

**Board of Registration of Podiatry
Minutes of the February 11, 2020 Public Meeting
1000 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02118
Room 1C**

Board Members Present:

LeRoy Kelley, DPM Chair
Raymond Murano, DPM Secretary
Bruce Bonnell, MD Member
Kenneth Leavitt, DPM Member

Admin. Staff Present at Various Times:

Michael Hawley, Executive Director
Sheila York, Board Counsel

Board Members Absent

Felix Martinez, PhD Public Member

I. Housekeeping Matters and Evacuation Procedures

Dr. Kelley, the Board Chair, observing a quorum of board members to be physically present, opened the meeting at 10:03 am.

Executive Director, Michael Hawley informed attendees of the evacuation procedures.

II. Vote on Minutes:

- January 14, 2019 Meeting Minutes:
Dr. Murano moved to accept the minutes of the January 14, 2019 Board Meeting.
Dr. Bonnell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. New Items:

- a. **Board Chair**
Nothing to report.
- b. **Executive Director Report:**
 - 1) Nothing to report.
- c. **Board counsel, Sheila York's report to the board:**
 - i. Update on proposed regulation changes. Attorney York updated the board on the progress of proposed regulation changes. She asked for the Board's input regarding potential changes to the reinstatement language. She will draft proposed revisions and submit to the Board for further review.

- d. **Renewals:** Mr. Hawley updated the board on the success of the online renewal process. He reported that there have been increases in the number of lapsed licenses for two years in a row. This increase coincides with the implementation of the MassHealth licensure requirement. A significant number of the lapses are for licensees who do not reside in Massachusetts. However there are number of lapsed licenses for Massachusetts residents. Mr. Hawley indicated that he is undertaking to review all of this year's applications in order to check the answers to the attestation questions.
- e. **Compliance Monitoring:**
 - i. Dr. Moharan update: Mr. Hawley reported that Dr. Moharan's licensure status has been updated in accordance with the board's decision at the January 14, 2020 board meeting. Mr. Hawley also informed the board that Dr. Moharan has selected Dr. Rutowicz as his monitor.
- f. **Open session for topics not reasonably anticipated by the chair 48 hours in advance of meeting.**

V. Investigative Session - Closed Session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 112, Section 65C:
At 10:15 am, Dr. Bonnell moved to enter investigative session [Closed Session pursuant M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C] to discuss the following new cases: PD 2019-001309-it-enf and PD 2019-001416-it-enf. Dr. Murano seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Kelley recused and left the meeting at 10:32, taking no part in the discussion of 2019-001309-it-enf.

At the end of the closed session, open session resumed.

During the closed session, the board took the following actions:

- PD 2019-001416-it-enf Dismissed with advisory.
- PD 2019-001309-it-enf Dismissed. Dr. Kelley recused from this matter.

At 10:39 am, Dr. Bonnell moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Leavitt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael Hawley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Michael Hawley, Executive Director

List of Documents Used at the Public Meeting:

1. Agenda dated February 11, 2020
2. Draft of minutes from January 14, 2019 Podiatry Board meeting.