

Minutes

The Oklahoma State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners met on May 21, 2021. The virtual amended meeting was held consistent with the amendments to the Open Meeting Act, 25 O.S.2011, § 301 *et seq*, signed into law by Governor Stitt on February 10, 2021. Advance notice of this meeting was transmitted to the Oklahoma Secretary of State on November 10, 2020, and posted on the Board's website on May 19, 2021 at 9:17 a.m., in compliance with 25 O.S. § 311.9.

Members participating remotely via the Zoom web conferencing platform:

Nathan Lashley, DPM, President, via teleconference
Jeremy Mason, DPM, Vice-President, via videoconference
Kenneth Golda, DPM, Secretary-Treasurer, via videoconference
Nicole Cupp, DPM, via videoconference
Ms. LaFaye Austin, Public Member, videoconference

Member(s) not participating:

Bradley Nelson, DPM

Others participating remotely via the Zoom web conferencing platform:

Lyle Kelsey, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Medical Board
Sandra Lavenue, 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
Jason Fennell, Network Administrator
Thomas Schneider, Assistant Attorney General and Board Advisor

Having noted a quorum, Dr. Lashley called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Following review, Dr. Golda moved to approve the meeting minutes of March 27, 2021. Dr. Lashley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

The Board then considered nominations for Board Officers pursuant to 59 O.S. § 139:

- Dr. Lashley nominated Dr. Mason to serve as President. Dr. Mason accepted the nomination. Dr. Golda seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.
- Dr. Lashley nominated Dr. Nelson to serve as Vice-President. Dr. Nelson was not in attendance to accept the nomination. If Dr. Nelson does not accept the nomination after being advised, a new nomination will be considered in a future meeting. Dr. Mason seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.
- Dr. Mason nominated Dr. Lashley to serve as Secretary-Treasurer. Dr. Lashley accepted the nomination. Dr. Cupp seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Next, **PATRICIA BOEHLE**, applicant for Podiatric Licensure, appeared virtually in support of her request to sit for the licensure examination. She is a third-year resident in Cincinnati, Ohio, and has accepted an offer of employment with Saint Anthony's Hospital in Oklahoma City, to be a part of their limb salvage program. She contacted our licensing department in March of this year and was told she had missed the deadline to sit for the licensure examination and it would not be offered again until March of 2022. Ms. Boehle advised that, due to her acceptance of the employment offer, her husband has accepted a job in Oklahoma where he is currently employed. Additionally, they have begun building a home here. She would like to take the examination at a special meeting set by the Board or at the meeting which is already set for October. If she is unable to test, she requested a license by reciprocity until she is able to take the Oklahoma examination.

Upon questioning by the Board, Ms. Boehle confirmed that she had signed a contract for employment prior to obtaining a license in Oklahoma. Saint Anthony's would like for her to commence employment in August after she has graduated and become licensed; however, they are willing to hold the position for her until she has obtained Oklahoma licensure. Her hope is that she would not have to wait until March of next year.

The Board expressed concern that she did not contact the licensing department prior to accepting a job in Oklahoma. Dr. Lashley stated that all of the applicants who sat for the licensure exam in March were under the same time constraints and were able to meet the deadlines. Additional concern was expressed that this might set a precedent if the Board were to allow the exam at a time different than when it has been historically administered to accommodate applicants who did not meet the deadlines.

Dr. Lashley moved to deny the request of **PATRICIA BOEHLE** to sit for the licensure exam prior to March of 2022. Dr. Golda seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

There being no further business, Dr. Lashley moved to adjourn the meeting. The time was 5:50 p.m.