

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PODIATRY EXAMINERS
Teleconference Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2017 - 1:00 p.m.

The Georgia State Board of Podiatry Examiners met on Friday, January 20, 2017. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

Dr. Leonard LaRussa-Chairperson
Dr. William B. Turner-Vice Chair

Administrative Staff Present

Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor
Michelle Foster, Board Support Specialist

Board Members Not Present

Ms. Judy Sanders-Consumer Member
Dr. Rudy Cisco, Cognizant

Office of Attorney General

Betsy Cohen, Assistant Attorney General

Visitors Present

No Visitors Present

Call to Order

Dr. LaRussa established that a quorum of the Board was not present and as a result the members present proceeded with the agenda as a Committee of the Board. The Committee Meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Agenda

The Committee recommended accepting the agenda as presented.

Open Session Minutes:

1) December 2, 2016 Open Session Teleconference Minutes

The Committee recommended tabling the December 2, 2016 Open Session Teleconference Minutes until the January 27, 2017 Teleconference Meeting.

Licenses to Ratify - November 25, 2016 – January 13, 2017

The Committee recommended ratifying the licenses by application and by reinstatement that were issued in accordance with Board Rules and Policies between board meetings.

Discussion – Duration of Maintenance of Medical Records – Dr. Turner

The Board entered into a discussion regarding the required duration for maintaining medical records as there have recently been a change in the recommended timeframe through different insurance providers such as the Medicare Advantage plan. Ms. Price reported and Assistant Attorney General, Betsy Cohen confirmed that O.C.G.A. § 31-33-.02 requires health care professionals to keep medical records for a period of 10 years. Ms. Cohen further indicated that the Medical Association of Georgia requires not less than 10 years retention.

Executive Director’s Report – A. Price

Executive Director’s report presented the Board with statistical data relevant to the processing of applications, the number of licensees, complaints/compliance matters and the status of renewal applications, to include the number of licenses that were lapsed. A reminder was given to Board members to file their Annual Ethics Commission Affidavit before January 31, 2017. She further updated the Board on the status of the Board’s request to begin sharing licensure and disciplinary data with FPMB as is allowed by the Board. Ms. Price indicated she is awaiting a response from FPMB concerning an agreement and that she hopes to present additional information to the Board during the next scheduled meeting.

The Committee recommended accepting the Executive Director’s Report as presented.

Board President’s Report – L. LaRussa

No report presented.

Dr. LaRussa 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 and Dr. Turner.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on Friday, January 20, 2017, 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.

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Executive Minutes

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Attorney General’s Report

The Committee recommended accepting the Attorney General’s Report as presented.

Cognizant’s Report – Dr. Rudy Cisco

The Committee recommended accepting the following recommendations made in Executive Session:

- POD160013** Refer to Attorney General’s Office for an Interim Order for Indefinite Suspension or Voluntary Surrender to remain in place until the criminal case is resolved.
- POD170001** Close case with no action.

Miscellaneous Discussion

The Committee recommended to direct staff to prepare a report which includes the current status of each open complaint case for the Cognizant Board Member to share with the Board during each meeting.

Adjournment With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Michelle Foster, Board Support Specialist
Minutes reviewed and edited by: Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor & Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Minutes approved on: 01/27/2017

LEONARD LARUSSA
BOARD CHAIRPERSON

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR