

BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS

OPEN SESSION MEETING

MINUTES

June 8, 2017

Room 110

The Public Session Meeting commenced at 1:13 PM, opened by Board President, Dr. Philip Cohen.

Board members attending were: Drs. Chattler, Friedman, Gottlieb, and Umezurike. Consumer members present were Ms. Frona Kroopnick and Mr. Jay Boyar.

Board staff present: Eva Schwartz, Executive Director, Ari Elbaum, AAG, Board Counsel, Sheri Henderson, Deputy Executive Director, Elizabeth Amspacher, Licensing Coordinator, and Danielle Vallone, Board Investigator.

Representing DHMH: Brandon Wright, Assistant Director for Health Care Occupations Board, Sharon Bloom, DHMH.

Representing MPMA: Richard Bloch, Esq., Executive Director.

Guests present: Drs. LeBow, and Glazer.

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 May 11, 2017 Meeting

The minutes from the May 11, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously, as submitted.

B. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Proposed Regulations defining what is required to prove 5 years of Practice for a Full License

The Board voted at the previous meeting to propose a new regulation requiring an affidavit during the licensing process to prove five years of active practice immediately preceding the application for licensure, to be acceptable in lieu of the residency affidavit, if the applicant so chooses to apply via this route. The Board decided to hold the submission of these proposed regulations until after the proposed comments period of May 30, 2017, regarding COMAR 10.40.01.05- Examination and Post- Graduate Training Qualifications.

2. Proposed Regulation addressing Active podiatric practice

The Board voted at the previous meeting to propose a regulation to define active practice to be interpreted as requirement of an average 400 working hours of practicing podiatry per year, for consecutive five years. The Board decided to hold the submission of this proposed regulation until after the proposed COMAR 10.40.01.05 Examination and Post- Graduate Training regulation is out of the comments period.

3. PROPOSAL printed: COMAR 10.40.01.05 Examination and Post-Graduate Training

The proposed regulation, COMAR 10.40.01.05 Examination and Post-Graduate Training received no comments, therefore the promulgation process will continue to move forward.

4. Proposal to define in statute the already existing licensure regulations concerning the licensing certification examinations , newly addressed as the American Podiatric Medical Licensure Examinations (APMLE), incorporating the mandated Parts I, II, and III, and administered by the National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners (NBPME), and the Jurisprudence Examination, being administered by the Maryland Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners(MBPME).

The Board decided to correlate the presently existing regulations with proposed language in statute.

5. HB 1432- Limits on Prescribing Opioids-signed into law.

The Board was given a copy of HB-1432- Limits on Prescribing Opioids for informational purposes.

C. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Concept Paper submitted to DHMH regarding the proposal addressed in “Old Business” item # 4; Section 16-302. Qualifications of applicants (e).

The topic was removed from the public agenda and moved to the executive meeting due to the Governor’s Executive privilege to request that Pre-Concept proposed legislation be considered confidential until DHMH would review and approve sponsoring the proposal.

2. WORKPLAN - Regulatory Review & Evaluation Act: COMAR 10.37, 10.38, 10.40--10.44 - Subtitle 40 BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS

The Board was given a copy of the current regulations that fall under the Workplan Regulatory Review and Evaluation Act. These regulations include COMAR 10.37, 10.38, and 10.40-10.44. The Board created a committee consisting of Board President, Phil Cohen, DPM, and Yvonne Umezurike, DPM, to review the regulations and present recommended changes to the Board at the next meeting.

3. Review for eligibility for FULL License:

a. Joseph Bahn, D.P.M.

b. Navid Sadoughi, D.P.M.

c. Cara Dawes, D.P.M.

d. Azuka Olele, D.P.M.

e. Louis DeFazio, D.P.M.

The above identified licensure candidates were approved unanimously for the issuance of a full Maryland License.

With no further business, the Board meeting concluded at 1:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay H. Boyar, Secretary/Treasurer

