

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PODIATRY EXAMINERS
Board Meeting Teleconference Minutes
April 10, 2015 - 1:00PM

The Georgia State Board of Podiatry met on Friday, April 10, 2015 via telephone conference call. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

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

Administrative Staff Present

Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor
Tamara Elliott, Board Support Specialist

Office of Attorney General

Janet Jackson, Assistant Attorney General

Visitors Present

No Visitors Present

Call to Order Dr. LaRussa established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Agenda The Board accepted the agenda as presented.

Open Session Minutes

1) January 30, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes

Ms. Sanders motioned, Dr. Turner seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the January 30, 2015 open session minutes.

Licenses to Ratify January 24, 2015 – April 3, 2015

Ms. Sanders motioned, Dr. Turner seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the ratification list as presented.

Attorney General Memoranda Ms. Sanders motioned, Dr. Turner seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to table a decision on the proposed amendments to the following Board Rules based on the memoranda provided and schedule a conference call for a later date after the Board has had an opportunity to review the changes further.

- a) 500-2-.02
- b) 500-3-.01
- c) 500-4-.01
- d) 500-5-.01
- e) 500-5-.02

Board President's Report – L. LaRussa

Dr. LaRussa expressed his sincere gratitude for the dedication and hard work of the Board Members and Board Staff. The Board accepted the verbal report as presented.

Executive Director's Report – A. Price

Executive Director's report presented the Board with statistical data relevant to the processing of applications, renewals and complaints/compliance matters that have occurred since the last Board meeting. Ms. Price presented the Board with an update on the North Carolina Board of Dental Examiners vs. Federal Trade Commission which has been heard before the Supreme Court, and pre-filed bills in the Georgia General Assembly that could potentially affect the work of the Board to include the Consumer Information Awareness Act in the form of HB 416. Ms. Price also informed the Board that the Legal Team of Professional Licensing Boards Division has begun the process to amend Joint Secretary Rule 295-15-.01 to return the Board's the authority to grant an inactive status. Additionally, Ms. Price reported that she will prepare a proposed amendment to 500-8-.01 to reference the requirements in HB 416. The Board accepts the report as presented.

Ms. Sanders 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, and Ms. Sanders

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on Friday, April 10, 2015, 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.

OPEN SESSION

Executive Session Minutes

1) January 30, 2015 Board Meeting Executive Minutes

Dr. LaRussa motioned, Dr. Turner seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the January 30, 2015 executive session minutes as presented.

Attorney General's Report- J. Jackson

Ms. Sanders motioned, Dr. Turner seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Attorney General's report as presented.

1. POD140016 W.H. Ms. Sanders motioned, Dr. Turner seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer to the attorney general's office to notify the licensee that the fine must be paid in full by April 16, 2015 and a failure to do so will result in a hearing for revocation of licensure.

Cognizant's Report – R. Cisco

Ms. Sanders motioned, Dr. Turner seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept and proceed with the Cognizant's recommendations on the following cases:

- 1) POD140011 Close case with no action.
- 2) POD140020 Close case with no action because the investigation did not substantiate the allegations presented.
- 3) POD140021 Close case with no action because the investigation did not substantiate the allegations presented.
- 4) POD150006 Close case with no violation of standard of care.
- 5) POD150007 Close case with a private letter of concern to the respondent citing the scope of practice in Georgia.
- 6) POD140016 Refer case to the attorney general's office to notify the licensee that the fine must be paid in full by April 16, 2015 and a failure to do so will result in a hearing for revocation of licensure.

Applications for Board Review

There are no applications for the Board's review at this time.

Adjournment No further business was discussed and the meeting adjournment at 1:53pm.

Minutes recorded by:

Tamara Elliott, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor & Adrienne Price, Executive Director

Minutes approved on:

July 31, 2015

LEONARD LARUSSA

BOARD PRESIDENT

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR