

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PODIATRY EXAMINERS
Board Teleconference Minutes
Wednesday, January 16, 2019 - 12:00 p.m.

The Georgia State Board of Podiatry Examiners met via teleconference on Wednesday, January 16, 2019. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

Dr. Leonard LaRussa, DPM, Chair
Dr. Joseph Giovinco, DPM, Board Member
Ms. Judy Sanders, Consumer Board Member

Administrative Staff Present

Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor

Board Members Not Present

No members absent.

Office of Attorney General

Betsy Cohen, Assistant Attorney General

Visitors Present

No visitors present.

Administrative Staff Not Present

Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist

Call to Order Dr. LaRussa established that a quorum of the Board was present and the meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Agenda The Board accepts the agenda as presented.

Dr. LaRussa motioned, Dr. Giovinco 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. Giovinco and Ms. Sanders.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on Wednesday, January 16, 2019, 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 Minutes

- 1. October 12, 2018 Executive Board Teleconference Minutes**
- 2. October 25, 2018 Executive Board Teleconference Minutes**

Ms. Sanders motioned, Dr. Giovinco seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the October 12, 2018 executive session Board teleconference minutes and the October 25, 2018 executive session Board teleconference minutes as presented.

Attorney General's Report – B. Cohen

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

Miscellaneous Executive Discussion

Dr. Giovinco motioned, Ms. Sanders seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the following recommendations made in Executive Session.

- 1. POD190013** Close the case, no action.
- 2. POD190014** Close the case, no action.

3. **POD180009** Issue a Mitigating Circumstance Letter requesting completion of a Case Western Reserve School of Medicine Re-Education Program course on surgical principles and wound care prior to July 12, 2019, if requirements are satisfied, close the case.
4. **POD190009** Dr. LaRussa motioned, Dr. Giovinco seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the order upon receipt.
5. **POD180015** Dr. LaRussa motioned, Dr. Giovinco seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to rescind the previous motion and renew the license.
6. **POD180013** Dr. Giovinco motioned, Dr. LaRussa seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to rescind the previous motion, renew the license with a Letter of Concern regarding maintaining a current address of record with the Board and compliance with Notice of Intent requirement.

7. National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners (NBPME) Clinical Skills Examination

The Board voted to table the discussion for the April meeting.

Applications for Board Review

Ms. Sanders motioned, Dr. LaRussa seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the following recommendations made in Executive Session.

Application 2763686	Issue the license.
Application 2774969	Issue the license.
Application 2769351	Issue the license.
Application 2773767	Issue the license.
Application 2773997	Issue the license.
Application 2754598	Issue the license.
Application 2779102	Issue the license.
Application 2775090	Issue the license.
Application 2763688	Ms. Sanders motioned, Dr. Giovinco seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to schedule an Investigative Interview. Request documented evidence of sobriety during the last three (3) years.

Open Session Minutes

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Dr. LaRussa motioned, Ms. Sanders seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the October 12, 2018 open session Board teleconference minutes and the October 25, 2018 open session Board teleconference minutes as presented.

Licenses to Ratify October 5, 2018 – January 9, 2019

Dr. LaRussa motioned, Dr. Giovinco seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to ratify the licenses by application and by reinstatement that were issued in accordance with Board Rules and Policies between Board meetings.

Correspondence – Attorney General Chris Carr Announcements

1. **Opioid Lawsuit Certification of Public Importance**
2. **Lawsuit Against Opioid Manufacturers and Distributors**

The Board accepts the correspondence in reference to Attorney General Chris Carr's Announcements as information.

Discussion – CE Requirement for Writing Opioid Prescriptions

Ms. Sanders motioned, Dr. LaRussa seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer the Board Rule 500-5-.01 Continuing Education Hours. Amended, as well as the other Board Rules that were pending amendments as discussed by the Board in 2018, to Dr. Giovinco to revise and present back to the Board for consideration during the next meeting.

Discussion – Georgia Opioid Strategic Plan Drug Overdose Surveillance

The Board accepts the correspondence in reference to Georgia Opioid Strategic Plan Drug Overdose Surveillance as information.

Discussion – Council of Podiatric Medical Education (CPME) Proposed Revisions

1. Official Notice - Call for Comment
2. Call for Comment Memo
3. College Accreditation Eligibility Requirements
4. Draft II CPME 120 Proposed Revisions track changes version
5. Draft II CPME 120 Proposed Revisions clean version
6. Draft II CPME 130 Proposed Revisions track changes version

The Board accepts the correspondence in reference to Council of Podiatric Medical Education (CPME) Proposed Revisions as information.

Discussion – Investment Disclosure of Investment Interests Form – J. Giovinco, DPM

Ms. Sanders motioned, Dr. LaRussa seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to table discussion pending additional review.

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 PDMP registrations. She also reminded the Board Members of the requirement for them to file their Annual Affidavit of a Public Officer with the Ethics Commission on or before January 31, 2019 as required.

Dr. LaRussa motioned, Dr. Giovinco seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Executive Director’s Report as presented.

Board President’s Report – L. LaRussa, DPM

Dr. LaRussa briefed the Board regarding the Georgia Podiatric Medical Association (GPMA) and their preparations to make opioid training mandatory for all podiatrists in the state of Georgia. He indicated that a bill is being drafted to present to the legislature to amend the practice act in such a way to eliminate any confusion with regard to amputations performed by podiatrists.

Ms. Sanders motioned, Dr. Giovinco seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the Board President’s Report as presented.

Miscellaneous Discussion

1. April Meeting Date Change from 04/19 to 04/26

The Board voted to table the meeting date change from April 19, 2019 to April 26, 2019 until Dr. LaRussa can obtain clarification on the dates of the APMA House of Delegates and Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C.

Adjournment: With no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 1:29 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor, Adrienne Price, Executive Director

Minutes approved on:

February 6, 2019

LEONARD LARUSSA
BOARD CHAIRPERSON

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR