

**Board of Registration of Podiatry
Minutes of the April 10, 2018 Public Meeting
1000 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02118
Room 1C**

Board Members Present:

Raymond Murano, DPM Chair
LeRoy Kelley, DPM Secretary
Bruce Bonnell, MD Member
Kenneth Leavitt, DPM Member

Administrative Staff Present at Various Times:

Michael Hawley, Executive Director
Thomas F. Burke, Assoc. Exec. Director
Sheila York, Board Counsel
Anne Driscoll, Investigator Supervisor

Members of the public Present:

Damien Lucius, DPM
Kimberly Sullivan

I. Housekeeping Matters and Evacuation Procedures

Dr. Murano, the Board Chair, observed a quorum of board members to be present and opened the meeting at 10:00 am.

Executive Director, Michael Hawley informed attendees of the evacuation procedures.

II. Vote on Minutes:

- January 9, 2018 Minutes:
Dr. Bonnell moved to accept the minutes of the January 9 Board Meeting as amended. Dr. Kelley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- February 13, 2018 Minutes:
Dr. Bonnell moved to accept the minutes of the January 9 Board Meeting as amended. Dr. Kelley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. New Items:

a. **Board Chair**

Nothing to report

b. **Executive Director Report:**

- 1) Mr. Hawley reported that the transmission of licenses from the vendor, Professional Credential Services (“PCS”) to the Division of Professional Licensure’s record keeping system seems to be improving. Transmitted records have been processed without error, although there have been relatively few records over the past few months to determine whether the process will continue to work properly.

- 2) Attorney York continues to review and update the application to assure that it reflects the current regulations and processes.
- c. **Board counsel, Sheila York's report to the board:**
- 1) Update on EO 562 regulation changes – Nothing to report.
 - 2) Reciprocity Evaluations – None.
- d. **Discussion:**
- 1) Membership in Federation of Podiatric Medical Boards. The Board received a notice from the federation asking whether the Board intended to continue to be a member. The Board discussed the benefits of continuing membership and asked that the staff request that dues be paid and membership continued. Dr. Leavitt suggested that Attorney York ask the federation if they have any resources to assist with reciprocity evaluations.
- e. **Reinstatement request:**
- 1) Tara Blitz: Mr. Hawley informed the Board that a former licensee, Tara Blitz, whose license had expired in 2010 and had been licensed and working in New York and New Jersey had submitted the necessary documentation to be reinstated and the reinstatement process was proceeding.
- e. **Open session for topics not reasonably anticipated by the chair 48 hours in advance of meeting.**
- 1) The Board received a request from a Canadian podiatrist to work in preceptorship in Massachusetts. The requestor, however, does not appear to meet the requirements for licensure in Massachusetts and, therefore, would not be permitted to practice in this state. Attorney York will seek more information from this individual.
- IV. **Executive Session** – Executive Session: Closed pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(7) to comply with, or act under the authority of, G.L. c. 66, § 10; G.L. c. 4 § 7 para. 26(a) & (c) and G.L. c. 214, s. 1B:

Applicant S.O.: Attorney York noted that the next agenda item involved review of documents containing confidential medical information. **At 10:15 am, Dr. Bonnell moved to enter executive session under M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(7) to comply with, or act under the authority of, G.L. c. 66, § 10; G.L. c. 4 § 7 para. 26(a) & (c) and G.L. c. 214, s. 1B. Dr. Murano seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote: Dr. Murano: "Yes". Dr. Leavitt: "Yes". Dr. Kelley: "Yes". Dr. Bonnell: "Yes".**

The Chair anticipated that executive session would last approximately 10 minutes, followed by a closed investigative session, and that there are no additional public topics on the agenda.

At the end of the executive session, the open meeting resumed.

V. Investigative Session - Closed Session under M.G.L. c. 112, Section 65C:

At 10:25 am, Dr. Kelley moved to enter investigative session [Closed Session under M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C] to discuss open investigative matters: 2017-000924-IT-ENF, 2017-001454-IT-ENF and audit related matters. Dr. Bonnell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At the end of the closed session, the open meeting resumed. Report of action taken during investigative session:

2017-000924-IT-ENF: Forward to office of prosecutions.

2017-001454-IT-ENF: Tabled

Dr. Leavitt moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:08 am. Dr. Bonnell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Hawley, Executive Director

List of Documents Used at the Public Meeting:

1. Agenda dated April 10, 2018
2. Draft of minutes from January 9, 2018 Podiatry Board meeting.
3. Draft of minutes from February 13, 2018 Podiatry Board meeting.
4. Letter from Federation of Podiatric Medical Boards dated 2/27/2018