Board of Registration in Podiatry Meeting held by video conference and phone DATE: April 8, 2025 General Session Minutes

A public meeting of the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Podiatry ("the Board") was held via WebEx.

Board Members Present by Phone/Video:

LeRoy Kelley, DPM Chair Raymond Murano, DPM Secretary Harry Schneider, DPM Justin Holtzman, MD

Admin. Staff Present by Phone/Video:

Jacqueline Petrillo, Board Counsel Thomas Burke Executive Director Maggie McKenna, Program Coordinator Lisa Park, Board Intern

Board Members Not Present by Phone/Video

None

Administrative Tasks

• 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, Dr. Schneider, and Dr. Holtzman – all present by video; Dr. Kelley present by audio.

Board Business

- Review April 8, 2025 General Session Agenda
 Dr. Kelley moved to accept the general session agenda of the February 11, 2025
 board meeting. Dr. Murano seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Dr.
 Murano "Yes"; Dr. Schneider "Yes"; Dr. Kelley "Yes"; Dr. Holtzman "Yes".
- Review January 14, 2025, General Session Minutes:
 Dr. Kelley moved to accept the general session minutes of the January 14, 2025 board meeting. There was no second motion or roll call vote.
- Review February 11, 2025, General Session Minutes: Dr. Murano moved to accept the general session minutes of the February 11, 2025 board meeting. Dr. Schneider seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Dr. Murano – "Yes"; Dr. Schneider – "Yes"; Dr. Kelley – "Yes"; Dr. Holtzman "Yes".

• Hybrid meetings for board members

Board counsel reviewed procedures for remote participation at board meetings per 940 CMR 29.10. If amendments to the Open Meeting Law in place since March 2020 are not extended, the Board may no longer conduct meetings with all board members participating remotely. Counsel advised the Board to authorize the use of hybrid participation in meetings to allow for limited remote participation by those board members not necessary for quorum.

Dr. Murano moved to authorize hybrid participation by the Board of Registration in Optometry in any and all public meetings pursuant to 240 CMR 29.10 seconded by Dr. Kelley. The motion passed by roll call vote: Dr. Murano – "Yes"; Dr. Schneider – "Yes"; Dr. Kelley – "Yes"; Dr. Holtzman "Yes".

- Presentation on the Unified Recovery and Monitory Program (URAMP)
 - Unified Recovery and Monitoring Program (URAMP) Operational Policy 24-08 VOTE

Ed Taglieri presented the Unified Recovery and Monitoring Program (URAMP) Operational Policy 24-08. The policy establishes standards for podiatrists to enter into a non-disciplinary consent agreement with the Board for URAMP participation. **After discussion, Dr. Kelley moved to approve and authorize the URAMP operational policy 24-08. Dr. Schneider seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Dr. Murano – "Yes"; Dr. Schneider – "Yes"; Dr. Kelley – "Yes"; Dr. Holtzman "Yes".**

Proposed Generic Practice and Supervision Criteria – VOTE

Mr. Taglieri presented an outline of generic practice restrictions and supervisor qualifications for participants in URAMP. He noted that at subsequent meetings the board may choose to adapt work restrictions and supervisor qualifications to align more closely with the practice of podiatry. After discussion, Dr. Murano moved to approve and authorize the URAMP generic practice restrictions and supervisor qualifications dated 1/21/2025. Dr. Kelley seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Dr. Murano – "Yes"; Dr. Schneider – "Yes"; Dr. Kelley – "Yes"; Dr. Holtzman "Yes".

- Massachusetts Foot and Ankle Society (MFAS) legislative update
 - Dr. Anthony Tichner, President MFAS, Dr. Frank Campo, Past president, Mark Molloy, Cascade Strategies, LLC

Attorney Mark Molloy of Cascade Strategies provided the Board an update on pending legislation filed by the Massachusetts Foot & Ankle Society (MFAS) on podiatric practice and continuing education, as well as legislation filed by MFAS in conjunction with the American Diabetes Association (ADA) on amputation prevention.

Adjournment of general session meeting

At 10:33 a.m. Dr. Kelley moved to adjourn the general session meeting. Dr. Holtzman seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Dr. Murano – "Yes"; Dr. Schneider – "Yes"; Dr. Kelley – "Yes"; Dr. Holtzman "Yes".

Move to Executive Session

At 10:23 a.m. Dr. Kelley moved to enter executive session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(1) for the purpose of discussing the reputation, character, physical condition, or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual. Dr. Schneider seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Dr. Murano – "Yes"; Dr. Schneider – "Yes"; Dr. Kelley – "Yes"; Dr. Holtzman "Yes".

Respectfully submitted,

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Thomas F. Burke, Executive Director

List of Documents Used at the Public Meeting:

- February April 8, 2025 general session agenda
- January 14, 2025 general session minutes
- February 11, 2025 general session minutes
- 940 CMR 29.10
- URAMP Generic Practice and Supervision Criteria
- URAMP Operational Policy 24-08 Staff Action Policy Final Draft 12.16.2024 (002)