

Board of Registration of Podiatry
Meeting held by video conference and phone
DATE: January 10, 2023
Public Session Minutes

A public meeting of the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Podiatry (“the Board”) was held via Videoconference and Conference Call pursuant to Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, signed into law on February 12, 2022.

Board Members Present by Phone/Video:

LeRoy Kelley, DPM Chair
Harry Schneider, DPM
Raymond Murano, DPM Secretary

Admin. Staff Present by Phone/Video:

Sheila York, Board Counsel
Thomas Burke, Executive Director

Board Members Not Present by Phone/Video

Felix Martinez, PhD Public Member

Members of the Public Present by Phone/Video:

Mark Malloy, Esq.

I. Housekeeping Matters and Evacuation Procedures

- Roll Call for attendance:
Dr. Murano, the Board Chair, observing a quorum of board members conducted a roll call of board members present via phone or computer audio and opened the meeting at 10:07 AM. **Dr. Murano present by video; Dr. Schneider present by video; Dr. Kelley present by audio.**
- Introductions:
Board members and staff introduced themselves at the inaugural meeting of the Podiatry Board at the Department of Public Health.

II. Vote on Minutes:

- November 1, 2022 Public Meeting Minutes:
Dr. Murano moved to accept the public minutes of the November 1, 2022 Board Meeting. Dr. Kelley seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote: Dr. Murano – “Yes”; Dr. Schneider – “Yes”; Dr. Kelley – “Yes”.

III. New Items:

- **Board Chair**
No report.

- **Executive Director, Thomas Burke’s report to the board:**
Mr. Burke reported that the Bureau of Health Professions Licensure (“BHPL”) successfully implemented the new electronic licensing system and Board staff have assisted podiatrists with setting up their new license accounts. In response to Board inquiry, Mr. Burke noted that the new electronic system will send email renewal reminders beginning ninety days out from the renewal deadline.
- **Board Counsel Report:**
No report
- **Board Business:** Dr. Moharan Petition for Reinstatement of License to Non-Disciplinary Status – Tabled to end of public meeting.
- **Correspondence:**
Kathleen O’Keefe, DPM letter, dated 12/15/22 re: NH license – Read and filed. No action taken.
- **Open session for topics not reasonably anticipated by the chair 48 hours in advance of meeting.**
 - Board members noted that they had received an inquiry from a podiatrist regarding a hospital’s denial of privileges. Ms. York reported that after consulting with her, Board staff responded to the licensee explaining that the matter is not within the Board’s jurisdiction. The Board instructed the Executive Director to include the topic of credentialing and insurance on the agenda for the subsequent meeting.
 - Mr. Burke reported that as of the Board meeting, thirty-three podiatrists are in lapsed licensure status.
 - Mr. Molloy of Cascade Strategies stated that he will notify outside stakeholders to send license renewal reminders.

IV. Executive Session - [Closed Session]

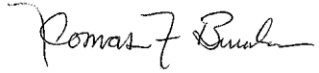
At 10:35 a.m., Dr. Murano moved to exit open session and enter Executive Session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(7) to protect the confidentiality of medical records and an individual’s right to privacy in compliance with M.G.L. c. 4, § 7, para. 26(c) and M.G.L. c. 214, § 1B, and not return to the public meeting. Dr. Kelley seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote: Dr. Murano – “Yes”; Dr. Schneider – “Yes”; Dr. Kelley – “Yes”.

See separate minutes for Executive Session

V. Adjournment

At 10:48 am, Dr. Kelley moved to adjourn the public meeting. Dr. Schneider seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Dr. Murano – “Yes”; Dr. Schneider – “Yes”; Dr. Kelley – “Yes”.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas F. Burke, Executive Director

List of Documents Used at the Public Meeting:

1. Agenda for January 10, 2023 meeting
2. Public Session Minutes for November 1, 2022
3. Correspondence from K. O’Keefe, dated 12/15/22