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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

F I N A L M I N U T E S

MEETING OF:

STATE BOARD OF PODIATRY

TIME: 9:34 A.M.

BOARD ROOM B

One Penn Center
2601 North Third Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

State Board of Podiatry
June 20, 2018

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BOARD MEMBERS:

Robert B. Weber, D.P.M., Chairman
Ian J. Harlow, Commissioner of Professional and
Occupational Affairs
Michael J. Paris, D.P.M., Vice Chairman
Eric B. Greenberg, D.P.M., Secretary
Jeffrey S. Gerland, D.P.M. - Absent
Melissa Haluszczak, Public Member - Absent

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Kenneth J. Suter, Esquire, Board Counsel
Paul J. Jarabeck, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison
Aaron Hollinger, Board Administrator
Tara J. Smith, Esquire, Board Prosecutor

ALSO PRESENT:

Sabrina Minhas, D.P.M., Vice President, Pennsylvania
Podiatric Medical Association

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2 State Board of Podiatry

3 June 20, 2018

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5 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
6 Board of Podiatry was held on Wednesday, June 20,
7 2018. Robert B. Weber, D.P.M., Chairman, called the
8 meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

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10 Approval of Minutes of the April 18, 2018 meeting

11 CHAIRMAN WEBER:

12 Could I have a motion to approve the
13 minutes if everybody has reviewed them
14 and are comfortable with them?

15 DR. GREENBERG:

16 Motion for that.

17 DR. PARIS:

18 Second.

19 CHAIRMAN WEBER:

20 All in favor?

21 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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23 Report of Prosecutorial Division

24 [Paul J. Jarabeck, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison,
25 introduced Tara J. Smith, who will be replacing Katie

1 Delp, as a Board Prosecutor.

2 Chairman Weber wished Ms. Smith success and
3 offered a partnership in working with the Board.]

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5 Report of Board Counsel

6 [Kenneth J. Suter, Esquire, Board Counsel, updated the
7 Board on the current status of opioid education and
8 the current requirements to comply with opioid
9 education verification. He noted possible changes in
10 the future.

11 Chairman Weber stated a licensed individual would
12 be required to complete two hours of continuing
13 medical education (CME) for the biennial renewal of
14 licensure. Four hours of CME would be required for an
15 initial license.. He referred to the students at the
16 Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine (PCPM) as
17 having a very good educational background in opioids.

18 Dr. Paris questioned gray areas regarding
19 courses.

20 Mr. Hollinger explained the requirement for a
21 course description should a licensee request approval
22 of a course not containing opioid in its title. He
23 stated one or two hours in pain management or a
24 similar category would be accepted for the Certificate
25 of Completion required for renewal.

1 Chairman Weber noted the burden on the state and
2 mentioned an incentive, through the Governor's Office,
3 for pharmaceutical companies to develop a barrier,
4 instead of using opioids for pain. He noted the
5 combination of Motrin (ibuprofen) and Tylenol
6 (acetaminophen) that offers relief comparable to
7 codeine for many patients. Chairman Weber referred to
8 a nurse on a combination of Motrin and Extra Strength
9 Tylenol on a routine basis and Lyrica twice a day, who
10 did not need any opioids for pain.]

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12 Report of Regulatory Counsel

13 [Kenneth J. Suter, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel,
14 discussed pending regulations and stated the volunteer
15 license needs updated with the current law.

16 Mr. Suter noted new regulatory counsel devoted to
17 regulations. He explained the foundation has been
18 laid to move forward with a number of the regulations,
19 and progress is being made to be more comprehensive.

20 Commissioner Harlow referred to Executive Order
21 Advisory Committee data. He requested the Board
22 determine where there are barriers or restrictions to
23 be removed from the Board's regulations.]

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25 Report of the Board Chair

1 [Chairman Weber introduced guest Sabrina Minhas,
2 D.P.M., Vice President, Pennsylvania Podiatric Medical
3 Association, Director at Solis Roxborough Hospital,
4 which has one of largest Podiatry programs in our
5 state.

6 Chairman Weber suggested a proclamation to thank
7 Dr. Gerland for his 19 years of involvement and all of
8 his efforts. He also noted Board photos to be taken
9 at the next meeting.

10 Chairman Weber stated that whoever the Governor
11 chooses for Dr. Gerland's position could review
12 continuing education in advance, make a list before
13 the meeting, and find the problems of not meeting CME
14 qualifications before the meeting. He also mentioned
15 that the Commissioner could send an email so the Board
16 could proceed sooner and be decisive.

