

Minutes

The Oklahoma State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners met on October 26, 2018, in accordance with the Open Meeting Act. The meeting was held at the Sheraton Oklahoma City Downtown Hotel, 1 N. Broadway Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Advance notice of this meeting was transmitted to the Oklahoma Secretary of State on October 10, 2017, and posted on the Board's website on October 25, 2018, at 11:02 a.m. in compliance with 25 O.S. § 311.9.

Members present were:

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

Members absent were:

Vacant Seat – Public Member

Others present were:

Reji Varghese, Deputy Director of the Oklahoma Medical Board
Barbara Smith, Executive Secretary for the Oklahoma Medical Board
Lisa Cullen, Director of Licensing for the Oklahoma Medical Board
Thomas Schneider, Assistant Attorney General and Board Advisor

Having noted a quorum, Dr. Cooper called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

The first item of business was a review of the minutes of the meeting held on May 18, 2018. Dr. Lashley moved to approve the minutes as written. Dr. Golda seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Next, the Board reviewed applications for licensure. Following Board review and discussion, Dr. Rose moved to approve the following incomplete applications for Podiatric Training licensure pending completion of the files. Dr. Lashley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

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Following Board review and discussion, Dr. Lashley moved to table the incomplete application for Podiatric licensure of **MATTHEW NEAL CARSON** pending successfully passing the state written (jurisprudence) and oral licensure examinations. Dr. Rose seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Next, Reji Varghese, Deputy Director, advised that only 62 of the 123 currently licensed podiatrists made use of the online Bill Pay program this year. The State is asking that everyone

use the online Bill Pay for payment purposes. Mr. Varghese then turned the presentation and update over to Michelle Sutton, JD, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Medical Podiatric Association. Ms. Sutton advised that the Governor disapproved the 2018 proposed legislation based on an error regarding electronic circularization of applications for licensure. Mr. Schneider concurred. Ms. Sutton advised there is currently new legislation drafted which includes last year's proposed legislation. The new legislation may also address some current issues with X-ray technicians. She is hopeful the new law will pass and the Board can then promulgate amended rules. No formal action was taken by the Board at this time.

There being no new business, Dr. Rose moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Mason seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. The time was 5:48 p.m.