

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PODIATRY**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Professional Licensing Boards**  
**237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA**  
**July 25, 2014 \* 1:00PM**

The Georgia State Board of Podiatry met on Friday, July 25, 2014. The following members were present:

**Board Members Present**

Dr. Leonard LaRussa-President  
Dr. William B. Turner-Vice President  
Ms. Judith Sanders-Consumer Member

**Administrative Staff Present**

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

**Office of Attorney General**

J. David Stubins, Assistant Attorney General (via teleconference)

Dr. LaRussa established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 1:03pm.

**OPEN SESSION**

**Open Session Minutes** Dr. Turner motioned, Ms. Sanders seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the April 11, 2014 teleconference open session minutes.

**Licenses to Ratify** Dr. Turner motioned, Ms. Sanders seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the ratified list from April 9, 2014 – July 18, 2014

**Correspondence from Adam Youngblood** The Board recommends tabling correspondence for further discussion.

**Discussion – Prescription Drug Monitoring Program** The Board recommends tabling correspondence for further discussion.

**Discussion – Rule 500-4-.01 Renewal License** The Board recommends tabling Board Rule discussion to correlate with BR 500-4-.02.

**Rule Waiver Request – Ronald Lee** Dr. LaRussa motioned, Dr. Turner seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition for rule waiver due to the Board not being able to waive the law.

**Board President’s Report – L. LaRussa** The Board accepts the verbal report as presented

**Executive Director’s Report – A. Price**

Ms. Price presented the Board with statistical data relevant to the processing of applications and complaints/compliance, and information relevant to system outages which may delay processing times. The Board accepts the report as presented.

**Miscellaneous**

1. FYI-KSTAR Program The Board accepts the correspondence as information
2. Discussion: Ethics and Boundaries Assessment Services The Board accepts the correspondence as information.

**Dr. Turner motioned, Ms. Sanders 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, and Ms. Sanders**

**At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, July 25, 2014, 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.**

**1:00PM C.M. Investigative Interview via Teleconference** Dr. LaRussa motioned, Ms. Sanders seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to require applicant to submit proof of malpractice insurance and three (3) letters of reference. The Board directs administrative staff to contact employer in the state of Illinois for a reference. If the information is received as requested and in good standing, issue license.

**Executive Minutes** Dr. Turner motioned, Ms. Sanders seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the April 11, 2014 teleconference executive session minutes.

**Applications**

- 1. B.C. Approve for reinstatement with Private Consent Agreement, \$150 delinquency fee for failure to renew license in a timely manner; applicant must submit a certified copy of final disposition within thirty (30) days of adjudication; applicant may not use the same continuing education that was submitted for reinstatement for credit during the next renewal cycle, and will be selected for the continuing education audit
- 2. L.S. Approve for reinstatement
- 3. V.D. Approve for licensure
- 4. J.J. Approve for licensure upon receipt of verification of a legitimate residency at the Council on Podiatric Medical Education
- 5. N.S. Approve for licensure

**Attorney General’s Report** There is no cases for Board review. Dr. Turner motioned, Ms. Sanders seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the report as presented.

**Cognizant’s Report** Dr. Turner motioned, Ms. Sanders seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Cognizant’s Report.

- 1. POD130005 Close case, no action
- 2. POD140007 Close case, no action
- 3. POD140014 Close case, no action for the 1st Doctor and close case with a letter of concern to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Doctor to provide records in a timely manner upon request
- 4. POD140017 Request Peer Review as directed by the Board to be conducted on all records
- 5. POD140019 Close case, no action
- 6. POD120016 Cognizant to review records in possession and determine violations on the basis for hearing then refer for peer review as directed by the Board.
- 7. POD120022 Cognizant to review records in possession and determine violations on the basis for hearing then refer for peer review as directed by the Board.
- 8. POD120024 Cognizant to review records in possession and determine violations on the basis for hearing then refer to for peer review as directed by the Board.
- 9. POD130010 Cognizant to review records in possession and determine violations on the basis for hearing then refer to for peer review as directed by the Board.

**Miscellaneous**

Dr. Turner motioned, Ms. Sanders seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to direct staff to submit a complaint to HIPAA regarding record keeping violations in reference to the physician named in POD120016.

Dr. Turner volunteered to review BR 500-4-.01, 500-5-.01 and 500-5-.02 in reference to delinquency fees and BR 500-3-.01 in reference to doctors working with limited permits and present at the next Board Meeting.

No further business was discussed and the meeting adjournment at 3:29pm

**Minutes recorded by:** Tamara Elliott, Board Support Specialist  
**Minutes reviewed and edited by:** Wanda Jaffe, Licensing Supervisor & Adrienne Price, Executive Director  
**Minutes approved on:** October 3, 2014

**LEONARD LARUSSA**  
**BOARD PRESIDENT**

**ADRIENNE PRICE**  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**