

**Georgia State Board of Podiatry Examiners
Minutes of Board Meeting
January 27, 2012**

The Georgia State Board of Podiatry Examiners met on Friday, January 27, 2012, at 1:00 p.m., at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia, for the purpose of conducting Board business.

Board Members Present:

Dr. William B. Turner, Vice-Chair
Dr. Leonard LaRussa
Mrs. Judith G. Sanders, Consumer Member

Board Members Absent:

Dr. Rudy Cisco

Administrative Staff Present:

- Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
- Amanda Allen, Board Support Specialist
- Amelia Baker, Assistant Attorney General (via conference call)

Dr. Turner, Vice-Chair established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

Announcements:

- New Board Member Welcome, Oath of Office:
 - Dr. Leonard LaRussa, POD000775 of Americas, GA

Agenda:

Dr. LaRussa motioned, Ms. Sanders seconded, and the Board voted to approve the agenda as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Minutes:

Ms. Sanders motioned, Dr. LaRussa, seconded, and the Board voted to approve the minutes from the following meeting dates as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

- October 21, 2011
- November 16, 2011-Conference Call

Correspondences:

- Dennis and Kathy Kathcart, Hyperbaric Oxygen Technologies, Inc., and Ginger Palmer, Atlantic Feet

Ms. Sanders motioned, Dr. LaRussa seconded, and the Board voted to allow the administrative staff to respond to all correspondences presented to the Board as directed. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Director's Report:

1. Mr. Zimmerman notified the Board that two of the remaining 2012 scheduled Board meetings will be Conference Calls.

- April 20, 2012
- October 19, 2012

2. Board Policy: Applications reviewed between meetings.

Ms. Sanders motioned, Dr. LaRussa seconded, and the Board voted to allow Dr. Turner, Vice-Chair, to review all completed applications meeting licensure criteria between Board meetings for issuance. A listing of licenses issued between meetings will be ratified at the next meeting. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. LaRussa motioned, Ms. Sanders seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Executive Director's report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Rule Discussion:

RULE 500-5-.01 General Requirements

Dr. LaRussa motioned, Ms. Sanders seconded, and the Board voted to post the proposed amendments for a Public Hearing to Rule 500-5-.01 General Requirements, for the 30-day minimum requirement upon the receipt of the memo of authority from Amelia Baker, AAG.

Rule 500-5-.02 Reporting and Auditing

Ms. Sanders motioned, Dr. LaRussa seconded, and the Board voted to post the proposed amendments for a Public Hearing to Rule 500-5-.02 Reporting and Auditing, for the 30-day minimum requirement upon the receipt of the memo of authority from Amelia Baker, AAG.

Rule 500-5-.03 Approval of Providers and Sponsors

After an in-depth discussion, the Board voted to table any proposed amendments to Rule 500-5-.03 Approval of Providers and Sponsors, until the next scheduled meeting.

Executive Session:

Ms. Sanders motioned, Dr. LaRussa seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k) (1) (2), O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1), O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2-(k) (4), O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19 (h) (2) & (4) to receive and review information pertaining to Applications, receive the Attorney General's, Cognizant, and Enforcement Reports. Voting in favor of the motion were those Board members present: Turner, LaRussa and Sanders.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, January 27, 2012, Dr. Turner declared the meeting to be "open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq.

Applications:

Ms. Sanders motioned, Dr. LaRussa seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on applicants applying for licensure by Application:

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| 1. J.G. | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 2. Jones, Travis | Approved for licensure |
| 3. Matthews, Aliya | Approved for licensure |
| 4. Monis, Trina | Approved for licensure |
| 5. Naglich, Sarah | Approved for licensure |
| 6. Samek, Bridget | Approved for licensure |
| 7. Schwartz, Jaclyn | Approved for licensure |
| 8. Vu, Vietanh | Approved for licensure |

Approved Licensees:

Ms. Sanders motioned, Dr. LaRussa seconded, and the Board voted to ratify the following applications approved between meetings determined to have met licensure requirements as follows:

License No.	Licensee	Issue Date
POD001177	Tucker, Daniel Jay	10-24-2011
POD001178	Do, Jacinata Tu Tram Sy	10-24-2011
POD001179	Timpano, Eugene David	10-24-2011
POD001180	Giakoumis, Matrona	10-24-2011
POD001181	Moore, Kevin Emmanuel	10-24-2011
POD001182	Sich, George III	10-24-2011

Cognizant Report:

Dr. Turner provided the Board with an updated status on all open complaint cases.

Compliant cases pending the receipt of additional information:

- POD120010, POD120011, POD120012, POD120013 and POD120014

Compliant cases closed:

- POD120003, POD120004, POD120006, POD120007 and POD120009

Complaint cases referred to the Attorney General's Office:

- POD110010

Complaint cases tabled for further review:

- POD110018

Ms. Sanders motioned, Dr. LaRussa seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Cognizant report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Attorney General's Report:

No written report was presented

Additional Board Business:

1. 2012 Board Officer Elections
 - a. **Dr. LaRussa motioned, Ms. Sanders seconded, and the Board voted to elect Dr. Turner as Chair. None opposed, motion carried.**
 - b. **Dr. LaRussa motioned, Dr. Turner seconded, and the Board voted to elect Ms. Sanders as Vice-Chair. None opposed, motion carried.**

There being no further business, Ms. Sanders motioned, Dr. LaRussa seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 3:06 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Amanda M. Allen, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

Dr. William B. Turner, Vice-Chair

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

These minutes were signed and approved on: 04-20-2012