

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PODIATRY EXAMINERS
Board WebEx Meeting Minutes
Friday, April 24, 2026 – 1:00 p.m.

The Georgia State Board of Podiatry Examiners met via WebEx on Friday, April 24, 2026. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

Dr. Gregory Kramer, DPM, Chairman
Dr. Joseph Giovinco, DPM, Vice Chair
Dr. Rupal Gupta, DPM, Board Member

Administrative Staff Present

Meagan Doss, Licensing Supervisor
Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
Sherry Strong, Complaint/Compliance Analyst

Board Members Absent

No Members absent.

Office of Attorney General

Craig Pake, Assistant Attorney General

Visitors Present

Hannah Holcomb, Medical Association of GA
John Floyd, Sr., Counsel
Marit Sivertson, JD, Executive Director, Georgia Podiatric Medical Association (GPMA)

Administrative Staff Absent

Adrienne Price, Executive Director

Call to Order Dr. Kramer established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Agenda Dr. Giovinco motioned, Dr. Kramer seconded, seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to adopt the agenda as presented.

Open Session Minutes – January 23, 2026 Board WebEx Meeting Minutes

Dr. Giovinco motioned, Dr. Kramer seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the January 23, 2026 Open Session Board WebEx Meeting minutes as presented.

Licenses to Ratify: January 16, 2026 – April 13, 2026

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. Board Attorney Community Practice Session – Post-Meeting Survey Responses & Mtg Poll
2. Scope of Practice Questions Regarding Immunizations and IM Injections
3. Notice Regarding Reporting of APML Score Report Delivery
4. Licensure Renewal and CE - Survey Responses
5. [FINAL REPORT] – Request for Information_ Immunization, Vaccination, and Injections
6. Announcement – Transition in APMLE Score Reporting Services

Dr. Giovinco requested that a response be sent from the Board to FPMB for the Scope of Practice Questions Regarding Immunizations and IM Injections. He stated that in the state of Georgia, intramuscular injections are within the scope of practice and are used to treat the lower extremity with antibiotics, and COVID vaccinations were allowed during the pandemic.

The Board accepts the correspondence regarding FPMB as information.

Discussion - The National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners (NBPME) – Welcomes Dr. Robert (Tim) Yoho as New State Board Liaison

The Board accepts the correspondence regarding NBPME 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:

- Vacant Board Seat
- PLB Updates
- Georgia General Assembly

Dr. Giovinco motioned, Dr. Kramer seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Executive Director’s Report as presented.

Board President’s Report – G. Kramer, DPM

No official report presented.

Dr. Kramer 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. Kramer, Dr. Giovinco, and Dr. Gupta.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on Friday, April 24, 2026, 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 23, 2026 Executive Session WebEx Meeting Minutes

Dr. Kramer motioned, Dr. Giovinco seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the January 23, 2026 Executive Session Board WebEx Meeting Minutes as presented.

Attorney General’s Report – C. Pake

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

Miscellaneous Executive Discussion- POD260015

Dr. Kramer motioned, Dr. Giovinco seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to rescind the previous motion and refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a Public Consent Agreement for Licensure with terms and conditions as discussed in Executive Session.

Cognizant Summary Report – J. Giovinco, DPM

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

POD250013 Close the case with a Letter of Concern as discussed in Executive Session. Dr. Giovinco recused himself from the vote.

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

POD250010 Close case due to insufficient evidence to substantiate a violation.

POD250004 Close case due to insufficient evidence to substantiate a violation.

POD250018 Close case due to insufficient evidence to substantiate a violation.

POD260002 Close case due to insufficient information to initiate an investigation.

POD260004 Close case due to no jurisdiction.

POD260018 Close case due to insufficient information to initiate an investigation.

POD250022 Refer for Peer Review as discussed in Executive Session.

POD260014 Close case due to insufficient evidence to substantiate a violation.

POD250016 Close case. Terms and conditions satisfied.

POD260010 Close case due to insufficient evidence to substantiate a violation.

Complaint Status Report

The Board voted to accept the Complaint Status Report as presented.

Adjournment With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 2:53 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 31, 2026

GREGORY KRAMER, DPM
BOARD CHAIRPERSON

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF BIBB

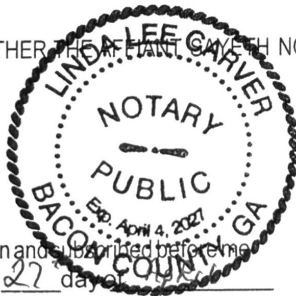
**AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING OF
PUBLIC MEETING**

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 Gregory J. Kauer, 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.

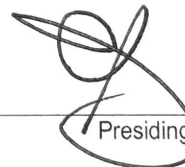
1. I am the presiding officer of the Ga State Board of Podiatry Examiners Board.
2. I am over the age of 18 and in all other aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On, April 24th 2026 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 AFFRANT SAYS HE NOT



Sworn and subscribed before me
This 27 day of April, 2026

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Presiding Officer



Notary Public