

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PODIATRY**  
**Meeting Minutes – April 12, 2013**  
**(Conference Call Meeting)**

The Georgia State Board of Podiatry met by conference call on Friday, April 12, 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/Compliance Specialist

**Office of Attorney General:**

Graham Barron, Assistant Attorney General

**Dr. Turner, Chair established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 1:14 p.m.**

**Agenda:**           Approved as amended.

**Minutes:**        March 1, 2013

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

**Executive Director's Report:**

- Interested Parties List:

Recently, the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State's Office updated their software regarding the Interested Parties list maintained by the Board. The Interested Parties list is a way for the Board to notify licensees, as well as interested parties and associations, of current rules being proposed by the Board. Subscribers of this list are sent electronic notifications each time a proposed rule is being considered by the Board. Any person wishing to receive these notifications must now subscribe to the updated Interested Parties list maintained by the Board. Even if you were previously subscribed to receive such notifications, you will need to complete the subscription process again in order to continue receiving notifications from the Board.

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If you choose not to subscribe, you will not receive these notifications from the Board. The proposed rules may always be viewed at the Board's website:  
<http://sos.georgia.gov/plb/podiatry/>

- Proposed Rule – Reinstatement of a License

The Georgia Board of Podiatry does not currently have a detailed rule that addresses reinstatement of a license. It was determined that Dr. LaRussa would work with Mr. Zimmerman, Executive Director, to write a Reinstatement Rule to present to the full Board for review.

**Licenses Issued Between Meetings – Ratify List:**

License No.	Name
POD001221	Dominique, Angela P
POD001222	Wilkins, Kimberly Marie
POD001223	Bhikha, Shamir K

**Dr. Cisco motioned, Dr. LaRussa seconded, and the Board voted to approve the listing of licenses issued administratively from February 28, 2013 to April 12, 2013. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Board Meeting Schedule Change:**

**Dr. Cisco motioned, Dr. LaRussa seconded, and the Board voted to move the next Board meeting date from Friday, July 19, 2013 to Friday, August 2, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Executive Session:**

**Dr. Cisco 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 Executive Session on Friday, April 12, 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:**

**Dr. Cisco motioned, Mrs. Sanders seconded, and the Board voted to take the recommended actions on applicants applying for licensure as follows. None opposed, motion carried.**

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| 1. Perry, Charles         | Approved for reinstatement                  |
| 2. McNees-Lambert, Julian | Approved for licensure                      |
| 3. Walton, Tamala         | Approved for licensure                      |
| 4. E.B.                   | Pending Consent Agreement for Reinstatement |

**Mrs. Sanders motioned, Dr. LaRussa seconded, and the Board voted to authorize a Memo of Authority for the Attorney General’s Office to prepare a Consent Agreement for Reinstatement of Licensure for E.B. subject to the terms and conditions as set forth by the Board.**

**Cognizant Report:**

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

Compliant cases pending the receipt of additional information:

- POD130005, POD130015, POD130016, POD130017 and POD130018

Compliant cases closed:

- POD130003, POD130006, POD130007, POD130009, POD130012, POD130013, POD130015, POD130019 and POD130021

Complaint cases referred to Peer Review:

- POD120016, POD120022, POD120024, POD130010 and POD130022

**Mrs. 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.

**Executive Session Minutes:** March 1, 2013

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

**2013 Officer Elections:**

- Dr. Leonard LaRussa – Chair

**Dr. Cisco motioned, Mrs. Sanders seconded, and the Board voted to elect Dr. Leonard LaRussa as Board Chair. None opposed, motion carried.**

- Mrs. Judy Sanders – Vice Chair

**Dr. Turner motioned, Dr. Cisco seconded, and the Board voted to elect Mrs. Judy Sanders as Board Vice Chair. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Miscellaneous:**

- Dr. Turner recommended the Board consider a policy concerning the release and/or failure to release records requested by the Board.

**There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.**

Minutes recorded by:

Hope Harrison, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

**DR. LEONARD LA RUSSA**

**BRIG ZIMMERMAN**

Chair

Executive Director

**These minutes were approved on: 08-02-2013**