

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PODIATRY EXAMINERS
Board WebEx Meeting Minutes
Friday, May 30, 2025 – 1:00 p.m.

The Georgia State Board of Podiatry Examiners met via WebEx on Friday, May 30, 2025. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

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

Administrative Staff Present

Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Meagan Doss, Licensing Supervisor
Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
Sherry Strong, Complaints/Compliance Analyst

Board Members Absent

No Members absent.

Office of Attorney General

Craig Pake, Assistant Attorney General

Visitors Present

Marit Sivertson, JD, Executive Director, Georgia Podiatric Medical Association (GPMA)

Call to Order

Dr. Kramer established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Agenda

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

Open Session Minutes – January 24, 2025 Board WebEx Meeting Minutes

Dr. Kramer motioned, Ms. Stewart seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the January 24, 2025 Open Session Board WebEx Meeting minutes as presented.

Licenses to Ratify: January 14, 2025 – April 16, 2025

Dr. Giovinco motioned, Dr. Kramer 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. Interstate Podiatric Medical Licensure Compact (IPMLC)

The Board noted typographical errors, misspellings and mixed usage of the words expedited and expeditated within the document and expressed concerns about the definition of podiatric physician in lines 65-67. The Board indicated that if the language was adopted as presented, there would need to be some grandfathering provisions for those who do not meet these requirements. The Board does not presently accept the language as presented and feels more work needs to be done before the statute is presented to the legislature. Ms. Stewart motioned, Dr. Giovinco seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to notify FPMB of the issues raised.

Marit Sivertson reported that GPMA has declined to move forward with presenting the Compact.

Based on discussion of the Compact, Dr. Kramer motioned, Dr. Giovinco seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to send notification to Georgia Podiatric Medical Association (GPMA) to consider lobbying to amend O.C.G.A. §§ 43-35-12(4) and/or 43-35-11 of the Georgia Podiatry Practice Act to include language which states that applicants who have successfully completed the first year of their postgraduate

training program are only eligible for a limited temporary license until they demonstrate successful completion of the entire postgraduate training program. The basis for this request is that successful completion of a 3-year residency program is now the industry norm to ensure the public health, safety, and welfare. The Board further recommends that the language states that the limited temporary license remain valid for a period not to exceed three (3) years and upon submission of proof of successful completion of the postgraduate training program, the Board shall issue a license to practice podiatric medicine which shall render the limited temporary license expired.

2. CPME – New Continuing Education Documents & New Operational Changes
3. IPMLC Model Law Survey
4. Annual Member Board Meeting June 11, 2025

The Board accepts the correspondence from FPMB, as information.

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:

- PLB Updates
- Georgia General Assembly

Dr. Kramer motioned, Ms. Stewart 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.

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

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on Friday, May 30, 2025, Dr. Kramer 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 – January 24, 2025 Executive Session WebEx Meeting Minutes

Ms. Stewart motioned, Dr. Kramer seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the January 24, 2025 Executive Session Board WebEx Meeting Minutes as presented.

Attorney General’s Report – C. Pake

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

Cognizant Report – J. Giovinco, DPM

Dr. Kramer motioned, Ms. Stewart seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the following recommendations made in Executive Session. Dr. Giovinco recused himself from the vote.

- POD250009** Close case due to insufficient information to initiate an investigation.
- POD240003** Close the case.
- POD250011** Close case due to documented proof that complainant signed a form advising that they may be responsible for any charges incurred in the event the insurance did not pay.
- POD250005** Close case at complainant's request.

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

- POD240006** Close the case, no action.
- POD250007** Close the case due to insufficient evidence to support the allegations.
- POD250014** Close the case due to insufficient information received to initiate an investigation.

Applications for Board Review

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

- Applicant 4225452** Issue the license.
- Applicant 4231801** Issue the license.
- Applicant 4218630** Issue the license.

Adjournment With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 2:22 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: July 11, 2025

GREGORY KRAMER, DPM
BOARD CHAIRPERSON

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

STATE OF GEORGIA

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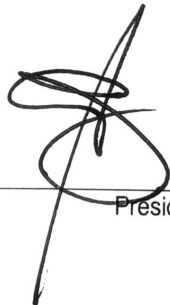
**AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING OF
PUBLIC MEETING**

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 Gregory J. Kramer ^{DPM} 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 Georgia State Board of Podiatry Examiners 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, May 30th 2025 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



Presiding Officer

Sworn and subscribed before me
This 30 day of May 2025

Joni Peavers

Notary Public

