

**Georgia State Board of Podiatry Examiners**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**February 1, 2008**

The Georgia State Board of Podiatry Examiners met on Friday, February 1, 2008 at the office of the Professional Licensing Boards, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia, for the purpose of conducting Board business.

**Members Present:**

- Dr. Christoph C. Zenker, President
- Dr. Sarvepalli D. Jokhai
- Dr. William B. Turner
- Ms. Judith G. Sanders

**Staff Present:**

- Lisa Durden, Executive Director
- Graham L. Barron – Assistant Attorney General
- David Higdon – Board Secretary
- Dianne Walker – Applications Specialist

**CALL TO ORDER-** Dr. Zenker established that a quorum was present, and he called the meeting to order at **1:03 p.m.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Zenker motioned; Jokhai seconded, and the motion carried to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. 43-1-19(h) (2) and 43-1-2(k) to deliberate on applications and investigations. Voting in favor of the motion was Dr. Turner.

**In the conclusion of the Executive Session,** the Board returned to Open Session to vote on the matters discussed in Executive Session and to conduct other Board business.

**Agenda Items**

- 1) Dr. Zenker motioned; Dr. Turner seconded, and the Board voted to **approve** the agenda.
- 2) Dr. Turner motioned; Ms. Sanders seconded, and the Board voted to **approve** the minutes of the meeting held on November 2, 2007.
- 3) Board responded to survey by the National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners.
- 4) Dr. Zenker motioned; Dr. Turner seconded, and the Board voted to direct Kathleen Skelly to her malpractice provider or to seek legal counsel in reference to her correspondence asking what should be done with Podiatry records when an office has closed. .

- 5) The Board had previously granted the request from M.L.D. to meet before the Board. M.L.D. did not show up for this scheduled meeting.
- 6) Correspondence from Prometric regarding policy change was viewed as informational.

## REPORTS

### (SOME OF THESE ITEMS WERE CONDUCTED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION)

#### APPLICATIONS

- 1) **E.B.B.** – Dr. Zenker motioned; Dr. Jokhai seconded, and the Board voted to **approve** licensee’s request for an extension of 60 days from February 1, 2008 to complete the Continuing Education requirements.

#### COGNIZANT REPORT

- 1) **POD080005** – Dr. Turner motioned; Ms. Sanders seconded, and the Board voted to request medical records and proof of CMEs.
- 2) **POD080006** – Dr. Zenker motioned; Ms. Sanders seconded, and the Board voted to **dismiss** the case due to insufficient evidence.
- 3) **POD080007** – Dr. Jokhai motioned; Dr. Turner seconded, and the Board voted to request medical records.
- 4) **POD080008** – Dr. Jokhai motioned; Dr. Turner seconded, and the Board voted to **dismiss** the case due to insufficient evidence.
- 5) **POD080010** – Dr. Zenker motioned; Dr. Turner seconded, and the Board voted to **close** the case.

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

- 1) Explained that the new complaint process is now in effect.
- 2) Executive Director has been invited to attend Board of Cosmetology meeting on February 6, 2008 regarding the use of credo blades in nail salons. Board asked that Executive Director go to the meeting to obtain more information.

#### BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT

- 1) No open cases.

#### INVESTIGATIONS’ REPORT

- 1) No Report.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **NEW POLICY**

- 1) Dr. Jokhai motioned; Dr. Turner seconded, and the Board voted to add background checks as a requirement to all Podiatry applications.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Dr. Turner and seconded by Dr. Jokhai, and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 2:27 p.m.

Minutes prepared by David Higdon, Board Secretary  
Minutes edited by Lisa Durden, Executive Director.

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Dr. Christoph C. Zenker  
President

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Lisa Durden  
Executive Director

Minutes approved at the May 2, 2008 meeting.