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**FLORIDA** | Board of Podiatric Medicine

MINUTES  
February 3, 2015

Teleconference



Chet Evans, M.S., D.P.M.  
**Chair**

Mark S. Block, D.P.M.  
**Vice-Chair**

Adrienne Rodgers, BSN, J.D.  
**Executive Director**

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1 **General Board Business started: 1:03 p.m.**

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3 I. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Evans, Chair, at approximately 1:03 p.m. Those present for all or part of the meeting  
4 included the following:  
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6 **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

7 Chet Evans, M.S., D.P.M., Chair  
8 Mark S. Block, D.P.M.  
9 Melvin Price, D.P.M.  
10 Joseph Strickland, D.P.M.  
11 Robert Morris, Ph.D.  
12 Scott Koppel, D.P.M., Vice Chair  
13 James Pearce, B.B.A., M.B.A.

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Adrienne Rodgers, Executive Director  
Joseph Lesho, Program Operations Administrator  
Jose Montalvan, Regulatory Supervisor/Consultant  
Savada Knight, Regulatory Specialist II  
Kelly Woodard, Regulatory Specialist II

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15 **BOARD COUNSEL:**

16 Mary Ellen Clark, Senior Assistant Attorney General  
17 Office of Attorney General  
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19 **PROSECUTION COUNSEL:**

20 Yolanda Y. Green, Assistant General Counsel and Section Manager  
21 Department of Health, Office of the General Counsel  
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23 **COURT REPORTER:**

24 No court reporter was present  
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26 *Please note the minutes reflect the actual order agenda items were discussed and may differ from the agenda outline. AUDIO from*  
27 *this meeting can be found online: <http://floridaspodiatricmedicine.gov/>*  
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29 **General Board Business started at 1:06 p.m.**

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31 **II. APPLICANTS PRESENTED FOR BOARD REVIEW:**

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33 1. John DeStephano, D.P.M.  
34 Dr. DeStephano was present and not represented by counsel.  
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36 Dr. DeStephano's application was before the Board due to discipline of his New York license. The discipline stemmed from  
37 Applicant forging the signature of another podiatrist on a prescription form. Applicant received 2 years of probation  
38 commencing in 2013 and ending in February 2015, and a stayed suspension of his license.  
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40 Discussion:

41 Applicant stated it was a bad judgment and had admitted to the residency program that it happened. He stated the probation  
42 ends in February 2015.  
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44 Dr. Evans asked if the Board could approve the application with the probation in New York still open, and when the license  
45 would become effective if approved today. Ms. Clark responded that the license would become immediately effective. Dr.  
46 Evans asked if a conditional license could be issued. Ms. Clark suggested delaying the matter to the March 2015 meeting as  
47 Dr. DeStephano had waived his 90-day rights under s. 120.60(1), F.S.  
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49 Action taken:

50 Motion to defer consideration to the March board meeting and app provide evidence from New York that all conditions of  
51 probation have been met made by Dr. Evans, seconded by Dr. Koppel. Dr. Koppel and Mr. Pearce asked if Dr. DeStephano's  
52 appearance could be waived. Dr. Evans amended his motion to excuse Dr. DeStephano's appearance, seconded by Dr.  
53 Koppel.

54 Vote: 7 ayes / 0 opposed; motion carried  
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- 56 2. John P. Miketa, D.P.M.  
57 Dr. Miketa was present and was not represented by counsel.  
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1 Dr. Miketa's application was before the Board due to documentation received that reflects a Medical Malpractice indemnity  
2 in the amount of \$500,000 was paid in 1998. A diabetic patient treated for a foot ulcer developed complications from the  
3 antibiotic prescribed.  
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5 Discussion:

6 Ms. Clark advised the Board that the Board should approve for the background history only since Dr. Miketa's application  
7 was incomplete until the Medical Errors requirement was fulfilled.  
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9 Action taken:

10 Motion to approve the medical malpractice in the Applicant's background history and to allow the Applicant to move  
11 forward with his application made by Dr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Pearce.  
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13 3. Nimesh Patel, D.P.M.

14 Dr. Patel requested that his application be tabled until the next meeting due to his retention of new counsel. Dr. Block asked  
15 if engagement of counsel was due to the ongoing criminal action. Ms. Clark explained the history of Dr. Patel's licensure,  
16 why the application was now before the Board, and in what context Dr. Patel retained counsel for this matter. Dr. Price asked  
17 if the non-renewal could be reversed. Ms. Clark stated that Dr. Patel was coming before the Board based on a new application  
18 and not his non-renewal. Dr. Evans asked if the terms of the Final Order would have to be complied with. Ms. Clark advised  
19 that the Board could consider renewing the conditions if it approved the application for licensure.  
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21 V. NEXT MEETING – March 27, 2015 – Orlando

22 Ms. Rodgers asked the board to consider adding meeting dates in order to avoid the need for setting interim meeting due to  
23 90-day issues and provided the following dates for the Board's consideration.

24 PCP:

25 February 23 through 25

26 June 18 or 19

27 September 17 or 18

28 Dec 17 or 18  
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30 Board:

31 March 27 Orlando

32 June 19 (teleconference)

33 August 7 or 24 through 28 (teleconference)

34 October 22, 23 or 30 OR Nov 19 or 20 (Live)  
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36 **General Board Business concluded at 1:30 p.m.**

37 Motion to adjourn made by Dr. Morris and seconded by Mr. Pearce.