

BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS

OPEN SESSION MEETING VIA GOOGLE MEET

MINUTES

October 14, 2021

Location Google Meet: <http://meet.google.com/wii-jiyb-pvr>

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The Public Meeting commenced at 1:09 PM, opened by the Board President, Dr. Adam Silverman.

Roll call was initiated by the Executive Director.

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

Consumer Members present: Ms. Frona Kroopnick and Ms. Lynne Brecker, RN

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

Representing MDH: Kim Link, Secretary's Liaison to the Boards and Commissions

Dr. Silverman 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 September 9, 2021 meeting

The minutes from the September 9, 2021 meeting were approved unanimously, as submitted.

B. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Silverman welcomed Consumer Member, Lynne Brecker, to her first Board meeting.

C. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT-Eva Schwartz

Ms. Schwartz discussed that the next licensure renewal will be opening next Wednesday, October 20, 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 the podiatry practice specific CME accrual category.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

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

There are no new updates at this time.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. FPMB 2021 Q3 Newsletter

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

2. Topics Quarterly Newsletter Volume 36/No. 3 Fall 2021 from

Gordon, Feinblatt, Rothman & Hollander

The Board received a copy of the Topics Quarterly Newsletter Volume 36/No. 3 Fall 2021 from Gordon, Feinblatt, Rothman, & Hollander, for informational purposes.

3. Announcements regarding postponement of APMLE Part II CSPE

The Board reviewed an announcement from the Federation of Podiatric Medical Boards regarding the required Part II Clinical Skills Patient Encounter (CSPE) exam and administration problems that are occurring due to the pandemic. The exam is only administered at one location nationally in Pennsylvania, and COVID-19 has impeded safe access to the exam for some students and instructors. On July 15, 2020, the Federation announced that students would have the option to test for the Part II CSPE, at a later date but prior to finishing their residency program. Additionally, students graduating in the year 2021 would have the opportunity to take the Part III exam (PMLexis) prior to completing the Part II CSPE exam.

The new announcement stated that the NBPME was still experiencing difficulties administering the exam. Subsequently, the NBPME was suspending the Exam at this time. The NBPME has begun to look at new alternatives to the CSPE exam, and will keep all the licensing Boards apprised of their progress. The Maryland Board of Podiatry regulations do not address the NBPME Part II CSPE Exam as a specific requirement, but does address that all actively required NBPME examinations must be passed for eligibility to apply for a full Maryland license. The Board voted to follow the NBPME recommendations at this time.

4. 2020-2021 Part II CSPE Bulletin:

<https://www.apmle.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/CSPE-2020-09.24.20.pdf>

The Board reviewed the Part II CSPE Bulletin for informational purposes.

F. OTHER

1. The Board was made aware that the second part of the New Board Member Orientation will be held virtually on October 22, 2021 from 12-1:30 pm. Everyone was encouraged to attend. The Orientation will also be recorded and available to view if someone is not available at the time of the live webinar.

2. Mr. Bloch and Dr. Lebow updated the Board on the ongoing White Paper discussions. The Curry Group has now been working with the AMA for facilitation of the White Paper. The AMA resolution is currently in the House of Delegates. There will be a round table discussion held by the Federation on November 5, 2021. The Federation is requesting that all State Boards' representatives attend the Federation round table discussion.

G. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the Public Session of the Board meeting concluded at 1:37 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: _____