2 all equipment must be clean, orderly and in good
3 repair and incorporate minimum infection control
4 standards. Additionally, recordkeeping requirements,
5 destroying past records, could be changed from every
6 seven years to five years.

7 She addressed the regulation as to what is
8 prohibited behavior, including but not limited to,
9 incompetent service performance, abandoning a
10 patient, any verbal or sexual abuse or knowingly
11 allowing a non-licensed individual to provide
12 services that do require licensure. Other changes to
13 the included deleting current confidentiality and
14 professional courtesy obligations as they had been
15 incorporated into other sections of the regulations,
16 advertising provisions which be construed as an
17 advisory opinion, and adding specific definitions for
18 both sexual conduct and sexual harassment.

19 Ms. Keefer then requested the Board make a motion
20 to release this exposure draft.]

21 CHAIRMAN GREENBERG:

22 May I have a motion to accept the
23 exposure draft?

24 MR. HART:

25 So moved.

1 DR. SEDA:

2 Second.

3 CHAIRMAN GREENBERG:

4 Roll call.

5

6 Eric Greenberg, approve; Christopher
7 Seda, aye; William Fetchik, approve;
8 Arion Claggett, aye; Walker Kmetz, aye;
9 Edwin Hart, aye.

10 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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12 Report of Board Counsel - Review of Stakeholder List
13 [Ashley Keefer, Esquire, suggested a review of the
14 stakeholder list. She stated there was one update
15 needed for PPMA. The name Michael Davis had been
16 changed to Michael Barth. She further stated, if
17 anyone else should want to be added to the
18 stakeholder list, please inform the Board.]

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20 Report of the Board Chair - No Report

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22 Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

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24 Report of Board Administrator - No Report

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1 Applications for Licensure - None

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3 Continuing Education Program Approval - None

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5 For the Boards Information / Discussion

6 [Chairperson Greenberg announced the Board meeting

7 dates for the remainder of 2025 and year 2026:

8 October 22nd, December 17th, February 18th, 2026,

9 April 15th, June 17th, August 19th, October 28th and

10 December 16th.

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12 Old Business / New Business

13 [Dr. Seda discussed paying for the MCare Fund when it

14 was supposed to have been stopped years ago. Chair

15 Greenberg advised that he did not know if that was a

16 part of the duties of the Board, but he agreed with

17 Dr. Seda. He suggested that perhaps Mike Barth, a

18 stakeholder, could look into this situation further.

19 Dr. Fetchik questioned the status of certain

20 regulations, such as the prescription medication

21 regulation and the radiology procedure regulation.

22 Ms. Keefer replied that those regulations were being

23 worked on by regulators and Regulatory Counsel.

24 Mr. Davis had no update other than what Ms.

25 Keefer had stated already, but he stated the

1 regulations were moving forward. Chair Greenberg
2 asked if there might be an estimated or foreseeable
3 time when Mr. Davis could comment on the progress.
4 Mr. Davis replied that there was a very good chance
5 that the radiologic procedures regulation could move
6 to be published as proposed within the next three
7 months.

8 Dr. Fetchik brought up the records retention
9 regulation, stating the regulation was different in
10 the MDDO offices. He stated that records for
11 pediatrics still needed to be kept until the patient
12 was 20 or 21 years old. Ms. Keefer added that the
13 Medical Board still had to keep their patient records
14 for seven years.]

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16 Adjournment

17 DR. HART:

18 Motion to adjourn.

19 DR. SEDA:

20 Second.

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22 [There being no further business, the State Board of
23 Podiatry Meeting adjourned at 10:58 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.



Allison Walker,

Minute Clerk

Sargent's Court Reporting
Service, Inc.

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TIME	AGENDA
10:00	Executive Session
10:30	Return to Open Session
10:30	Official Call to Order
10:31	Introduction of Board Members/Attendees
10:32	Approval of Minutes
10:35	Report of Board Counsel
10:53	Old Business / New Business
10:58	Adjournment