

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PODIATRY EXAMINERS**  
**Board Meeting Teleconference Minutes**  
**Wednesday, September 18, 2019 - 1:00 p.m.**

The Georgia State Board of Podiatry Examiners met via teleconference on Wednesday, September 18, 2019. The following members were present:

**Board Members Present**

Dr. Joseph Giovinco, DPM, Vice Chair  
Dr. Sarvepalli Jokhai, DPM, Board Member  
Ms. Judy Sanders, Consumer Board Member

**Administrative Staff Present**

Adrienne Price, Executive Director  
Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist  
Amanda Califf, Licensing supervisor

**Board Members Not Present**

Dr. Leonard La Russa, DPM, Chair

**Office of Attorney General**

No Attorney General present.

**Visitors Present**

No visitors present.

**Call to Order** Dr. Giovinco established that a quorum of the Board was present and the meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

**OPEN SESSION**

**Agenda** The Board accepts the agenda as presented.

**Open Session Minutes**

**1. September 13, 2019 Board Teleconference Minutes**

Ms. Sanders motioned, Dr. Jokhai seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the September 13, 2019 open session teleconference minutes as presented.

**Ms. Sanders motioned, Dr. Jokhai 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 Board members present: Dr. Giovinco, Ms. Judy Sanders and Dr. Jokhai.**

**At the conclusion of the Executive Session on Wednesday, September 18, 2019, Dr. Giovinco 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. June 28, 2019 Executive Board Teleconference Minutes**
- 2. September 13, 2019 Executive Board Teleconference Minutes**

Ms. Sanders motioned, Dr. Jokhai seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the June 28, 2019 executive session teleconference minutes and the September 13, 2019 executive session teleconference minutes as presented.

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

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

**Cognizant Report – J. Giovinco, DPM**

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

<b>POD180009</b>	Close the case.
<b>POD180018</b>	Close the case.
<b>POD180020</b>	Close the case.
<b>POD190011</b>	Close the case.
<b>POD190012</b>	Close the case.
<b>POD190024</b>	Rescind the previous motion. If attempts to renew the license, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Private Consent Order to include five (5) hours continuing education in ethics to be completed within 90 days of the docket date of the order and may not be used to satisfy CE requirements for the biennium ending 2021. If no attempt is made to renew, close the case.
<b>POD190025</b>	Close the case.
<b>POD190026</b>	Close the case.
<b>POD190030</b>	Close the case.
<b>POD190031</b>	Close the case.
<b>POD190032</b>	Close the case.
<b>POD190033</b>	Table discussion pending Cognizant review.
<b>POD200001</b>	Close the case.

#### **Miscellaneous Executive Discussion**

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

#### **1. PDMP Registration Compliance Report Case Numbers**

Refer to Legal Services to issue an administrative reprimand with a fine of \$500 which must be paid within 90 days of the docket date of the order. If proof of PDMP registration is received, close the case with a Letter of Concern regarding failure to register with PDMP by the deadline required by O.C.G.A. §16-13-57(c) and release information to the Georgia Department of Public Health.

- 2. POD190037** Close the case with a Letter of Concern regarding failure to register with PDMP by the deadline required by O.C.G.A. §16-13-57(c) and release information to the Georgia Department of Public Health.
- 3. POD190040** Close the case with a Letter of Concern regarding failure to register with PDMP by the deadline required by O.C.G.A. §16-13-57(c) and release information to the Georgia Department of Public Health.
- 4. POD170009** Close the case.

#### **Applications**

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

- Applicant 2735326** Issue the license. The Board reserves the right to sanction the license based upon the outcome of case involving the applicant in another jurisdiction.

**Adjournment** With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

**Minutes recorded by:** Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist  
**Minutes reviewed and edited by:** Amanda Califf, Licensing Supervisor & Adrienne Price, Executive Director  
**Minutes approved on:** December 20, 2019

LEONARD LA RUSSA, DPM

ADRIENNE PRICE

**BOARD CHAIRPERSON**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

JOSEPH GIOVINCO, DPM

**BOARD VICE CHAIR  
PRESIDING OFFICER**