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MINUTES
Board Meeting
April 23, 2021

The Alabama State Board of Podiatry held its regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, April 23, 2021, via video-conferencing during the COVID 19 State of Emergency. The following Board members attended virtually: Dr. Jeffrey Dull (Board Chair joined at 2:10 p.m.), Dr. Maurice Wainwright (Vice Chair), Dr. Robson Araujo (Secretary/Treasurer), Dr. Angela Hampton (member), Dr. Michael Hames (member), Dr. Johnnie Alston (member) and Dr. Paul Ciavarelli (member). The meeting was held at the Board's office located at 2777 Zelda Road in Montgomery, Alabama and others onsite in attendance were Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Director), Ms. Hope Childers (Board Administrator) and Ms. Renee' Reames (recording secretary). The meeting was called to order by Dr. Wainwright at 2:01 p.m.

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

Dr. Wainwright presented the proposed agenda for the April 23, 2021 meeting. Dr. Araujo made the motion to accept the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hampton and unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Wainwright presented the January 22, 2021 Board meeting minutes for the Board's approval. A copy of the minutes was distributed to the members prior to the meeting for their review. Dr. Araujo made a motion to approve the January meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ciavarelli and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented the Executive Director Report, which included financial information for the period ending March 31, 2021, along with the number of licensees and status of complaints received in fiscal year 2021.

Mr. Warren reported that Board signatures at the Bank have been finalized, in accordance with the Board authorizing who could sign Board checks and indicated that he was listed as custodian of the account.

Dr. Dull joined the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Mr. Warren presented the Administrator's Report, which listed activities performed by the staff since the last Board meeting held in January (report filed in the Board's Official Book of Minutes).

Dr. Araujo made the motion to accept the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hampton and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren reported that there was no Legal Counsel Report at this time.

Dr. Dull updated the members on the Podiatry bill proposed during the during the 2021 Legislative session and reported that it had not completed the approval process, with the Legislature scheduled to end the session in May.

The Board considered a written request for clarification concerning scope of practice that involved the diagnostic ultrasound of the lower extremities to assess the blood flow to and from the feet, etc. After review of CPT Codes 93922 – 93926 and 93970 – 93971, it was the consensus of the Board that these services were in the scope of practice. Dr. Araujo made the motion that the Executive Director prepare a letter on behalf of the Board indicating that diagnostic ultrasound of the venous and arterial systems of the lower extremities was within the scope of podiatry in Alabama. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wainwright and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren reported on current Board terms and indicated that Dr. Hampton's term would expire in May, 2021. Mr. Warren explained that members could continue to serve on the Board until replaced. The Board discussed potential nominees to recommend to Governor Ivey to fill this position.

The Board also discussed the advertising disclaimer in the Board's Rules and Mr. Warren reported that the proper wording was cited in the rule, which was to be used when listing podiatry services that were to be provided.

Dr. Dull announced that the next meeting of the Board was scheduled on July 23, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Warren reported that the meeting would be held onsite following the lifting of the COVID 19 State of Emergency. He indicated that a quorum was required in-person at the meeting site and he would keep the members advised about the meeting location.

There being no further business of the Board, Dr. Araujo made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hampton and unanimously approved by the Board. Dr. Dull adjourned the meeting at 2:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Jeffrey Dull
Board Chair

Keith E. Warren
Executive Director

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