

# **FLORIDA BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE GENERAL BOARD MEETING**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**Friday, October 14, 2022, at 9:00 A.M. EST**

**Embassy Suites, Lake Buena Vista South  
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**Mark S. Block, D.P.M., Chair  
Soorena Sadri, D.P.M., Vice-Chair  
Ashleigh K. Irving, Executive Director**



***Please note that the meeting minutes reflect the actual order that agenda items were discussed during the meeting and may differ from the agenda outline.***

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

**(TS 00:03:01 Minutes)** The meeting was called to order on Friday, October 14, 2022, at approximately 9:00 A.M. EST by Mark S. Block, D.P.M., Chair.

**(TS 00:03:15 Minutes)** Roll call was conducted by Ashleigh Irving, Executive Director.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mark S. Block, D.P.M. – Chair  
Soorena Sadri, D.P.M. – Vice-Chair  
Marc Klein, D.P.M.  
Robert Morris, PhD

### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Ashleigh Irving, Executive Director  
Eric Pottschmidt, MBA, Program Operations  
Administrator

### **MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

Joseph Strickland, D.P.M.

### **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH COUNSEL:**

Matthew Witters, Chief Legal Counsel  
Caitlin R. Harden, Esq, Senior Attorney

### **BOARD COUNSEL:**

Kara Aikens, Assistant Attorney General

**(TS 00:04:07 Minutes)** Opening remarks were read by Ms. Irving.

## **II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES (TS 00:06:34 Minutes)**

### **A. April 8, 2022**

**Motion:** by Dr. Block to approve the April 8, 2022, minutes.  
**Second:** by Dr. Klein.  
**Vote:** passed unanimously.

### **B. June 24, 2022**

**Motion:** by Dr. Block to approve the June 24, 2022, minutes.  
**Second:** by Dr. Sadri.  
**Vote:** passed unanimously.

## **III. DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS**

### **A. Settlement Agreement - Zeeshan Anwar, D.P.M. Case # 2020-29611**

*Probable Cause Panel* – Mark Block, D.P.M. and Melvin Price, D.P.M.

*Subject's Attorney* – Barry M. Wax, Esq.

**(TS 00:07:10 Minutes)** Dr. Anwar was present and sworn in by the court reporter. Mr. Anwar had legal representation present (Barry M. Wax, Esq.). Dr. Block was recused due to participation in the Probable Cause Panel.



**(TS 00:08:12)** Ms. Harden introduced herself and presented the case before the Board with the following allegation:

**Count I**—Violation of Section 461.013(1)(c), F.S. (2020).

Ms. Harden stated that the facts of the case were that on or about April 5, 2021, the Respondent entered a plea of guilty to one count of vehicular manslaughter in a reckless manner, and that the crime of vehicular manslaughter in a reckless manner is a crime which directly relates to the practice of podiatric medicine or the ability to practice podiatric medicine.

**The Department recommends the following penalties:**

- Letter of reprimand
- \$7,500.00 administrative fine to be paid within eighteen (18) months of the filing of the Final Order
- Costs not to exceed \$1,500.00 to be paid within one (1) year of the filing of the Final Order
- Completion of Continuing Education courses in the areas of Laws and Rules (8 hours) and Ethics (3 hours)

**(TS 00:09:16 Minutes)** Ms. Irving noted again for the record that Dr. Block was recused from this case, and therefore Dr. Sadri would be conducting the meeting until Dr. Block was able to resume.

**(TS 00:09:16 Minutes)** Respondent's counsel, Mr. Wax, provided a statement to the Board, noting the significance and seriousness of this matter in the life of Dr. Anwar. Mr. Wax noted that this occurrence represented an aberration in an otherwise law-abiding life, which was one of the primary considerations during negotiations of the Settlement Agreement. Mr. Wax explained that though Dr. Anwar was initially charged with DUI manslaughter with a vehicular homicide charge, following negotiations with the State Attorney's Office in Miami-Dade County that were primarily driven by the victim's family, they were able to negotiate a resolution of the case primarily considering the circumstances surrounding the offense as well as Dr. Anwar's life history.

