

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PODIATRY EXAMINERS
Board WebEx Meeting Minutes
Friday, January 24, 2025 – 1:00 p.m.

The Georgia State Board of Podiatry Examiners met via WebEx on Friday, January 24, 2025. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

Dr. Joseph Giovinco, DPM, Vice Chair
Ms. Monica Stewart, Consumer Board Member
Dr. Gregory Kramer, DPM, Board Member

Administrative Staff Present

Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Meagan Doss, Licensing Supervisor
Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
Demetrice Bryon, Licensing Analyst

Board Members Absent

No Members absent.

Office of Attorney General

Craig Pake, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Visitors Present

No visitors present.

Administrative Staff Absent

Sherry Strong, Licensing Analyst

Call to Order

Dr. Giovinco established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Agenda

Ms. Stewart motioned, Dr. Giovinco seconded, seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to adopt the agenda as amended.

Board Member Elections

Ms. Stewart motioned, Dr. Giovinco seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to elect the following members to the respective positions:

- Dr. Gregory Kramer as the Board’s Chairperson.
- Dr. Joseph Giovinco as the Board’s Vice Chairperson.
- Dr. Joseph Giovinco as the Board’s Applications and Complaints/Disciplinary Cognizant.
- Dr. Joseph Giovinco as the Board’s Rules Committee.
- Dr. Joseph Giovinco as the Board’s National Conference Representative.

Open Session Minutes – July 12, 2024 Board WebEx Meeting Minutes

Ms. Stewart motioned, Dr. Giovinco seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the July 12, 2024 Open Session Board WebEx Meeting minutes as presented.

Licenses to Ratify: July 5, 2024 – January 14, 2025

Dr. Giovinco motioned, Ms. Stewart 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. Licensing Board Funding & Applications & Renewals
2. RFI – Telehealth Regulations and APMLE Part III – 2024-09-25
3. Annual Update – 2024-2025

4. News Digest – 12-04-2024
5. Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME) – Call for Comment
 - a) CPME 120 and CPME 130
 - b) 120 STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCREDITING COLLEGES OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE
 - c) 130 PROCEDURES FOR ACCREDITING COLLEGES OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE
6. Community of Practice Session – Availability in February 2025

The Board accepts the correspondence from FPMB, as information.

Discussion – Federation of State Physician Health Programs (FSPHP) – Information about PHPs for FPMB Member Boards

The Board accepts the correspondence from FSPHP, as information and requests that Ms. Price reach out to the Georgia Professional Health Program on behalf of the Board about allowing licensed podiatrist to utilize their evaluation, treatment, monitoring, and case management services for mental and behavioral health issues to include but not limited to substance use disorders.

2025 Board Meeting Dates

Meetings are scheduled for Fridays at 1:00 p.m.

January 24, 2025
April 25, 2025
July 11, 2025
October 17, 2025

Ms. Stewart motioned, Dr. Kramer seconded, and the Board voted by acclamation to accept the 2025 Board Meeting Dates as presented.

Executive Director’s Report – A. Price

The 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:

- Annual Public Officer Affidavit
- Georgia General Assembly
- PLB Updates

Ms. Stewart 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

No report presented.

Ms. Stewart motioned, Dr. Giovinco 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. Giovinco, Ms. Stewart, and Dr. Kramer.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on Friday, January 24, 2025, 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 Session Minutes – July 12, 2024 Executive Session WebEx Meeting Minutes

Ms. Stewart motioned, Dr. Giovinco seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the July 12, 2024 Executive Session Board WebEx Meeting Minutes as presented.

Attorney General’s Report – C. Pake

No report presented.

Cognizant Report – J. Giovinco, DPM

No report presented.

Applications for Board Review

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

Applicant 4173727 Issue the license.

POD210015 Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for an Amended Public Consent Order based on violations of the Private Consent Order, docketed February 25, 2022, with terms and conditions as discussed in Executive Session.

Adjournment With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 2:13 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: May 30, 2025

JOSEPH GIOVINCO, DPM
BOARD VICE CHAIRPERSON

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF BIBB

**AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING OF
PUBLIC MEETING**

The Georgia Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 *et seq.*, requires that all meetings of an entity covered by the statute must be open to the public unless there is some specific statutory exception which permits the closing of the meeting. If such a meeting is to be closed, the law requires that the presiding person execute a sworn affidavit stating that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the statutory exceptions and identifying those specific exceptions relied upon. O.C.G.A. §50-14-4(b). A copy of this affidavit must be filed with the minutes of the meeting in question.

Comes now Joseph D. Giovino the presiding officer identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

1. I am the presiding officer of the Podiatry Board.
2. I am over the age of 18 and in all other aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On, 1/24/25 this entity, which is subject to the Open Meetings Act, met. A majority of the quorum of the members present voted to close the meeting or a portion thereof for the following indicated reason(s). I hereby certify that during the closed portion of the meeting, only those subjects indicated below were discussed. I also certify that I have reviewed the exceptions provided under the Open Meetings Act that may permit the closing of a meeting and that, to the best of my knowledge, the reasons I have described in detail below meet the requirements for closing this public meeting.
4. The legal authority for the closure of this meeting was:
O.C.G.A. §43-1-2(k) and 43-1-19(h)
5. The subject(s) discussed and the underlying facts supporting the closing of this meeting are:
To deliberate applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications and investigative reports.

FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT

Joseph D. Giovino
Presiding Officer

Sworn and subscribed before me
This 24 day of January 2025

Elizabeth Mannie
Notary Public

