

Board of Registration of Podiatry
Meeting held by video conference and phone
DATE: May 9, 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:

Raymond Murano, DPM Chair
LeRoy Kelley, 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 Malloy, Esq.

I. Housekeeping Matters and Evacuation Procedures

- i. Roll Call for attendance:
Dr. Murano, 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 10:00 AM. **Dr. Murano present by video; Dr. Schneider present by video; Dr. Kelley present by audio.**

II. Vote on Minutes:

- April 11, 2023 Public Meeting Minutes:
Dr. Murano moved to accept the public minutes of the April 11, 2023 Board Meeting. Dr. Kelley 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.

- i. **Discussion:**

i. Limited License application update

The Executive Director informed the Board that limited license applications will be transmitted electronically to the new eLicensing system at DPH. The ED is scheduled to meet with the Board vendor, Professional Credential Services, Inc. (PCS) and software developers to test for accurate transmission of applications. Mr. Burke and his staff will continue to communicate with program coordinators to ensure a smooth transition to the new system. Podiatric residents will receive their license card and certificate electronically and they will be encouraged to share the certificate and initial license letter with hospital administrative staff. The ED will provide additional update at the June 2023 meeting.

ii. Number of CME hour requirement

The Board discussed the new requirement for Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)-registered practitioners to complete a one-time eight-hour training on the treatment and management of patients with opioid or substance abuse disorders and whether the new requirement should increase the number of continuing medical education hours that Massachusetts podiatrists complete each renewal period. The Board noted that podiatrists in Massachusetts already complete one hour of continuing medical education in pain management and any change to current CME requirements would require a change to the Board's regulations. Current regulation 249 CMR 3.05 based on General Law chapter 112, section 16 requires no less than fifteen CME credits per renewal period. Ms. York stated that any change to the number of CME credits would require a change to the Board's regulations. The Board then instructed the Executive Director to post the notice of the new DEA requirement to the Board website. No vote was taken.

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

The Board requested an update on the use of nurse practitioners in podiatric offices. Ms. York stated that she received written guidance from the Nursing Board that nurse practitioners may work under their own scope of practice with limitations. She noted that she shared this information with the licensee who inquired about this matter.

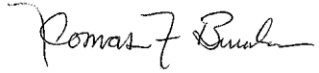
I. Investigative Matters and Settlement Offers - [Closed Session Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C]:

None.

II. Adjournment

At 10:32 am, Dr. Kelley moved to adjourn the public meeting. Dr. Schneider 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 May 9, 2023 meeting
2. Public Session Minutes for April 11, 2023 meeting
3. MATE training letter
4. DEA approved training announcement