

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PODIATRY EXAMINERS**  
**Board Teleconference Minutes**  
**Wednesday, February 6, 2019 - 12:00 p.m.**

The Georgia State Board of Podiatry Examiners met via teleconference on Wednesday, February 6, 2019. The following members were present:

**Board Members Present**

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

**Administrative Staff Present**

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

**Board Members Not Present**

All members present.

**Office of Attorney General**

Wylencia Monroe, Senior Assistant Attorney General

**Visitors Present**

No visitors present.

**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 accepted the agenda as presented.

**Open Session Minutes**

**1. January 16, 2019 Board Teleconference Minutes**

Dr. LaRussa motioned, Ms. Sanders seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the January 16, 2019 open session teleconference minutes as presented.

**Open Records Request – Applicant 1007822**

Dr. LaRussa motioned, Dr. Giovinco seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the records request from Rafi Law Firm based on O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k).

**Correspondence – Federation of Podiatric Medical Boards (FPMB) Now Reporting National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners (NBPME) PART I & II SCORE REPORTS**

The Board tabled the discussion for the April 19, 2019 meeting.

**Discussion – Investment Disclosure Form – J. Giovinco**

Ms. Sanders motioned, Dr. LaRussa seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer to the Attorney General's Office for review and if no objections to the language, post the form on the Board website as a general template for licensees to reference.

**Discussion – Georgia Podiatric Medical Association (GPMA) – Request Concerning Opioid Education Requirement**

Ms. Sanders motioned, Dr. LaRussa seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer BR 500-5-.01 to Dr. Giovinco to amend for the purpose of adding language to require licensed Podiatrists in the state of Georgia to submit three hours CE from a Board approved provider in the area of opioid education as part of the requirements for license renewal.

**Board Member Elections**

**1. Board Vice Chairperson**

Dr. LaRussa motioned, Ms. Sanders seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to elect Dr. Joseph Giovinco as the Board's Vice Chairperson.

## **2. Applications and Complaints/Disciplinary Cognizant**

Dr. LaRussa motioned, Ms. Sanders seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to elect Dr. Dr. Joseph Giovinco as the Board's Applications and Complaints/Disciplinary Cognizant.

### **Miscellaneous Discussion**

The Board discussed if it was necessary to change the meeting on April 19, 2019 due to the APMA Legislative Conference; however, it was determine that the Conference will take place March 15-18, 2019. The Board maintained April 19, 2019 as the next Board teleconference date.

**Ms. Sanders motioned, Dr. LaRussa seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2 (k); 43-1-19 (h) and 50-14-2 (1) to receive and review information pertaining to applications, pending cases, investigative reports and enforcement matters and to receive the Assistant Attorney General's report. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board members: Voting in favor of the motion were those Board members present: Dr. Leonard LaRussa, Dr. Joseph Giovinco and Ms. Judy Sanders.**

**At the conclusion of the Executive Session on Wednesday, February 6, 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. January 16, 2019 Executive Session Teleconference Minutes**

Ms. Sanders motioned, Dr. Giovinco seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the January 16, 2019 executive session teleconference minutes as presented.

### **Miscellaneous Executive Discussion**

#### **1. PDMP Registrations**

Ms. Price provided a report to the Board on those licensees who have failed to complete a PDMP registration as the law requires. She indicated that the majority of the licensees have been very responsive to Certified Mail notices sent to them regarding their PDMP registrations and have come into compliance. Those individuals have been issued Letters of Concern and the Georgia Department of Community Health has been notified in accordance with the Board vote. She indicated that as the deadline date provided to the remaining four has not passed, she will report any matters of noncompliance to the Board at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

**Adjournment** With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

**Minutes recorded by:** Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist  
**Minutes reviewed and edited by:** Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor & Adrienne Price, Executive Director  
**Minutes approved on:** 06/28/2019

LEONARD LARUSSA  
**BOARD CHAIRPERSON**

ADRIENNE PRICE  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**