**(TS 00:11:12 Minutes)** Mr. Wax noted that both the State Attorney's Office and the victim's family determined that the best possible result in the case was to dismiss the DUI manslaughter charge and allow Dr. Anwar to plead guilty to the charge of vehicular homicide. Mr. Wax further noted that as a consequence of this, Dr. Anwar is now a convicted felon. Mr. Wax stated that Dr. Anwar did not receive a prison or jail sentence but was given a two-year sentence of community control, colloquially known as house arrest, involving wearing a GPS monitor, and had thus far completed about 18 months. Mr. Wax added that Dr. Anwar has been in compliance with the conditions of his community control, and when the two-year sentence concludes, Dr. Anwar would be on probation for a period of eight years per the terms of the Settlement Agreement made with the government.

**(TS 00:12:40 Minutes)** Mr. Wax noted that Dr. Anwar has had three evaluations for alcohol, the first of which was with a private addictionologist, the second by the Department of Children and Families, and most recently by Dr. Richard Sealey, an evaluator for PRN, each of which resulted in a recommendation of no further treatment being deemed necessary. Mr. Wax provided additional details regarding Dr. Anwar's plea agreement.



**(TS 00:15:30 Minutes)** Dr. Morris inquired when Dr. Anwar’s civil rights will be restored, to which Mr. Wax replied that Dr. Anwar would have to file with the State of Florida to restore his civil rights, which he will be able to do at the conclusion of his period of supervision, in approximately 8.5 years.

**(TS 00:16:17 Minutes)** Dr. Anwar provided a statement before the Board.

**(TS 00:18:35 Minutes)** Following discussion, the Board took the following action:

- Motion:** by Dr. Sadri to accept the settlement agreement.
- Second:** by Dr. Klein.
- Vote:** passed unanimously.

**IV. PROSECUTOR’S REPORT**

**Inventory of Cases as of September 28, 2022**

Cases under legal review by a department prosecutor:	1
Cases drafted for probable cause:	2
Cases waiting for Board Review:	1
Cases where probable cause has been found:	0
Cases with an appeal pending:	0
Cases in a hold status:	0
Cases awaiting a final order:	0
Other (Intake and Re-opened cases/supplementals):	1
<b>Total Case Inventory:</b>	<b>5</b>

**Total Number of Year and Older Cases:** 2

**(TS 00:20:10 Minutes)** Ms. Harden presented the report to the Board. After discussion, the Department requested that the Board authorize the continued prosecution of the year and older cases. Dr. Block recognized and thanked the Prosecution Services Unit for the progress that has been made with the number of cases.

After discussion, the Board took the following action:

- Motion:** by Dr. Block to permit PSU to continue to prosecute 1 year and older cases.
- Second:** by Dr. Sadri.
- Vote:** passed unanimously.

**V. APPLICATION REVIEWS**

**A. Podiatric Physician**

**i. Andrea Luszczak, D.P.M.**

**(TS 00:21:36 Minutes)** Dr. Luszczak was not present and did not have legal representation present. Dr. Luszczak’s application was before the Board for review because she failed to disclose her criminal history in the application for licensure. Dr. Luszczak was convicted of reckless driving in 2009.



**(TS 00:22:55 Minutes)** Mr. Pottschmidt noted that this applicant was not present at this meeting likely due to her current residence being in Wisconsin. Mr. Pottschmidt further noted that according to the conviction record guidelines, the criminal history presented would have been clearable by the Board office, clarifying that the application is before the Board due to Dr. Luszczak's failure to disclose the information in the application.

**(TS 00:24:27 Minutes)** Dr. Block noted that the misinterpretation of the application questions regarding criminal history which result in application reviews being required by the Board seems to be an ongoing issue even with the Board revising the application form(s) to make them more comprehensible.

