

**Board of Registration of Podiatry
Minutes of the February 9, 2021 Public Meeting
Held by Video and Telephone Conference**

Board Members Present by Phone/Video:

Raymond Murano, DPM Chair
LeRoy Kelley, DPM Secretary
Felix Martinez, PhD Public Member

Admin. Staff Present by Phone/Video:

Esther Laine, Deputy Commissioner
Sheila York, Board Counsel
Thomas F. Burke, Associate Exec. Director

Board Members Absent:

Kenneth Leavitt, DPM Member

Members of the Public Present by Phone/Video:

Mark Molloy

I. Housekeeping Matters and Evacuation Procedures

Dr. Murano, the Board Chair, observing a quorum of board members to be present via phone, opened the meeting at 10:04 am. Dr. Murano requested an update of current Board officers be added to the Board website.

Evacuation procedures not required since meeting was held remotely.

II. Vote on Minutes:

- December 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes:

Dr. Kelley moved to accept the minutes of the December 8, 2020 Board Meeting.

Dr. Murano seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote: Dr. Murano – “Yes”; Dr. Kelley – “Yes”; Dr. Martinez – “Yes”

III. New Items:

a. Board Chair

Nothing to report.

b. Associate Executive director, Thomas Burke’s report to the board:

Mr. Burke announced Michael Hawley’s retirement.

c. Board counsel, Sheila York’s report to the board:

No Update.

d. Discussion:

i. **Podiatry Limited Licensure: COVID-19 Impact on Prospective Residents**

In light of concerns that individuals may be unable or unwilling to travel to take the APMLE Part II CSPE exam, the Board instructed counsel to create a temporary policy to defer the Part II CSPE exam requirement until the end of a limited licensee's residency. The policy would permit prospective residents who submit applications prior to September 1, 2021, to apply for limited licensure prior to completion of the clinical exam requirement. Because completion of Part II CSPE is required for full licensure in podiatry, however, the requirement must be fulfilled at some point during the three-year residency and before the resident applies for full licensure. The Board instructed Mr. Burke to follow up with residency programs that contacted Board staff on this topic.

ii. **Vaccine administration and scope of practice**

Because the Department of Public Health ("DPH") defers to licensing Boards to determine suitability of vaccine administration and vaccine administration is within the scope of practice for podiatrists in Massachusetts, the Board took the following action:

Dr. Kelley moved to allow licensed podiatrists to administer vaccines related to COVID-19 for patients who reside in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Dr. Murano seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Dr. Murano – "Yes"; Dr. Kelley – "Yes"; Dr. Martinez – "Yes".

Dr. Kelley moved to allow licensed podiatrists to administer all vaccines (e.g. flu vaccine) to patients who reside in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The motion passed by roll call vote: Dr. Murano – "Yes"; Dr. Kelley – "Yes"; Dr. Martinez – "Yes"

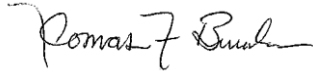
e. **Open session for topics not reasonably anticipated by the chair 48 hours in advance of meeting.**

Mr. Molloy inquired of the Board if vaccine administration will be codified as Board policy. Attorney York responded that she will document the Board's votes in a position statement which can be distributed to agencies such as DPH and interested parties.

The Board agreed that the next meeting will be held on March 9, 2021.

At 10:18 am, Dr. Kelley moved to adjourn the public meeting. Dr. Martinez seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Dr. Murano – “Yes”; Dr. Kelley – “Yes”; Dr. Martinez – “Yes”

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas Burke, Associate Executive Director

List of Documents Used at the Public Meeting:

1. Agenda dated February 9, 2021
2. Draft of minutes from December 12, 2020 Podiatry Board meeting.
3. Email, dated 2/4/21 from Heather M. Stagliano, DHS requesting comment on CPME Call for Comment Period
4. Email, dated 1/28/21 from Lisa Best, requesting comment on impact of COVID-19 on prospective residents