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**MINUTES**  
**Board Meeting**  
**JANUARY 12, 2018**

The Alabama State Board of Podiatry met on Friday, January 12, 2018, at the Board Offices located at 2777 Zelda Road in Montgomery, Alabama, in order to conduct business.

The meeting was called to order at 2:12 p.m. by Dr. Tommy Garnett, Board Vice Chair. The following Board members were in attendance: Dr. Tommy Garnett (Vice Chair), Dr. Hadryan Vaughn (Secretary/Treasurer), Dr. David Roberson, Jr. (member), Dr. John Odle (member) and Dr. Jay Morgan (member). Member not in attendance was Dr. Jamie Cleckler (Chair) and Dr. Angela Hampton (member). Also in attendance were Mr. Keith E. Warren (Executive Director), Mr. Cameron McEwen (Legal Counsel), Mr. Mike James (Investigator), Ms. Jennifer Love (Legal Assistant) and Ms. Renee' Reames (Executive Secretary to Mr. Warren and serving as recording secretary).

Public Notice of this regularly scheduled meeting was submitted to the Secretary of State and published on the website at [www.sos.alabama.gov](http://www.sos.alabama.gov), in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act, and posted on the Board's website at [www.podiatryboard.alabama.gov](http://www.podiatryboard.alabama.gov).

A copy of the minutes from the October 20, 2017 Board meeting was submitted to the members prior to the meeting for their review. Dr. Odle made a motion to approve the October minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Roberson and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented the Executive Director Report to include financial information for FY 2018, for the period ending December 31, 2017, and reported that the current number of licensees totaled #154. A detail report of deposits and expenses was presented for the Board's review (report filed in the Board's Official Book of Minutes). Mr. Warren also presented the Administrator's report on activities performed by the staff since the last Board meeting and reported that three (3) complaints had been received during the first quarter of FY 2018. Dr. Morgan made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Roberson and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. McEwen presented the Legal Counsel report. He reported that in the matter of the pending Civil lawsuit, the case was settled and "dismissed with prejudice" by the Court. Mr. McEwen asked the Board to ratify the settlement as discussed in the Executive Session held during the October Board

Mr. McEwen presented a request concerning the scope of practice to perform skin graft procedures. He reminded the Board about a previous discussion by the Board on this matter, which read: *A Podiatrist in Alabama can treat below the ankle. If harvesting is to be performed from another area of the body (the thigh), then the harvesting must be performed by a medical physician. The Podiatrist can harvest or graft below the ankle and the medical physician would perform the related procedure on the other areas of the body.* It was the unanimous decision of the Board to post this statement for informational purposes on the Board's website.

Mr. Warren presented a request from the Federation of Podiatric Medical Boards concerning Part III examinations as a part of licensure requirements. Following a review of the Board's statute § 34-24-255 and the NBPME guidelines, the Board agreed that the Part III Exam was required for licensure in Alabama.

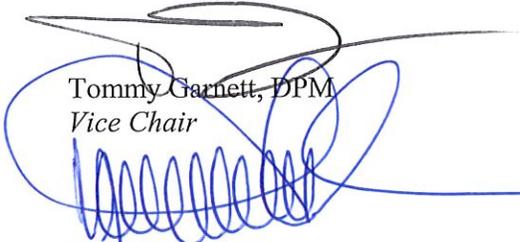
Mr. McEwen presented a request concerning the use of Telemedicine in providing podiatric services in Alabama. The Board discussed standard of care concerns and the requirement that the podiatrist be licensed in Alabama. The Board discussed drafting, at a future Board meeting, an Opinion by the Board on this matter.

Mr. McEwen reported that the Board had received complaints concerning advertising and asked the Board about the Disclaimer statement in Rule 730-X-4-01(2)(f) concerning rack card advertisements and Facebook. It was the consensus of the Board that advertising requirements be consistent for the use of these modalities and Disclaimer was required. The Board discussed revising the current Board rule, at a future Board meeting, by further defining the various forms of advertising and modalities.

Mr. Garnett reminded the members that the next meeting of the Board was scheduled April 13, 2018, at 2:00 p.m.

There being no further business of the Board, Dr. Roberson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Odle and unanimously approved by the Board. Dr. Garnett adjourned the meeting at 2:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tommy Garnett, DPM  
*Vice Chair*



Keith E. Warren  
*Executive Director*

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