**(TS 00:26:00 Minutes)** After discussion, the Board took the following action:

**Motion:** by Dr. Block to approve the application.  
**Second:** by Dr. Klein.  
**Vote:** passed unanimously.

**ii. Chris Pulliam, D.P.M.**

**(TS 00:26:35 Minutes)** Dr. Pulliam was present and did not have legal representation present. Dr. Pulliam was before the Board for review of criminal history. Dr. Pulliam failed to disclose his criminal history ranging from 1991 through 1997 in the application for licensure.

**Motion:** by Dr. Block to approve the application.  
**Second:** by Dr. Klein.

**(TS 00:28:58 Minutes)** Dr. Pulliam provided a statement before the Board, stating that he misinterpreted the application questions, thinking that it was asking about felony offenses, and since his criminal history was mostly minor offenses, he was not aware he would need to report this in the application. Dr. Pulliam added that he did not disclose that he is currently in substance abuse treatment and has been since October 2021, further explaining that the U.S. Navy advised him that he would not need to inform the Department as they would notify the Department of his participation in the substance abuse treatment program. Dr. Pulliam noted that he would be completing his treatment the following month and would be discharged from out-patient treatment at that time. Dr. Pulliam also stated that he was resigning from the Navy and that as of January 31, 2023, he would be off active duty and staying in the Jacksonville area, where he wishes to practice serve in the community.

**(TS 00:30:27 Minutes)** Dr. Block noted that there was an incident of impairment due to alcohol found by the U.S. Navy in June 2022. Dr. Pulliam responded that he is in the process of fighting the validity of that claim currently. Dr. Pulliam confirmed that his discharge would be honorable and that he entered treatment voluntarily.

**(TS 00:31:44 Minutes)** Ms. Irving noted that it seemed that there was additional information which Dr. Pulliam did not disclose in the application regarding his health history which he had just verbally disclosed during the present meeting. Dr. Pulliam responded to this reiterating that he was advised by someone in his substance abuse treatment program not to inform the Department as someone in the credentialing department at the hospital would be informing the Department.



**(TS 00:32:30 Minutes)** Ms. Irving presented the possible options to be taken by the Board including requiring the applicant to undergo additional analysis by the PRN [Professionals Resource Network] program, which is the Department's standard program for impaired practitioners, then noted that the applicant is currently in a program, and suggested the possibility that the applicant could waive his 90-day timeframe for the application, and the Board could require that the applicant's current doctor to provide a letter regarding his diagnosis and current treatment plan.

**(TS 00:33:45 Minutes)** Dr. Block withdrew his motion to approve the application and requested additional discussion. Dr. Block noted the two issues he had with the application as follows: the application was not filled out correctly, and that there is some history of substance abuse which must also be reviewed. Dr. Block noted that he would be inclined to consider approval of the application with contingencies that the applicant undergoes the PRN process as well as completing additional hours of laws and rules continuing education above the normally required laws and rules continuing education credit. Dr. Sadri expressed his agreement to this notion.

**(TS 00:37:08 Minutes)** Ms. Irving made note that Dr. Pulliam had already waived his 90-day rights as evidenced in the agenda materials.

**Motion:** by Dr. Block to approve the application contingent upon Dr. Pulliam fulfilling the PRN process as well as completing an additional 2 hours of continuing education in laws and rules, one of which is required to be from a live course, and the remaining hour to be either from an in-person course or a virtual course.

Ms. Irving requested clarification on whether the Board would have Dr. Pulliam remain under a contract for monitoring following his evaluation that will take place with PRN, or if the Board would have his initial evaluation from PRN to come before the full Board or a single Board member for review at the next scheduled meeting which is scheduled for January 2023 so that the Board may determine whether they will approve the application or if PRN's recommendation is that Dr. Pulliam remain under monitoring.

Dr. Block stated that he believed that one Board member would be sufficient to review this information, and it was then agreed that Dr. Sadri will be reviewing this information. Dr. Block requested a letter to be submitted from the doctor which Dr. Pulliam was seeing at the treatment program he was currently completing.

After discussion, the Board took the following action:

**Motion:** by Dr. Block to approve the application contingent upon Dr. Pulliam fulfilling the PRN process as well as completing an additional 2 hours of continuing education in laws and rules, one of which is required to be from a live course, and the remaining hour to be either from a live course or a virtual course.

**Second:** by Dr. Klein.

**Vote:** passed unanimously.



## **B. Podiatric X-Ray Assistant**

### **i. Bridgett Martin, Podiatric X-Ray Assistant**

**(TS 00:43:35 Minutes)** Ms. Martin was not present and did not have legal representation present. Ms. Martin did not disclose in her application that she had a prior felony conviction from 2000 for obtaining benefits under public assistance programs by fraud.

**(TS 00:44:53 Minutes)** Dr. Block noted that if Ms. Martin had disclosed this information in the application, he would have been inclined to make a motion immediately to approve the application, further noting, however, that he took issue with her absence at the meeting as that prevented her from being able to explain the circumstances of her situation.

After discussion, the Board took the following action:

**Motion:** by Dr. Block to not approve the application and to require Ms. Martin to appear at one of the next two Board meetings.

**Second:** by Dr. Morris.

**(TS 00:51:10 Minutes)** Ms. Aikens noted that this application may be approaching the 90-day timeframe prior to the next meeting date, and suggested that the Board office could reach out to the applicant to explain that she would need to waive the 90 days if the next meeting date falls outside of the 90-day window.

**Vote:** passed unanimously.

### **ii. Windy Morton, Podiatric X-Ray Assistant**

**(TS 00:55:22 Minutes)** Ms. Morton was not present and did not have legal representation present. Ms. Morton did not disclose misdemeanor criminal offenses from 2003 in her application. Ms. Aikens noted that she believed this may have been an expungement issue as well and that Ms. Morton may have been unclear on what she needed to disclose, adding that it appeared the documents related to Ms. Morton's offenses may have been destroyed due to the length of time from when the offenses originally occurred, citing a letter from the Bartow Police Department which was included in the agenda materials.

**Motion:** by Dr. Block to approve the application pending Ms. Morton's appearance at one of the next two Board meetings to explain the circumstances of the situation.

**Second:** by Dr. Klein.

Dr. Morris inquired on the severity as well as the types of criminal charges, to which Ms. Irving responded that in 2003 there was a misdemeanor charge for possession of drug paraphernalia, as well as two other misdemeanor charges also from 2003 each for writing worthless checks.

**(TS 00:58:53 Minutes)** Dr. Block noted the importance of individuals who have disciplinary, criminal, or health history attending the meetings, particularly if they did not initially disclose this information in the application, as it allows them to explain the circumstances and why the information was not disclosed.



Ms. Aikens clarified the application questions to Dr. Morris, noting that the application does clearly state what information needs to be disclosed. Dr. Block noted that the application has been updated in such a way that it is clear to applicants what information needs to be disclosed, to which Ms. Irving agreed and cited some specific changes that will be presented in the Rules Report.

**(TS 01:03:22 Minutes)** After discussion, the Board took the following action:

**Vote:** passed unanimously.

## **VI. PETITION FOR VARIANCE OR WAIVER**

### **A. Caydee Ward – Rule 64B18-24.002, F.A.C.**

**(TS 01:03:35 Minutes)** Ms. Ward was not present and did not have legal representation present. Ms. Ward was before the Board for review of her petition for variance or waiver in consideration of Rule 64B18-24.002, F.A.C., which requires a Board approved podiatric x-ray assistant training course and examination. Ms. Aikens stated that Ms. Ward's petition was requesting that the Board waive this requirement of the course and examination being Board approved and to instead accept her passage of a non-Board approved radiology certificate program through the American Society Podiatric Medical Assistants (ASPMA). Ms. Aikens noted that the rule requires that a course provider must demonstrate the education and/or experience necessary to offer the course and examination which satisfies the podiatric x-ray assistant certification requirements.

Ms. Aikens stated that the first test for the variance request was, "Has the intent of the statute been complied with?", and the intent of the statute in discussion was for the course and examination supplier to demonstrate proficient background education and experience in order to properly test and qualify applicants. Ms. Aikens followed by stating that if the Board were to find that the intent of the statute has been met, it must then determine if strict application of this rule would create a substantial hardship or violate the principles of fairness.

**Motion:** by Dr. Block to approve.

**Second:** by Dr. Sadri.

**(TS 01:09:20 Minutes)** After discussion, the Board took the following action:

Dr. Block stated that upon reviewing all the information included in the provided materials, it appeared to him that Ms. Ward completed this course from an entity which she was under the impression was approved to provide CE credits, as one of the entities in Florida which approves CEs for x-ray courses indicated this was an approved course, however it was not approved by the Board to provide CE credit. Dr. Block clarified that upon review it appeared that the content of the course was equivalent to meet the criteria of Board approved courses.

**Vote:** passed unanimously.

Dr. Block called for a five-minute break.





## VII. RULES DISCUSSION

### A. Chapter 64B18-14, F.A.C., Disciplinary Matters

### B. Rule 64B18-11.001, F.A.C., Application for Licensure

### C. DH-MQA 1026 – Podiatric X-Ray Assistant Application for Initial Certification

**(TS 01:11:22 Minutes)** Ms. Aikens presented a memo to the Board provided in the agenda materials regarding letters from Joint Administrative Procedures Committee (JAPC) on existing rules as well as two proposed rules, noting that each of these would be corrected by technical change.

### D. Rule 64B18-17.001, F.A.C., Continuing Education Required for License Renewal.

**(TS 01:12:13 Minutes)** Dr. Block noted that the question as to how to obtain continuing education credits, including whether they must be live or virtual, and whether credits can be obtained through home study courses, has become much more prevalent during COVID, and continues to be an ongoing issue. Dr. Block added that the Board as well as the Florida Podiatric Medical Association (FPMA) have received numerous inquiries regarding this rule.

Dr. Block stated that the current rule allows for up to eight hours of continuing education credit to be completed in the home study format, with the remaining of the 40 credits required for renewal to be completed either in the live or virtual format. Dr. Block added that most virtual CE course providers have been under the impression that since COVID, all the 40 CE credits required for renewal could still be earned by completion of home study courses, however as of the start of the current biennium on April 1, 2022, this was no longer the case.

Dr. Block added that there was also confusion about the difference virtual and live courses. Dr. Block stated that the rule mark-up provided in the agenda materials included the proposed language which addresses these questions, and aims to clarify the acceptable methods of continuing education required for license renewal.

**(TS 01:15:46 Minutes)** Dr. Block stated that the Board would be unable to vote for a finalized version of the proposed rule change at the present meeting as it would have to be noticed prior, and Ms. Aikens added that the Board would also have to vote to open it up for rulemaking.

**(TS 01:17:59 Minutes)** Dr. Block noted that the original intent was to eliminate the home study courses altogether, however through Mr. Pottschmidt's research it was found that CE Broker has many of these providers approved because they offer not only the classic home study—meaning provider can create and mail out the materials for the course to be completed at home—but also offer it on a virtual platform, so it may be done online as well. Mr. Pottschmidt noted that keeping the home study format option available may be beneficial as it offers an additional platform which allows the individual to take the materials home to complete the course.

**(TS 01:23:17 Minutes)** Ms. Aikens cautioned the Board against eliminating the option of the home study format altogether, noting that if even one individual uses the home study format to obtain their CEs, they do not want to limit their ability to do so. Ms. Aikens further noted that the purpose of the rule is to make it easier for individuals to obtain their required CEs.

**(TS 01:24:36 Minutes)** Dr. Block recognized Mr. Jason Winn, Esq., general counsel for the Florida Podiatric Medical Association (FPMA), and welcomed him to make a statement before the Board.



Mr. Winn stated that he was taking note of the terms which would need defining, including “home study”, “anytime” format, “interactive”, “live”, and “in-person”. Mr. Winn noted that many questions were likely to be raised based on the terms being used, and noted that if these terms were going to be used in the rule it would be beneficial to offer additional clarification on this language. Additional discussion took place between Mr. Winn, Dr. Block, Mr. Pottschmidt, Ms. Irving, and Dr. Sadri in reference to the defining characteristics of the different types of course formats available for obtaining CE credit, specifically discussing the home study and “anytime” formats.

**(TS 01:33:19 Minutes)** Dr. Block noted that an examination is required for the home study format, and discussed the option of developing rule language which states that home study courses could be taken anytime or continuously but still has the same requirements. Dr. Cary Zinkin, President of Florida Podiatric Medical Association (FPMA), stated that he disagreed with this notion, further stating that he did not understand how someone could complete a course a bit at a time stretched out over a long period and still be able to concentrate and learn the material. Dr. Zinkin stressed the importance of these required courses, and that the information is fully absorbed by the individual(s) completing them. Dr. Block noted that while he respected Dr. Zinkin’s comments, he disagreed, and believed that there were some benefits to home study courses.

**(TS 01:36:09 Minutes)** Additional discussion took place between Ms. Irving, Mr. Winn, and Dr. Block regarding the definitions of the different CE course formats.

**(TS 01:41:10 Minutes)** Dr. Block inquired about the possibility of entirely removing the term “anytime” from the proposed rule language to which Ms. Aikens replied that she believed this would be acceptable if the home study option is kept in the rule language. Mr. Pottschmidt added that if home study could be defined in the rule language, he believed this would be acceptable. Additional discussion took place regarding the proposed rule language development.

**(TS 01:49:39 Minutes)** After discussion, the Board took the following action:

**Motion:** by Dr. Block to open Rule 64B18-17.001, F.A.C., for development.  
**Second:** by Dr. Sadri.  
**Vote:** passed unanimously.

## **VIII. REPORTS (TS 01:52:23 Minutes)**

### **A. Chair’s Report – Dr. Block**

Nothing to report.

### **B. Vice Chair’s Report – Dr. Sadri**

Nothing to report.



## **C. Executive Director's Report – Ashleigh K. Irving**

### **i. Board Chair/Vice-Chair Long-Range Planning Meeting**

Ms. Irving stated that the Board Chair/Vice-Chair Long-Range Planning Meeting would be held on January 13th, 2023, in Tallahassee, Florida at the AC Marriott Hotel. Ms. Irving noted that the Board Chair and Vice-Chair for all 22 healthcare professions would be invited to this meeting to discuss the Department's Long-Range Plan. Ms. Irving added that there would be representation present from the Attorney General's Office, the Prosecution Services Unit, the Office of General Counsel, and HCPR, and that new initiatives and goals of the Department would be discussed during this meeting. Ms. Irving also noted that there was an election scheduled on the agenda for this the present meeting, and that the elected Chair and Vice-Chair would be attending the Board Chair/Vice-Chair Long-Range Planning Meeting to represent the Board of Podiatric Medicine.

### **ii. Financial Report**

Ms. Irving provided the financial report in the agenda material for review. Ms. Irving noted that she was currently working with the Department's accountant to schedule a meeting with the Budget Committee so that there is clarity on the financial report. Ms. Irving confirmed to Dr. Block that the accounts are required to be swept annually by statute, and that there were excess funds available. Dr. Block noted that he understands that when this is the case, sometimes the excess funds may be applied to the account of another board, adding that he believes this should be addressed if in fact the licensing fees, etc. result in the Board of Podiatric Medicine having excess capital.

## **D. Board Counsel's Report – Ronald "Tom" Jones**

### **i. Rules Report**

**(TS 01:56:55 Minutes)** Ms. Aikens presented the rules report for October, noting that Rule 64B18-11.001, F.A.C., Application for Licensure, and Rule 64B18-24.001, F.A.C., Initial Certification for Podiatric X-Ray Assistants, were included and that the Board was hopeful that the updates to these rules would be adopted by the end of the year to go into effect the following year.

## **C. Committee Reports**

### **i. Disciplinary Compliance – Dr. Strickland**

Nothing to report.

### **ii. Legislative – Dr. Strickland**

Nothing to report.

### **iii. Malpractice Committee – Dr. Block**

Nothing to report.

### **iv. Probable Cause Panel – Dr. Block**

Nothing to report.



**v. Residency Program – Dr. Sadri**

Nothing to report.

**vi. CE Committee – Dr. Sadri**

Nothing to report.

**vii. Rules – Dr. Sadri**

Nothing to report.

**viii. Budget – Robert Morris, Ph.D.**

Nothing to report.

**ix. Unlicensed Activity – Robert Morris, Ph.D.**

Nothing to report.

**IX. OTHER BUSINESS**

**D. 2023 Delegation of Authority (TS 2:00:34 Minutes)**

Ms. Irving directed the Board's attention to the Annual Delegation of Authority which was included in the agenda materials for review.

**Motion:** by Dr. Block to approve the 2023 Delegation of Authority.  
**Second:** by Dr. Sadri.  
**Vote:** passed unanimously.

**E. Ratifications**

**i. License Numbers Issued**

Ms. Irving presented the MQA report showing 18 total licenses issued for podiatric physicians in the state of Florida between June 14, 2022, and September 24, 2022, beginning with license number 4427 and ending with license number 4444.

**Motion:** by Dr. Block to accept the ratification list for Profession 2101.  
**Second:** by Dr. Morris.  
**Vote:** passed unanimously.



Ms. Irving presented the MQA report showing 50 total licenses issued for certified podiatric x-ray assistants in the state of Florida between June 14, 2022, and September 27, 2022, beginning with license number 2585 and ending with license number 2634.

**Motion:** by Dr. Block to accept the ratification list for Profession 2015.  
**Second:** by Dr. Sadri.  
**Vote:** passed unanimously.

Ms. Irving presented the MQA report showing 15 total licenses issued for podiatric resident registration in the state of Florida between June 14, 2022, and September 27, 2022, beginning with license number 767 and ending with license number 781.

Ms. Irving also presented the report showing 24 continuing education courses approved between June 13, 2022, and October 5, 2022.

**Motion:** by Dr. Block to accept the ratification list for Profession 2106 as well as the 24 approved continuing education courses.  
**Second:** by Dr. Morris.  
**Vote:** passed unanimously.

Dr. Block noted that there was one entity that was approved for a presentation that offers several courses, and based on the way it was listed, there may be some presentation which were included from this provider that potentially were not approved. Mr. Pottschmidt added that the language in the rule could be clarified in a way that these types of conferences which offer many CE credits are within the rule, and Ms. Aikens confirmed that they are in the process of developing this language now.

## **F. Elections**

### **i. Chair and Vice-Chair (TS 02:08:30 Minutes)**

**Motion:** by Dr. Morris to accept nomination of Dr. Mark Block as Chairperson of the Board and Dr. Soorena Sadri as Vice-Chairperson of the Board.  
**Second:** by Dr. Klein.  
**Vote:** passes unanimously.

## **X. FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

### **G. Florida Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (FDMP) Monthly Report**

### **H. State of Florida Deploys Tools to Address Overdose Crisis**

## **XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dr. Klein requested clarification on whether it was required by law that an orthotist must have a prescription from a podiatrist to make an orthotic. Ms. Aikens stated that she would investigate this further and provide an update when available.

## **XII. NEXT MEETING DATE – January 20, 2023 @ 9:00 a.m. EST – Microsoft Teams Meeting**

## **XIII. ADJOURNMENT @ approximately 11:13 EST**