

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PODIATRY EXAMINERS**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Professional Licensing Boards**  
**237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA**  
**Friday, July 13, 2018 - 11:00 a.m.**

The Georgia State Board of Podiatry Examiners met on Friday, July 13, 2018. The following members were present:

**Board Members Present**

Dr. William B. Turner, DPM, Vice Chair  
Ms. Judy Sanders, Consumer Member

**Administrative Staff Present**

Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor  
Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist

**Board Members Not Present**

Dr. Leonard LaRussa, DPM, Chairperson  
Dr. Joseph Giovinco, DPM

**Administrative Staff Absent**

Adrienne Price, Executive Director

**Visitors Present**

Michael Melvin, State Reporting.com  
Timothy Bell, State Reporting.com

**Office of Attorney General**

Betsy Cohen, Assistant Attorney General

**Call to Order** Dr. Turner 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 11:09 a.m.

**OPEN SESSION**

**Agenda**

The Committee's recommendation is to accept the agenda as presented.

**Guest Presentation – Timothy Bell – StateReporting.Com**

The Committee of the Board recommended to table the discussion.

**Open Session Minutes:**

**1. May 14, 2018 Board Teleconference Minutes**

The Committee of the Board recommended to approve the May 14, 2018 open session teleconference minutes as presented.

**Licenses to Ratify April 6, 2018 – July 6, 2018**

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

**Correspondence – PDMP System Reliability Letter – J. Patrick O'Neal, Commissioner, DPH**

The Committee of the Board recommended to accept the correspondence in regards to PDMP System Reliability as information.

**Discussion – Controlled Substance Prescribing Practices**

The Committee of the Board recommended to accept the Controlled Substance Prescribing Practices as information.

**Open Records Request**

**1. Florida Department of Health**

The Committee of the Board recommended to release Public records as permitted by law to the Florida Department of Health, as requested.

The Committee of the Board recommended for Legal Services to contact the Florida Department of Health to check if the Open Records Request has been satisfied since there is no Order or complaint document.

## **2. Moraitakis & Kushel, LLP**

The Committee of the Board recommended to deny releasing confidential information including application investigative records to Moraitakis & Kushel, LLP, as requested.

**The Committee of the Board recommended 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. William Turner and Judy Sanders.**

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on Friday, July 13, 2018, 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**

#### **Investigative Interviews**

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| 11:30 a.m. | POD180013 |
| 12:00 p.m. | POD180014 |
| 12:30 p.m. | POD180015 |
| 1:00 p.m.  | POD180016 |
| 1:30 p.m.  | POD180017 |

The Committee of the Board recommended to table the Investigative Interview discussions for full board review.

#### **Executive Minutes**

##### **1. May 14, 2018 Executive Session Teleconference Minutes**

The Committee of the Board recommended to approve the May 14, 2018 executive session teleconference minutes as presented.

#### **Attorney General's Report – B. Cohen**

##### **1. AG MEMO – Investment Disclosure**

The Committee of the Board recommended to accept the Attorney General's report as presented.

#### **Cognizant's Report – W. Turner**

The Committee of the Board recommended to accept the following recommendations made in Executive Session.

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| <b>POD160004</b> | Table pending Cognizant review.                                   |
| <b>POD160007</b> | Table pending Peer Review.  |
| <b>POD160013</b> | Close the case. If attempt is made to reinstate, reconsider case. |
| <b>POD170009</b> | Referred to Legal Services July 11, 2018.                         |
| <b>POD180001</b> | Table pending final disposition of criminal case.                 |
| <b>POD180002</b> | Close the case.   |
| <b>POD180007</b> | Referred to Legal Services January 24, 2018.                      |
| <b>POD180009</b> | Table pending receipt of records.                                 |
| <b>POD180010</b> | Table pending receipt of records.                                 |
| <b>POD180012</b> | Close the case.   |
| <b>POD180013</b> | Proceed with action.  |
| <b>POD180014</b> | Table pending full Board review.                                  |
| <b>POD180015</b> | Table pending full Board review.                                  |
| <b>POD180016</b> | Reschedule Investigative Interview in Atlanta.                    |
| <b>POD180017</b> | Proceed with action.  |
| <b>POD180018</b> | Table pending receipt of records.                                 |
| <b>POD180020</b> | Table pending receipt of records.                                 |
| <b>POD190001</b> | Close the case. No action.  |

**Miscellaneous Executive Discussion**

The Committee of the Board recommended to accept the following recommendations made in Executive Session.

1. **POD180002** Refer to Investigations to obtain evidence as discussed.
2. **POD190001** Accept the Controlled Substance Prescribing Practices as information.
3. **POD180012** Rescind referral to Attorney General’s office. Refer to Investigations to obtain evidence as discussed.

**Applications for Board Review**

**Application 2744242** The Committee of the Board recommended to table the discussion.

**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.

The Committee of the Board recommended to table the Executive Director’s Report as presented.

**Board President’s Report – L. LaRussa**

No report presented.

Betsy Cohen left the meeting at 1:09 p.m.

**Adjournment** With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

**Minutes recorded by:** Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist  
**Minutes reviewed and edited by:** Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor  
**Minutes approved on:** July 27, 2018

LEONARD LARUSSA  
**BOARD CHAIRPERSON**

ADRIENNE PRICE  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**