

BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS

OPEN SESSION MEETING

MINUTES

October 12, 2017

Room 110

The Public Session Meeting commenced at 1:05 PM, opened by Board President, Dr. Zachary Chattler.

Board members attending were: Drs. Cohen, Friedman, and Umezurike. Consumer member present was Ms. Frona Kroopnick.

Board Members Absent: H. David Gottlieb, DPM and Ms. Sharon Bunch.

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

Representing DOH: Sharon Bloom, DOH.

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

Guests present: Dr. LeBow.

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 July 13, 2017 Meeting

The minutes from the July 13, 2017 meeting were approved with the amendments unanimously, as submitted.

2. Approval of minutes from the September 7, 2017 Meeting

The minutes from the September 7, 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
COMAR 10.40.01.01**

The Board previously voted 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 Regulation is in the promulgation process.

2. Proposed Regulation addressing Active podiatric practice- COMAR 10.40.01.02

The Board previously voted 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 Regulation is in the promulgation process.

3. Proposed Amendment to COMAR 10.40.06- Advertising Regulation

The Board reviewed the proposed amendment made to COMAR 10.40.06- Advertising Regulations, which added to section B line two that a podiatrist can refer to himself or herself as a foot and ankle specialist, or foot and ankle surgeon, or podiatrist. After discussion, the Board voted unanimously to amend the regulation to eliminate line eight and line nine completely.

4. Proposed regulations addressing the implementation of SB 517

The Board was made aware that the process of drafting regulations addressing the implementation of SB 517 is still moving forward. There will be another meeting regarding the regulations on Monday October 16, 2017 that Eva Schwartz, Executive Director will be attending.

C. NEW BUSINESS:

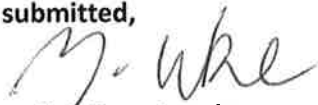
1. Review for eligibility for FULL License:

a. Tomika Coleman, D.P.M.

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

With no further business, the Board meeting concluded at 1:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Yvonne Umezurike, Secretary/Treasurer

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