

BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS

OPEN SESSION MEETING VIA GOOGLE MEET

MINUTES

November 18, 2021

Location Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/vjo-utuq-jnf?hs=224>

Join by phone: (US) +1 657-226-0617 (PIN: 195725301)

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. Gottlieb, Umezurike, Silverman, Fox, and Duggirala.

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 October 14, 2021 meeting

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

B. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Silverman had nothing to report at this time.

C. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT-Eva Schwartz

Ms. Schwartz extended appreciation to the Federation of Podiatric Medical Boards for their invitation for her and Dr. Silverman to attend their most recent Federation meeting held on November 5, 2021.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

1. CSPE Licensing Examination Survey

The Board discussed how the CSPE Licensing Exam Part 2, 2 will be suspended for the foreseeable future at this time.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. CME Accrual categories for the 2024-2025 license renewal effective Dec 1, 2021

The Board discussed continuing the current CME guidelines which allow for all 50 CME credits required for renewal of a providers Maryland license to be obtained online, with 25 directly related to podiatry for the 2024-2025 renewal cycle. The Board voted to continue the online CME accrual with one Board member opposed.

2. FPMB Topics- Fall Meeting 2021

Ms. Schwartz, Mr. Bloch and Dr. Lebow updated the Board on the topics discussed at the Federations Round Table meeting which included the ongoing White Paper discussion. The USMLE determined that podiatrists will not meet the education requirements therefore will be ineligible to take the exams. The White Paper also creates a division within a profession which can lead to multiple issues with credentialing and training. Lynn Curry with the Curry Group is working to gather information to create a unified report amongst all professions that will help guide Legislation in regard to the White Paper.

F. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the Public Session of the Board meeting concluded at 1:48 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: _____