

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PODIATRY EXAMINERS**  
**Board Zoom Meeting Minutes**  
**Friday, January 27, 2023 – 1:00 p.m.**

The Georgia State Board of Podiatry Examiners met via Zoom on Friday, January 27, 2023. 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

**Board Members Absent**

No members absent.

**Visitors Present**

Scott Maxwell, Georgia Podiatric  
Medical Association (GPMA)

**Administrative Staff Present**

Adrienne Price, Executive Director  
Meagan Doss, Licensing Supervisor  
Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist  
Toni Moore, Complaints/Compliance Analyst  
Arin Megginson, Veterinary Licensing / Complaints /  
Compliance Analyst

**Office of Attorney General**

Mary Brannen, Assistant Attorney General

**Call to Order**

Dr. La Russa established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

**OPEN SESSION**

**Agenda**

The Board accepts the agenda as presented.

**Open Session Minutes – November 16, 2022 Board Zoom Meeting Minutes**

Dr. Jokhai motioned, Dr. Giovinco seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the November 16, 2022 Open Session Board Zoom Meeting minutes as presented.

**Licenses to Ratify: October 7, 2022 – January 20, 2023**

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) – Request For Information – Mandated CE Courses for Licensing - 2022-12-09**

Dr. Jokhai motioned, Dr. Giovinco seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer to GPMA for their review and opinion.

**Discussion – Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME)**

1. Call for Comment on CMPE and CPME Revisions
2. CPME – Substantive Changes to CPME 820 Draft I
3. CPME – Substantive Changes to CPME 830 Draft I
4. CPME 820 – Draft I – Standards and Requirements for Approval of Podiatric Fellowships Council Approved – October 2022
5. CPME 830 – Draft I – Procedures for Approval of Podiatric Fellowships Council Approved – October 2022
6. LAST CALL FOR COMMENT – Interim Review of CPME 120 and CPME 130

Dr. Jokhai motioned, Dr. Giovinco seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that the Board has no additional comments as this time.

**Discussion – Board Rule 500-2-.01 Requirements for Examination and Licensure. Amended - Effective December 12, 2022**

The Board accepts the correspondence provided regarding Board Rule 500-2-.01 Requirements for Examination and Licensure. Amended, as information.

**Discussion - Proposed Administrative Licensing Policy**

Dr. Jokhai motioned, Dr. Giovinco seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to table the discussion regarding the Proposed Administrative Licensing Policy, for the April 28, 2023 meeting.

**Executive Director’s Report – A. Price LARUSSA/JOKHAI**

Executive Director’s Report presented the Board with statistical data relevant to the processing of applications, the number of licensees, and complaints/compliance matters. Other relevant topics included:

- Vacant Board Seat
- Annual Public Officer Affidavit
- Georgia General Assembly

Dr. La Russa motioned, Dr. Jokhai 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. Jokhai motioned, Dr. La Russa 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, January 27, 2023, 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 – November 16, 2022 Executive Session Board Zoom Meeting Minutes**

Dr. Jokhai motioned, Dr. Giovinco seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the November 16, 2022 Executive Session Board Zoom Meeting Minutes as presented.

**Attorney General’s Report – M. Brannen**

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

**Cognizant Report – J. Giovinco**

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

**POD220009** Close the case with a Letter of Concern regarding medical record keeping.

**Application for Board Review**

Dr. Jokhai motioned, Dr. Giovinco seconded to accept the following recommendation made in Executive Session. Dr. La Russa recused himself from the vote, motion carried.

**POD220004** Close the case.

**Adjournment** With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 1:54 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:** April 28, 2023

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

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