

Minutes

The Oklahoma State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners met October 20, 2017, in accordance with the Open Meeting Act. The meeting was held at the Hyatt Regency, 100 East 2nd Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Advance notice of this meeting was transmitted to the Oklahoma Secretary of State on November 1, 2016. Subsequently, notice of this amended meeting was transmitted to the Oklahoma Secretary of State on April 11, 2017 and posted on the Board's website on October 18, 2017. The notice and agenda were posted in prominent public view on the front doors of the Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision building located at 101 NE 51st Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and at the Hyatt Regency, 100 East 2nd Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, on October 18, 2017, at 9:30 a.m.

Members present were:

Jody Rose, DPM, Vice-President
Kenneth Golda, DPM, Secretary-Treasurer
Nathan Lashley, DPM
Jeremy Mason, DPM

Members absent were:

Frank Cooper, DPM, President
Vacant - Public Member

Others present were:

Lyle Kelsey, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners

Having noted a quorum, Dr. Rose called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. New board members Nathan Lashley, DPM, and Jeremy Mason, DPM, were welcomed to the Board.

Lyle Kelsey, Executive Director, presented a Board Member Orientation PowerPoint Presentation and gave a brief history of the Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners. The Podiatry Board was created by the legislature in 1934 and its primary goal is to protect the public. The board protects the public in two ways: First, by ensuring individuals applying for podiatric licensure are qualified and meet all the requirements for licensure; and second, to serve as judge and jury in all proceedings against licensees accused of violating the practice act. The board is composed of five practicing podiatrists and one public member. Each member is appointed by the Governor of Oklahoma for a term of five (5) years. All board meetings are governed by the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act and all votes are cast in public. Mr. Kelsey also presented information on licensure applications and renewals, and revenue and expenses. The Board found the information very interesting and helpful and thanked Mr. Kelsey for his presentation.

Next the Board reviewed the minutes of March 25, 2017. Dr. Rose moved to approve the minutes as presented. Dr. Golda seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Following Board review and discussion, Dr. Lashley moved to approve the incomplete application of **DAVID DOWELL** for reinstatement of licensure pending completion of the file. Dr. Mason seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Mr. Kelsey presented information concerning electronic circulation of applications for licensure. He explained that because the Board only meets three times per year, it would be helpful to the applicant if he/she could be licensed without having to wait for the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board. With electronic circularizing, if all members approve the application, the applicant would be granted licensure immediately. If one member holds the application for a personal appearance, then the applicant would be scheduled to appear before the Board. It would require a law change in order to put electronic circulation into effect, but it would be of great benefit to the applicants. Mr. Kelsey stated that, with Board approval, he will work through the OKPMA to get an author for the bill to get legislation passed.

Mr. Kelsey then presented information on moving from a "paper only" system for initial applications and renewals of licensure to an electronic system. This will also require a change in the law, but again, would be of great benefit to the applicants as well as staff. Mr. Kelsey stated that, again with Board approval, he will work with the OKPMA on this issue to get this legislation passed.

Dr. Rose moved to approve Mr. Kelsey moving forward with changing the law as it relates to electronic circulation of applications and moving to an electronic system for initial applications and renewals of licensure to an electronic system. Dr. Golda seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

There being no new business, Dr. Rose adjourned the meeting. The time was 6:06 p.m.