

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PODIATRY EXAMINERS**  
**Board Zoom Meeting Minutes**  
**Friday, July 8, 2022 - 1:00 p.m.**

The Georgia State Board of Podiatry Examiners met via Zoom on Friday, July 8, 2022. The following members were present:

**Board Members Present**

Dr. Leonard La Russa, DPM, Chair  
Dr. Joseph Giovinco, DPM, Vice Chair  
Dr. Sarvepalli Jokhai, DPM, Board Member

**Administrative Staff Present**

Meagan Doss, Licensing Supervisor  
Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist  
Malika Benoit, Complaints/Compliance Analyst

**Board Members Absent**

No members absent.

**Office of Attorney General**

Mary Brannen, Assistant Attorney General

**Visitors Present**

No visitors present.

**Administrative Staff Absent**

Adrienne Price, Executive Director

**Call to Order** Dr. La Russa established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

**OPEN SESSION**

**Agenda**

The Board accepts the agenda as presented.

**Open Session Minutes – April 29, 2022 Board Zoom Meeting Minutes**

Dr. Jokhai motioned, Dr. Giovinco seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the April 29, 2022 open session Board zoom meeting minutes as presented.

**Licenses to Ratify: April 22, 2022 – July 1, 2022**

Dr. Giovinco motioned, Dr. Jokhai 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.

**Discussion – Federation of Podiatric Medical Boards (FPMB)**

1. Annual Meeting Recap
2. RFI - Podiatrist Supervision of Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy - 2022-07-07

The Board accepts the correspondence provided regarding FPMB, as information.

**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, and complaints/compliance matters.

Dr. Jokhai 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. La Russa, DPM**

No report presented.

**Dr. La Russa motioned, Dr. Jokhai seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion 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. La Russa, Dr. Giovinco, and Dr. Jokhai.**

**At the conclusion of the Executive Session on Friday, July 8, 2022, Dr. La Russa 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 Session Minutes – April 29, 2022 Executive Board Zoom Meeting Minutes**

Dr. Jokhai motioned, Dr. Giovinco seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the April 29, 2022 Executive Session Board Zoom Meeting Minutes as presented.

### **Attorney General's Report – M. Brannen**

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

### **Legal Services MEMO – POD220008**

Dr. Jokhai motioned, Dr. La Russa seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Public Consent Order with a fine of \$2,500. Fine to be paid and submission of proof of completion of 50 hours of board approved CE must be completed within 90 days of order docket date. May apply for Inactive Status.

### **Cognizant Report – J. Giovinco**

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

<b>POD210006</b>	Close the case.
<b>POD210008</b>	Schedule an Investigative Interview. Respondent to bring all notes and all billing documentation.
<b>POD210001</b>	Close the case.
<b>POD220003</b>	Close the case.
<b>POD220007</b>	Table.
<b>POD220010</b>	Close the case.
<b>POD220012</b>	Close the case.
<b>POD220013</b>	Table.
<b>POD220014</b>	Close the case.

### **Applications for Board Review**

Dr. La Russa motioned, Dr. Giovinco seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the following recommendation made in Executive Session:

**Applicant 3009457**      Refer to Legal Services a Public Consent Order for Reactivation of Licensure with a fine of \$1,500 for failure to meet the CME requirements as outlined in Board Rule 500-5-.01(2) for the 2015-2017 biennium. The licensee will also have to meet the requirements of BR 500-4-.02.

**Applicant 3004606**      Table pending final disposition of criminal charges which are to be referred for Cognizant review.

**Adjournment**      With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

**Minutes recorded by:**                      Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist

**Minutes reviewed and edited by:** Meagan Doss, Licensing Supervisor & Adrienne Price, Executive Director

**Minutes approved on:**                      November 16, 2022

**LEONARD LA RUSSA, DPM**  
**BOARD CHAIRPERSON**

**ADRIENNE PRICE**  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**