

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PODIATRY

Teleconference Minutes

April 11, 2014 * 1:00pm

The Georgia State Board of Podiatry met on Friday, April 11, 2014. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

Dr. Leonard LaRussa-President
Dr. William B. Turner-Vice President
Dr. Rudolf Cisco-Cognizant
Ms. Judy Sanders-Consumer Member

Administrative Staff Present

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

Office of Attorney General

Amelia Baker, Assistant Attorney General

Visitors Present

None

Dr. LaRussa established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 1:05pm.

OPEN SESSION

Open Session Minutes: January 31, 2014 Dr. Cisco motioned, Dr. Turner seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the January 31, 2014 open session minutes.

Licenses to Ratify January 31, 2014 – April 8, 2014 Dr. Cisco motioned, Dr. Turner seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the ratification list as presented.

Correspondence from Amy Weaver Dr. Turner motioned, Dr. Cisco seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to send a response letter explaining that each extender needs to refer to their own individual practice act. Please refer to O.C.G.A §43-26-3 for the RN practice act.

Correspondence from Annie Breitingner Dr. Turner motioned, Dr. Cisco seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to send a response letter explaining that each discipline needs to refer to their own individual practice act.

Correspondence Irma Carraso Dr. Turner motioned, Dr. Cisco seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to send a response letter referencing the Podiatric Practice Act O.C.G.A. §43-35-3, specifically the definition of podiatric medicine.

Discussion: Rule 500-4-.01 Renewal of License Refer to Executive Director and Attorney General's office to draft proposed language to amend Board Rule 500-4-.01 Renewal of License relevant to individuals who desire to reinstate their license but have not practiced within the last thirty (30) months prior to application submission.

Rules Hearing: Vote to Adopt: Rule 500-5-.01 CME Hours at 1:30pm

Dr. Cisco motioned, Dr. Turner seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to adopt Rule 500-5-.01 CME.

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/correspondence courses/webinar, and 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) from 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 live (in person).

(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.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §43-35-9 and §43-35-15

Dr. Cisco moved that the formulation and adoption of these rules does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rules cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of the applicable laws as required by O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4. Dr. Turner seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Executive Director's Report Ms. Adrienne Price presented the Board with statistical data relevant to the processing of applications and complaints/compliance as well as information on system outages which may delay processing times. The Board accepts the report as presented.

Dr. Cisco motioned, Dr. Turner 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 Ms. Sanders.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on Friday, April 11, 2014, 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.

OPEN SESSION

Dr. LaRussa left the meeting.

Attorney General's Report- Mrs. Amelia Baker Dr. Cisco motioned, Dr. Turner seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Attorney General's report as presented.

1. W.H. POD001169 Accept signed revised Consent Order upon receipt

Cognizant's Report – Dr. Rudy Cisco Dr. Cisco motioned, Ms. Sanders seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Cognizant's Report as presented.

1. POD140008 Close, no action
2. POD140010 Rescind previous decision to close complaint and lapse license effective 11-30-13. Continue to monitor under the terms of the Consent Agreement docketed September 16, 2013.
3. POD140015 Close, no action

Miscellaneous

1. POD120016 Refer to investigations to issue a subpoena to request certified copies of medical records within ten (10) days pursuant to the original subpoena
2. POD120022 Refer to investigations to issue a subpoena to request certified copies of medical records within ten (10) days pursuant to the original subpoena
3. POD120024 Refer to investigations to issue a subpoena to request certified copies of medical records within ten (10) days pursuant to the original subpoena
4. POD130010 Refer to investigations to issue a subpoena to request certified copies of medical records within ten (10) days pursuant to the original subpoena
5. POD130022 Refer to investigations to issue a subpoena to request certified copies of medical records within ten (10) days pursuant to the original subpoena

Executive Session Minutes: January 31, 2014 Dr. Cisco motioned, Ms. Turner seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the January 31, 2013.

No further business was discussed and the meeting adjournment at 2:48pm

Minutes recorded by:
Minutes reviewed and edited by:
Minutes approved on:

Tamara Elliott, Board Support Specialist
Wanda Jaffe, Licensing Supervisor & Adrienne Price, Executive Director
July 25, 2014

LEONARD LARUSSA
BOARD PRESIDENT

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR