

FLORIDA BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE GENERAL BOARD MEETING

DRAFT MINUTES

January 5, 2021 at 4:15 P.M. EST



Joseph Strickland, DPM, Chair

Janet E. Hartman, Executive Director

AGENDA

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER @ 4:15 P.M. ET

Roll Call Conducted by Janet Hartman

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Joseph Strickland, DPM - Chair
Mark S. Block, DPM – Vice Chair
Soorena Sadri, DPM
Robert Morris, PhD

BOARD STAFF PRESENT

Janet Hartman, Executive Director
Eric Pottschmidt, Program Operations Administrator

BOARD COUNSEL PRESENT

Christopher Dierlam, Assistant Attorney General

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH COUNSEL PRESENT

Judson Searcy, Assistant General Counsel

APPLICATIONS REQUIRING BOARD REVIEW (TS 00:01:27)

Cheryl Wilcott – Podiatric X-Ray Assistant - File #2621

Cheryl Wilcott was present and did not have legal representation.

Discussion: The Board required a PRN evaluation before the application can be reviewed and approved or denied. Ms. Wilcott waived the 90-day requirement and has 120 days to receive a PRN evaluation.

After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Dr. Block to require a PRN evaluation.
Second: by Dr. Morris
Vote: Passed Unanimously

Andrea Dixon – Podiatric X-Ray Assistant – File #2514

Andrea Dixon was present and did not have legal representation.

Discussion: No discussion from the Board.

After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Dr. Block to approve the application.
Second: by Dr. Morris
Vote: Passed Unanimously

PETITIONS FOR VARIANCE OR WAIVER – PART III EXAMINATION (TS 00:21:07)

Chapter 64B18-11 - Application and Examination for Licensure – APMLE Part III Examination

Melissa Cohen, DPM was present and did not have legal representation.

Allen Lazerson, DPM was present and did not have legal representation.

Lawrence Handler, DPM was present and did not have legal representation.

Discussion: The Board reviewed all three applications and felt it was appropriate to approve all three applicants in the same motion.

After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Dr. Sadri to approve all three Petition of Variance and Waivers.

Second: by Dr. Morris

Vote: Passed Unanimously

MERCY HOSPITAL RESIDENCY PROGRAM (TS 00:27:50)

Annual Report Requirement - s. 461.014, Florida Statutes

Discussion: Mercy Hospital failed to provide their 2018 and 2019 annual reports. However, in October 2020 they provided the reports for 2020 and the past years once the error was found.

PETITIONS FOR VARIANCE OR WAIVER – RESIDENCY REGISTRATION (TS 00:33:45)

Rule 64B18-16.006, Florida Administrative Code, Registration Requirements of Podiatric Residents

Abir Zafar – File # 712 was present and did have legal representation.

Julio Gutierrez – File #713 was present and did have legal representation.

Sharang Penumetsa – File #714 was present and did have legal representation.

Francisco Lopez – File #715 was not present and did have legal representation.

Raj Prabhaker – File #716 was present and did have legal representation.

Leonardo Zayas-Bazan – File #717 was present and did have legal representation.

Marilyn Toribio – File #718 was present and did have legal representation.

Lauren Gibson – File #612 was present and did have legal representation.

Legal Representation was Michael Lowe, Esq. for all eight applicants.

Discussion: After having reviewed the case with Mercy Hospital and the connection with all eight applicants the Board felt it was appropriate to make a motion for all eight applicants at once.

Motion: by Dr. Block to approve all eight (8) Petitions for Variance or Waivers
Second: by Dr. Morris
Vote: Passed Unanimously

RULE 64B18-24.001 – APPLICATION REVIEW (TS 00:42:32)

Initial Certification for Podiatric X-Ray Assistants.

Discussion: The Board and public did not have any discussion on the changes to the application.

Motion: by Dr. Block to approve the text as described in the application.

Second: by Dr. Sadri

Vote: Passes Unanimously

SERC Questions

Will the proposed rule amendments have adverse impact on small business or will the proposed rule amendments be likely to directly or indirectly increase regulatory costs to any entity including government in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate in Florida within one year after implementation?

Should a violation of this rule or any part of this rule be designated as a minor violation?

Motion: by Dr. Block votes “NO”

Second: by Dr. Sadri

Vote: Passed Unanimously

Would a Sunset provision be applicable to this Rule?

Motion: by Dr. Block votes “NO”

Second: by Dr. Sadri

Vote: Passed Unanimously

February 5, 2021 General Board Meeting

Ms. Hartman discussed the possibility of changes from an in-person meeting in Orlando, FL to a teleconference.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

ADJOURNMENT @ 5:05 P.M. ET

Motion: by Dr. Morris to adjourn the meeting.

Second: by Dr. Block

Vote: Passed Unanimously