

Board of Registration of Podiatry
Meeting held by video conference and phone
DATE: November 14, 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 section 40 of chapter 2 of the acts of 2023, signed into law on March 29, 2023.

Board Members Present by Phone/Video:

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

Admin. Staff Present by Phone/Video:

Sheila York, Board Counsel
Thomas Burke, Executive Director
Margaret McKenna, Board Staff

Board Members Not Present by Phone/Video

Felix Martinez, PhD Public Member

Members of the Public Present by Phone/Video:

Mark Molloy, Esq.
Dr. Rebecca Caulder DPM

I. Housekeeping Matters and Evacuation Procedures

- Roll Call for attendance:
Dr. Kelley, 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 10:02 AM. **Dr. Murano present by audio; Dr. Schneider present by audio; Dr. Kelley present by audio.**

II. Vote on Minutes:

- October 10, 2023 Public Meeting Minutes:
Dr. Murano moved to accept the public minutes of the October 10, 2023 Board Meeting. Dr. Schneider 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:**
No report.

- **Board Counsel Report**
No report.

IV. Board Business:

- **2024 Board Meeting Dates**
Read and filed.

- **Policy – Delegation of Authority for Staff Actions Relative to Monitoring Licensure Conditions – VOTE**

Ms. York presented a proposed policy to the board for Delegation of Authority for Staff Actions Relative to Monitoring Licensure Conditions. She explained that the goal of the policy is to standardize monitoring procedures and formalize actions that the probation monitor – currently the executive director – may take in consultation with board counsel. The policy would authorize the executive director, for example, to issue notices of violation to the monitored licensee and provide opportunity to cure. If the monitored licensee does not come into compliance, the matter will come before the board for potential disciplinary action. Ms. York noted that within one year, the DPH probation monitoring unit may be assuming responsibility for tracking monitoring. The director will provide updates.

Dr. Kelley moved to approve and accept the policy. Dr. Murano seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote: by a roll call vote: Dr. Murano – “Yes”; Dr. Schneider– “Yes”; Dr. Kelley – “Yes”.

V. Board Discussion
None.

Open session for topics not reasonably anticipated by the chair 48 hours in advance of meeting.

Attorney Mark Molloy of Cascade Strategies on behalf of the Massachusetts Foot and Ankle Society (MFAS) notified the board that house bill 3606 is currently before the legislature. The bill would prohibit individuals not licensed as medical doctors from using the term “surgeon.” He introduced Dr. Rebecca Calder, an MFAS trustee, who provided brief comments on how the legislation would affect licensed podiatrists in Massachusetts. The board discussed that the bill could negatively impact podiatrists who perform surgery and residents who are in “podiatric medicine and surgery” residencies.

At 10:15 a.m., Dr. Murano made a motion, seconded by Dr. Schneider, to adjourn the public meeting and to enter into closed session to conduct investigatory conference, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 112, §65C, and at the conclusion of the closed session, not return to the public meeting.

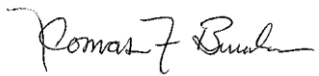
I. Investigative Matters and Settlement Offers - [Closed Session Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C]:

- CASE-2023-0124 – Dismissed.

II. Adjournment

At 10:28 am, Dr. Schneider moved to adjourn the public meeting. Dr. Murano 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 November 14, 2023 meeting
2. Public session minutes for October 10, 2023 meeting
3. 2024 meeting dates
4. Policy on Delegation of Authority for Staff Actions Relative to Monitoring Licensure Conditions