

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PODIATRY
Board Meeting Teleconference Minutes
October 11, 2013 * 1:00pm

Board Members Present:

Dr. Leonard LaRussa-President
Dr. William B. Turner-Vice President
Dr. Rudolf Cisco-Cognizant
Mrs. Judith G. Sanders-Consumer Member

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Wanda Jaffe, Licensing Supervisor
Tamara Elliott, Board Support Specialist

Office of Attorney General:

Stephanie Mason, Assistant Attorney General

Dr. LaRussa established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

OPEN SESSION

Board Minutes Dr. Turner motioned, Dr. Cisco seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the August 2, 2013 Board Meeting open session minutes.

Licenses to Ratify Dr. Turner motioned, Dr. Cisco seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the ratified list of applicants from August 1, 2013 – October 7, 2013.

Correspondence from Kaitlyn Kelleher Dr. Turner motioned, Dr. Cisco seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the journals if they fall within the Rule 500-5-.01 (2) (c).

2014 Board Meeting Dates Dr. Turner motioned, Dr. Cisco seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the 2014 Board Meeting Dates.

Executive Director's Report

Brig Zimmerman reports on the Georgia Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (GA PDMP)

Dr. Turner motioned, Dr. Cisco seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the Georgia Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (GA PDMP).

Miscellaneous

Dr. Turner motioned, Dr. Cisco seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to post Rule Amendment 500-5-.01 for hearing upon receipt of Statutory Memo of Authority from the Attorney General's office.

500-5-.01 Continuing Education Hours Amended.

(1) The purpose of continuing education for podiatrists is to maintain and enhance the professional competence of podiatrists licensed to practice in Georgia for the protection of the health and welfare of the people of the State of Georgia.

(2) As a requirement for the biennial renewal of his/her license, a podiatrist must certify to the Georgia State Board of Podiatry Examiners the completion of not less than fifty (50) hours of approved continuing education in the preceding two years prior to the license expiration date. In the event a podiatrist fails to certify completion of continuing education hours at the time of renewal of his/her license, the Georgia State Board of Podiatry Examiners will not process his/her request to renew his/her license until continuing education requirements are met.

(a) No more than ten (10) hours shall be obtained from online courses/written correspondence, and ~~said online courses~~ such courses must be approved by CPME (Council of Podiatric Medical Education).

(b) No more than ten (10) hours shall be obtained live (in person/webinar) from ~~the AOA (American Osteopathic Association) and/or the AMA (American Medical Association) approved continuing medical education providers~~ any healthcare related source.

(c) At least thirty (30) continuing medical education hours must be approved by the CPME (Council of Podiatric Medical Education) and/or GPMA (Georgia Podiatric Medical Association) and must be obtained face to face (live).

(3) A podiatrist licensed during the first six months (September of every odd numbered year to February of every even numbered year) of the biennium renewal cycle shall be required to obtain the full fifty (50) hours of continuing education; if licensed during the following twelve (12) months (March of every even numbered year to February of every odd numbered year) of the biennium renewal cycle, he/she shall be required to obtain thirty (30) hours of continuing education; if licensed during the last six (6) months (March of every odd numbered year to August of every odd numbered year) of the biennium renewal cycle, he/she shall be exempt from continuing education requirements for that biennium renewal period only.

(4) This rule will become effective with the 2013 -2015 renewal cycle.

Dr. Turner motioned, Dr. Cisco 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: Dr. LaRussa, Dr. Turner, Dr. Cisco, and Mrs. Sanders

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, October 11, 2013, Dr. LaRussa 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.

Executive Minutes Dr. Turner motioned, Dr. Cisco seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve August 2, 2013 Teleconference Board Meeting.

Applications

1. A.B. Approve for licensure
2. N.B. Approve for licensure
3. E.L. Schedule for next Board Meeting or meeting with Dr. Turner (whichever applicant prefers)
4. T.S. Approve for licensure
5. C. B. Approve for licensure
6. W.H. Request certified copies of court documents and schedule for Investigative Interview

Dr. Turner motioned, Dr. Cisco seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the applications recommendations as presented.

Cognizant’s Report – Dr. Rudy Cisco

1. POD140004 Refer to GPMA, Close
2. POD140012 Send LOE referencing law for fee charge and Close
3. POD130015 Close, No Action
4. POD130017 Close, No Action
5. POD130025 Close, No Action
6. POD140003 Refer to GPMA, Close

Dr. Turner motioned, Dr. LaRussa seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the Cognizant’s report as presented.

Attorney General’s Report- Mrs. Amelia Baker

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Dr. Turner motioned, Dr. Cisco seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the Attorney General’s report as presented.

No further business was discussed and the meeting adjournment at 3:05pm.

Minutes recorded by:

Tamara Elliott, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Wanda Jaffe, Licensing Supervisor

Minutes approved by the Board:

January 31, 2014

LEONARD LARUSSA
BOARD PRESIDENT

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR