

**Georgia State Board of Podiatry
Minutes of Board Meeting
March 1, 2013**

The Georgia State Board of Podiatry met Friday, March 1, 2013 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, Chair
Dr. Leonard LaRussa, Vice-Chair
Dr. Rudy Cisco
Mrs. Judith G. Sanders, Consumer Member

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Hope Harrison, Board Support Specialist
Chrissy Lewis, Complaint Specialist

Office of Attorney General:

Scarlett Shell, Assistant Attorney General
(via teleconference; for Amelia Baker, AAG)

Dr. Turner, Chair established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 1:09 p.m.

Agenda: Approved as presented.

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

Minutes: October 19, 2012

Dr. LaRussa motioned, Dr. Cisco seconded, and the Board voted to approve the minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Director's Report:

1. Mr. Zimmerman notified the Board that Podiatry licenses will expire August 31, 2013 with a three month late renewal period from Sept. 1 to Nov. 31, 2013. He noted the Secure and Verifiable Document requirement (SVD) has caused delays in processing renewals. Mr. Zimmerman suggested placing a notice in the Georgia Podiatric Medical Association newsletter regarding the SVD requirement to promote an understanding of the process.
2. House Bill 192 – Mr. Zimmerman informed Board members of House Bill 192 relating to definitions regarding podiatry practice.

Dr. LaRussa motioned, Dr. Cisco seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Executive Director's report as presented, and to approve submission of a notice to be placed in the Georgia Podiatric Medical Association newsletter regarding license renewals and the SVD requirement. None opposed, motion carried.

Licenses Issued Between Meetings – Ratify List:

Dr. Cisco motioned, Ms. Sanders seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following licenses issued administratively from October 19, 2012 to February 27, 2013. None opposed, motion carried.

<u>License Number</u>	<u>Licensee Name</u>
POD001216	Edwards, Alesha M
POD001217	Kapila, Ashish
POD001218	Hermes, Emily Ann
POD001219	Gooden, Tamika A.
POD001220	Ali, Sadia Mahmood

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, Cisco, LaRussa and Sanders.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on Friday, March 1, 2013, 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. No votes were taken during Executive Session.

Applications for Review:

Ms. Sanders motioned, Dr. LaRussa seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on applicants applying for licensure. None opposed, motion carried.

1. Dominique, Angela Approved for licensure

Cognizant Report:

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

Investigative Interviews:

- 9:00 a.m. POD120018 and POD120019
- POD120016, POD120022, POD120024, POD130010 to be scheduled for 04/12/2013
- POD130006 to be scheduled for 04/12/2013

Compliant cases pending the receipt of additional information:

- POD130003, POD130005, POD130007, POD130009, POD130012, and POD130013

Compliant cases closed:

- POD120012, POD120017, POD120020, POD130008, POD130011

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 report

There being no further business, Ms. Sanders motioned, Dr. Cisco seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 3:28 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Hope Harrison, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

DR. WILLIAM TURNER

Chair

BRIG ZIMMERMAN

Executive Director

These minutes were approved on: 04-12-2013