

BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS

OPEN SESSION MEETING VIA GOOGLE MEET

MINUTES

July 8, 2021

Location Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/izq-gyee-ysy?hs=224>

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The Public Meeting commenced at 1:07 PM, opened by the Board President, Dr. Yvonne Umezurike.

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

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

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: Dr. Jay LeBow, MPMA member

Representing MDH: Lillian Reese, Legislation and Regulations Coordinator for select Boards and Commissions

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 June 11, 2021 meeting

The minutes from the June 11, 2021 meeting were approved unanimously, as submitted.

B. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT -Dr. Umezurike

Dr. Umezurike discussed that the next licensure renewal will be opening in October 2021 to cover a license valid for 2022-2023. She reiterated that for this renewal only all 50 CME's may be attained online or in person, including the CPR for the non-lapsing certification, HOWEVER, 25 of the CME's, must be specific to podiatric medicine. CPR re-certification may be included as part of this specific CME accrual category.

C. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT-Eva Schwartz

Ms. Schwartz inquired whether or not the Board would consider approving CME requests submitted for Prep courses for Board Specialty exams. The Board agreed that as long as the course has a syllabus and isn't "self-study" CME's will be awarded.

Ms. Schwartz informed the Board that she received a memo regarding a potential upcoming survey from the Secretary and/or MHCC, that will require the gathering of Race and Ethnicity information on licensees.

Ms. Schwartz and the Board expressed their best wishes and numerous thanks and much appreciation for Board member Sharon Bunch, who has completed her four years of service on the Board.

Ms. **Lynne J. Brecker**, RN, Certified Diabetes Care and Education Specialist at Medstar Union Memorial Hospital, was appointed to the Board to serve as a consumer member.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

1. COMAR 10.40.12.01-.06 Telehealth Regulations -BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS

The Board was made aware that the department is working with the Attorney General’s Office as well as the Governor’s Office to rectify verbiage issues within the proposed regulations. The Board cannot vote on the regulation change until the final draft is received.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. FPMB - 2021 Q2 Newsletter

The Board reviewed the Federation of Podiatric Medical Boards Newsletter for informational purposes.

2. FYI- Topics Quarterly Newsletter Volume 36/No.2 Summer 2021 from Gordon, Feinblatt, Rothman, Hoffberger & Hollander, LLC.

The Board received a copy of the Topics Quarterly Newsletter Volume 36/No. 2 Summer 2021 from Gordan, Feinblatt, Rothman, & Hollander, for informational purposes.

3. NPDB Insights

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

H. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the Public Session of the Board meeting concluded at 1:23 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: _____