

**Board of Registration of Podiatry**  
**Meeting held by video conference and phone**  
**DATE: June 8, 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  
Harry Schneider, DPM  
Felix Martinez, PhD Public Member

**Admin. Staff Present by Phone/Video:**

Sheila York, Board Counsel  
Thomas F. Burke, Executive Director

**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 10:02 am.

Evacuation procedures not required since meeting was held remotely.

**II. Vote on Minutes:**

- May 11, 2021 Public Meeting Minutes:

**Dr. Kelley moved to accept the public minutes of the April 13, 2021 Board Meeting.**

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

**III. New Items:**

**a. Board Chair**

Tabled discussion on policy for Part II clinical requirements to discussion topic.

**b. Executive Director, Thomas Burke’s report to the board:**

Mr. Burke reported that the Board will return to in-person meetings following the end of the State of Emergency on June 15, 2021. He noted that there is pending legislation to extend the waiver to the Open Meeting Law. The extension will permit the Board to continue to meet via electronic means until April 1, 2022. In response to Ms. York’s question, the Board responded unanimously that it would

prefer to meet via electronic means. Mr. Burke reported that staff has received twelve applicants for limited licensure. He will work with PCS and program coordinators to ensure a smooth licensure process.

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

Ms. York reported that the proposed regulations have been submitted to DPL's General Counsel and Commissioner for approval.

d. **Compliance Monitoring.**

- i. Moharan: The board reviewed Dr. Moharan's sixth compliance monitoring report.

**Dr. Murano moved to accept the report. Dr. Kelley seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Dr. Murano – "Yes"; Dr. Kelley – "Yes"; Dr. Martinez – "Yes"; Dr. Schneider – "Yes".**

- ii. Cancelliere: No report. Ms. York and Mr. Burke will follow up.

e. **Discussion.**

- i. Policy on Postponement of Part II Clinical Exam requirement for Limited Licensees

In response to Board counsel's question, the Board agreed to keep policy in place as written and revisit at the following Board meeting.

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

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

**At 11:05 a.m., Dr. Murano moved to exit open session and enter in Closed Session pursuant to G.L. c. 112, §65C, and the Open Meeting would not resume. Dr. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote: Dr. Murano – "Yes"; Dr. Kelley – "Yes"; Dr. Martinez – "Yes".**

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

- JB Counter-Offer 2020-000544-IT-ENF – Dismissed the pending allegations with an advisory letter. Requested that a complaint be opened to investigate other allegations.
- NPDB notification [WW]– Referred to investigations.

At 11:15 a.m., Dr. Schneider recused himself from investigative matters and left the meeting.

- 2020-001102-IT-ENF – Dismissed. Dr. Schneider recused.

**At 11:30 am, Dr. Murano 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,



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Thomas Burke, Executive Director

**List of Documents Used at the Public Meeting:**

1. Agenda dated June 8, 2021
2. Draft public minutes from May 11, 2021 Podiatry Board meeting.