

**BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

**OPEN SESSION MEETING VIA GOOGLE MEET**

**MINUTES**

**February 11, 2021**

**Open Meeting ID: <https://meet.google.com/gsz-bmfj-zfs?hs=224>**

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**The Public Meeting commenced at 1:02 PM, opened by the Board President, Dr. Yvonne Umezurike.**

**Roll call was initiated by the Board President. By acclamation, all Board members were in attendance.**

**Board members present: Drs. Umezurike, Cohen, Silverman, Gottlieb and Fox**

**Consumer Members present: Ms. Sharon Bunch and Ms. Frona Kroopnick**

**Board staff present: Eva Schwartz, Executive Director, and Elizabeth Kohlhepp, Deputy Executive Director**

**Office of the Attorney General: Rhonda Edwards, AAG, Board Counsel**

**Representing MPMA: Richard Bloch, Esq., Executive Director, and Dr. Jay LeBow, MPMA member**

**Dr. Umezurike cited COMAR 10.01.14.02.B: “Except in instances when a public body expressly invites public testimony, questions, comments, or other forms of public participation, or when public participation is otherwise authorized by law, a member of the public attending an open session may not participate in the session.”**

**A. MINUTES**

**1. Approval of minutes from the January 14, 2021 meeting**

The minutes from the January 14, 2021 meeting were approved unanimously, as submitted.

**B. BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT -Dr. Umezurike**

Dr. Umezurike presented to the Board HB- 1167- Maryland Nondiscrimination in Health Care Coverage Act. The Bill ensures patients’ rights to any and all life saving measures with no discrimination. After discussion the Board took no position on the Bill. Additionally, Dr. Umezurike encouraged everyone to get the COVID19 vaccination.

**C. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT-Eva Schwartz**

Ms. Schwartz informed the Board that the National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners has canceled the Part II Clinical Skills Examination for the Class of 2021. She continued by updating the Board on SB 247 - State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners – Sunset Extension, which is now moving forward to the House. Finally, Ms. Schwartz presented to the Board the following Bills for discussion:

- 1) HB 1006 - Health Occupations – Service Members, Veterans, and Military Spouses – Temporary Licensure, Certification, and Registration

- 2) SB 262 - Department of Information Technology – Study of a Common Information Technology Platform for Health Occupations Boards

After discussion, the Board voted to take no position on both of the Bills.

**D. CME COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT -Dr. Gottlieb**

Dr. Gottlieb had no new CME correspondence to report.

**E. OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. HB 309 – Public Health – Data- Race and Ethnicity Information**

**Letter of Concern withdrawn**

Dr. Umezurike wrote a formal letter of concern from the Board for HB 309 – Public Health – Data – Race and Ethnicity Information. Upon submission, the Board was requested to withdraw the letter.

**2. SB 169/HB 182 – Podiatric Physician**

Dr. Lebow updated the Board on Sb 169/HB 182 – Podiatric Physician. The Bill has passed its first reading, but has not moved to crossed houses. There has been a requested amendment for the Board’s name to be changed to the Maryland Board of Podiatric Physicians that the MPMA did not request. There are no additional hearings scheduled at this time.

**F. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. HB 701 – Child Abuse and Neglect – Training of Health Care Professionals**

The Board received a copy of HB 701 – Child Abuse and Neglect – Training of Health Care Professionals for review. The Bill mandates Board’s to post resources and training on how to recognize child abuse and neglect on their websites. The Board voted to take no position on the Bill.

**2. NPDB Insights**

The Board was given a copy of the National Practitioner Data Bank Insights Newsletter for informational purposes.

**3. Review eligibility for issuance of Full Active Podiatric License:**

**a. Devora Moore, DPM**

The above individually identified licensure candidate was approved unanimously for the issuance of a Full Maryland License.

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business, the Public Session of the Board meeting concluded at 1:40 PM.**

Respectfully submitted by Eva Schwartz, Executive Director, Signature and date \_\_\_\_\_

and Elizabeth Kohlhepp, Deputy Executive Director, Signature and date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature by Frona Kroopnick, Board Secretary/Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_