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**MINUTES**  
**Board Meeting**  
**January 11, 2019**

The Alabama State Board of Podiatry met on Friday, January 11, 2019 at the Board Office located at 2777 Zelda Road in Montgomery, Alabama, to conduct business.

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by Dr. Tommy Garnett (Board Vice Chair). The following Board members were in attendance: Dr. Tommy Garnett (Vice Chair), Dr. Hadryan H. Vaughn (Board Secretary), Dr. Jay Morgan (member), Dr. Angela Hampton (member) and Dr. David Roberson (member). Members not in attendance were Dr. Jamie Lee Cleckler (Board Chair) and Dr. John Odle (member). Also in attendance were Mr. Keith E. Warren (Executive Director), Mr. Cameron McEwen (Legal Counsel), Ms. Hope Childers (Board Administrator), Ms. Jennifer Love (Legal Assistant), Mr. Mike James (Investigator) and Ms. Renee' Reames (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 12, 2018 Board meeting was submitted to the members prior to the meeting for their review. Dr. Roberson made a motion to approve the October meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Vaughn and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren introduced Mr. Jack Dillard, Esq., Attorney for the Respondent in the complaint case #2018-005. Attorney Dillard commented that the Respondent had complied with the terms of the Consent Order in this case and reported that the Respondent had recently received a letter from an insurance company, notifying the podiatrist that he was unable to be reimbursed for services as of January, 2019, due to a changes in the insurance company's policy. Attorney Dillard asked the Board to terminate the Respondent's probation, to allow reimbursement for services in this regard. Attorney Dillard stated that the Respondent had

already served 9 months of the 12-month probation in compliance with the consent order. Dr. Roberson made the motion to go into Executive Session for approximately 30 minutes to discuss the good name and character of the Respondent. The motion was seconded by Dr. Vaughn. Mr. McEwen, Board Counsel, agreed with the purpose of the meeting. Following a roll call vote: Dr. Vaughn, aye; Dr. Morgan, aye; Dr. Hampton, aye; and Dr. Roberson, aye, the Board unanimously approved the motion: Dr. Garnett adjourned into Executive Session at 2:20 p.m. Dr. Garnett reconvened the meeting at 2:38 p.m. and called the business meeting to order.

Dr. Roberson made the motion to amend the consent order effective April 13, 2018 to remove the probation period as of January 11, 2019, with no modifications to the controlled substance license stipulations in the original Order. The motion was seconded by Dr. Morgan and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. McEwen offered to provide written communications to the insurance company, clarifying the issuances of licenses by the Board, noting that the Respondent does not possess a controlled substance license and currently holds a podiatrist license. The Respondent and his Attorney concurred with the written communication to the insurance company and the guests departed the meeting.

Mr. Warren reported on the Executive Director Report, which included financial information for FY 2019 for the period ending December 31, 2018. Also provided was the Administrator's Report, which outlined activities performed by the staff since the last Board meeting (report filed in the Board's Official Book of Minutes). Following a review of the reports, a motion was made by Dr. Morgan to approve the financial report as presented. Dr. Roberson seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved.

Mr. Warren reported that the Podiatric Association had requested a copy of the proposed comprehensive legislation in support of the proposed bill.

Mr. Warren reported that Dr. Mildred Dixon had passed away at the age of 102. The Board expressed their sympathy and the commented on her professional accomplishments and founder of the only podiatric medicine residency program in Alabama.

Mr. McEwen presented the Legal Counsel Report and reported there were no complaints received to-date during fiscal year 2019.

Mr. McEwen presented for the Board's review an example rule concerning risk and abuse mitigation strategies for prescribing podiatrists. Also provided was a copy of the Alabama Opioid Council Report. Mr. James reported that the Board's current rules require drug logs to be maintained by podiatrists. Following a review of the proposed rule presented by Mr. McEwen, Dr. Morgan made a motion to adopt a rule as amended. The motion was seconded by Dr. Roberson and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Childers presented a special review of an examination applicant requesting to take the examination earlier than June due to an employment offer. Following a review of this matter, Dr. Hampton moved to authorize Ms. Childers to coordinate and administer the law exam

prior to the June regular exam date. The motion was seconded by Dr. Vaughn and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren reported that election of officers was due. He reported on four (4) Board terms that had expired, creating vacancies on the Board and that members continued to serve until appointments were made to fill these positions. The Board agreed to work on filling these vacancies as soon as possible and agreed to postpone the election of new officers until the next Board meeting.

Mr. McEwen reported that the Board had received an application from an individual, with a criminal history in another state and had a pending lawsuit. He indicated that the application had been placed on an administrative hold, pending the criminal trial, and that he was working with law officials in the other state, as well as US attorneys office, to obtain updated information to assist in the processing of this application. Mr. McEwen reported that he had sent a letter to the applicant that his application had been placed on administrative hold.

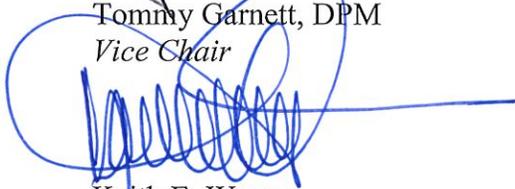
Dr. Garnett announced that the Board's next regularly scheduled meeting was April 12, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

There being no further business of the Board, Dr. Morgan made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Vaughn and unanimously approved by the Board. Dr. Garnett adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tommy Garnett, DPM  
*Vice Chair*



Keith E. Warren  
*Executive Director*

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