

**Board of Registration of Podiatry**  
**Meeting held by video conference and phone**  
**DATE: September 14, 2021**  
**Public Session Minutes**

**A public meeting of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Podiatry (“the Board”) was held remotely by video conference and telephone pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021: An Act Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted during the State of Emergency signed into law on June 16, 2021.**

**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 10:04 am.

Evacuation procedures not required since meeting was held remotely.

**II. Vote on Minutes:**

- June 8, 2021 Public Meeting Minutes:  
**Dr. Kelley moved to accept the public minutes of the June 8, 2021 Board Meeting. Dr. Martinez 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**  
No discussion.

- b. **Executive Director, Thomas Burke’s report to the board:**  
Mr. Burke reported that the passage of Article 87 legislation became effective on July 19, 2021. As a result, the Board of Registration in Podiatry and twelve other licensing Boards will transfer resources and staff to the Department of Public Health over the next eighteen months. In addition, the agency name has been

changed to the Division of Occupational Licensure (“DOL”). Mr. Burke will provide regular updates to the Board. Mr. Burke reported that as of August 27, 2021, Board staff is complying with the health order for facemasks as required in all indoor public settings in the City of Boston. He noted that staff issued approximately twenty limited licenses to podiatric residents.

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

Ms. York reported that the proposed regulations are under review by the DPL’s General Counsel and Commissioner. She will provide further updates to the Board. Ms. York stated that she will provide legal guidance to the Board on the transfer to the Department of Public Health.

d. **Compliance Monitoring.**

- i. Moharan: The board reviewed Dr. Moharan’s seventh 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. Mr. Burke will make formal request for report from monitor by October 12<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

e. **Discussion.**

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

Mr. Burke reported that the Federation of Podiatric Medical Boards has cancelled the part II clinical exam for the 2021 calendar year. Dr. Schneider confirmed that the exam will not be offered this year and possibly next year. He noted that FPMB is considering an alternative exam.

**After discussion, Dr. Kelley moved to instruct Ms. York to create a position statement suspending the requirement for the clinical Part II exam for Massachusetts applicants and references to the exam be removed from the Board’s regulations. Dr. Murano seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Dr. Murano – “Yes”; Dr. Kelley – “Yes”; Dr. Martinez – “Yes”; Dr. Schneider – “Yes”.**

- ii. Permission to take Part III Exam

The Board instructed staff to allow new applicants (and applicants who require reciprocal analysis) as well as podiatric residents to take the Part III exam as long as residents have passed the Part II written exam.

iii. Residency Expiration Date

The Board instructed staff to request additional documentation from Massachusetts residents seeking to extend the expiration date beyond the three year period. Mr. Burke will provide documentation at the subsequent 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]:**

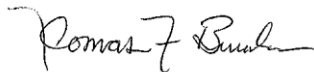
**At 10:36 a.m., Dr. Murano moved to exit open session and enter in Closed Session pursuant to G.L. c. 112, §65C, and the Open Meeting would not resume. Dr. Schneider seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote: Dr. Murano – “Yes”; Dr. Kelley – “Yes”; Dr. Martinez – “Yes”; Dr. Schneider – “Yes”.**

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

- 2021-000375-IT-ENF – Dismissed.
- SP Superior Court Notification – Closed, no action at this time.

**At 10:50 am, Dr. Kelley moved to adjourn the public meeting. Dr. Schneider seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Dr. Murano – “Yes”; Dr. Kelley – “Yes”; Dr. Martinez – “Yes”; Dr. Schneider – “Yes”.**

Respectfully submitted,



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Thomas Burke, Executive Director

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

1. Agenda dated September 14, 2021
2. Draft public minutes from June 8, 2021 Podiatry Board meeting.
3. Compliance Monitoring report, with confidential medical data redacted.