

Board of Registration of Podiatry
Meeting held by video conference and phone
DATE: April 13, 2021
Public Session Minutes

A public meeting of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Podiatry (“the Board”) was held via Videoconference and Conference Call due to the Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, § 20.

Board Members Present by Phone/Video:

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

Admin. Staff Present by Phone/Video:

Sheila York, Board Counsel
Thomas F. Burke, Associate Exec. Director

Members of the Public Present by Phone/Video:

Murano Martinez

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 10:11 am. Dr. Murano welcomed Harry P. Schneider, DPM, of Cambridge Health Alliance and Assistant Professor of Surgery at Harvard Medical School as new member of the Board.

Evacuation procedures not required since meeting was held remotely.

II. Vote on Minutes:

- February 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes:
Dr. Kelley moved to accept the minutes of the February 9, 2021 Board Meeting. Dr. Murano seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote: Dr. Murano – “Yes”; Dr. Kelley – “Yes”; Dr. Martinez – “Yes”; Dr. Schneider – “Abstained”.

III. New Items:

- a. **Board Chair**
Nothing to report.
- b. **Associate Executive director, Thomas Burke’s report to the board:**
Mr. Burke announced that Casey Yebba is the new administrative assistant to the Board.

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

Ms. York reported that after this Board voted that administration of vaccines is within scope of practice of podiatrists, the Department of Public Health ("DPH") provided guidance recognizing podiatrists as authorized to administer COVID-19 vaccines. That guidance is available on DPH's website.

d. **Compliance Monitoring.**

i. Moharan:

Dr. Murano moved to approve Dr. Moharan's third monitoring report. Dr. Kelley seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote: Dr. Murano – "Yes"; Dr. Kelley – "Yes"; Dr. Martinez – "Yes"; Dr. Schneider – "Yes".

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

The Board agreed that the next meeting will be held on May 11, 2021.

IV. Executive Session:

At 10:25 a.m., Dr. Kelley moved to exit open session and enter executive session under G. L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(7), to comply with the provisions of the public record law, G. L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(7), ¶ 26(a) and to preserve the confidentiality of criminal record information pursuant to G. L. c. 6, § 172; and then to enter into Quasi-Judicial Session under G.L. c. 30A, § 18(d), after which the Board will enter in Closed Session pursuant to G.L. c. 112, §65C, and the Open Meeting would not resume. Dr. Murano seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote: Dr. Murano – "Yes"; Dr. Kelley – "Yes"; Dr. Martinez – "Yes"; Dr. Schneider – "Yes".

See separate minutes for Executive Session.

V. Quasi-judicial Session:

During the quasi-judicial session, the Board voted to take the following action:

- 2019-000682-IT-ENF – Accepted Tentative Decision as Final Decision and Order

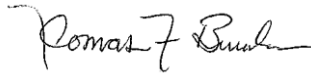
VI. Complaints and Investigative Matters:

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

- AL review – voted to open investigation.
- 2020-001694-IT-ENF – Dismissed.
- 2020-000738-IT-ENF – Dismissed. Dr. Kelley recused himself from deliberations and left the meeting.
- 2020-001102-IT-ENF – Drs. Kelley and Schneider did not participate in this matter. Tabled.

At 11:24 am, Dr. Murano moved to adjourn the public meeting. Dr. Martinez seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Dr. Murano – “Yes”; Dr. Schneider – “Yes”; Dr. Martinez – “Yes”

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas Burke, Associate Executive Director

List of Documents Used at the Public Meeting:

1. Agenda dated April 13, 2021
2. Draft of minutes from February 9, 2021 Podiatry Board meeting.