17 Dr. Greenberg questioned whether the Board was
18 permitted to discuss matters on the agenda before the
19 meeting. Mr. Suter stated the Board cannot have
20 meetings or conference calls outside of the Board
21 meetings. He stated the Board could form a
22 subcommittee of the group to review the CEs and report
23 back to the Board within the context of the Board
24 meeting.

25 Chairman Weber showed his appreciation regarding

1 the voting at the last meeting. He also expressed his
2 appreciation to Melissa for serving on the Probable
3 Cause Committee with a letter thanking her
4 wholeheartedly for her work.

5 Chairman Weber discussed podiatrists in the state
6 that have served in the military and his desire for
7 them to serve in the Reserve or National Guard as
8 podiatrists. There was never the opportunity for
9 podiatrists, similar to that for dentists, MDs, or
10 DOs. He suggested a position should be formed for
11 podiatrists to serve the Commonwealth.

12 Commissioner Harlow agreed to consult with the
13 Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) and
14 engage the Governor Wolf's Policy Office on the
15 matter.]

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17 Report of Commissioner

18 [Ian J. Harlow, Commissioner of Professional and
19 Occupational Affairs, updated the Board on the
20 Executive Order Advisory Committee's report to
21 Governor Wolf issued on June 11, 2018. He discussed
22 podiatry in comparison to other states in the region.
23 Pennsylvania was at or below average in terms of its
24 fees, CE requirements, and training requirements.

25 Commissioner Harlow explained the next step would

1 be to work with the Boards and stakeholders to review
2 the licensing operations for barriers that exist and
3 need changed. He stated the Board can then make
4 recommendations to his office and the Policy Office to
5 draft crucial legislative or regulatory changes.

6 Chairman Weber noted concerns with opening the
7 Podiatry Act and whether there was a mechanism in the
8 Commonwealth that would treat the act like a will.

9 Mr. Suter explained changes to regulations can be
10 made as long as the Board has the authority within its
11 Act.

12 Commissioner Harlow informed the Board that the
13 Pennsylvania Licensing System (PALS) was in its
14 stabilization period with additional resources to
15 provide support until the end of July. He noted a
16 brand-new help desk for PALS with the addition of
17 eight contract employees to answer PALS-related
18 questions.

19 Commissioner Harlow acknowledged the hard work of
20 Mr. Hollinger and his colleagues who processed nearly
21 10,000 graduate medical training licenses for
22 residents of hospitals.]

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24 Report of Board Administrator - Application

25 [Aaron Hollinger, Board Administrator, noted the

1 Reactivation Application and three CE Program Approval
2 Applications for discussion in Executive Session.]

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4 For the Board's Information/Discussion - Board Meeting
5 Dates

6 [Chairman Weber noted the 2018 and 2019 Board meeting
7 dates.]

8 CHAIRMAN WEBER:

9 We know what the upcoming Board meeting
10 dates are for 2018 and 2019. If we
11 could have approval on that?

12 DR. PARIS:

13 I'll make that motion.

14 DR. GREENBERG:

15 Second.

16 CHAIRMAN WEBER:

17 All in favor?

18 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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20 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at
21 10:09 a.m. the Board entered into Executive Session
22 with Kenneth J. Suter, Esquire, Board Counsel, for the
23 purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations.
24 The Board returned to open session at 11:03 p.m.]

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1 MOTIONS

2 MR. SUTER:

3 First of all, I wanted to say the
4 purpose of the Executive Session was
5 for quasi-judicial deliberations. As
6 far as the quasi-judicial
7 deliberations, the Board discussed
8 items 2, 3, 4, and 5 on the agenda.

9 Based upon the discussions in
10 Executive Session, I am recommending a
11 motion to provisionally deny the
12 application of Karl G. Long, D.P.M.,
13 No. 2 on the agenda.

14 CHAIRMAN WEBER:

15 Could I have a motion?

16 DR. PARIS:

17 I'll make that motion.

18 DR. GREENBERG:

19 Second.

20 CHAIRMAN WEBER:

21 All in favor?

22 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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24 MR. SUTER:

25 Based upon discussions in Executive

1 DR. PARIS:

2 Second.

3 CHAIRMAN WEBER:

4 All in favor?

5 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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7 [There being no further business, the State Board of
8 Podiatry Meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.]

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CERTIFICATE

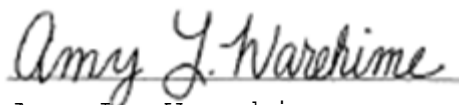
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13 I hereby certify that the foregoing summary
14 minutes of the State Board of Podiatry meeting, was
15 reduced to writing by me or under my supervision, and
16 that the minutes accurately summarize the substance of
17 the State Board of Podiatry meeting.

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Amy L. Warehime,

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Minute Clerk

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Sargent's Court Reporting

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Service, Inc.

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17	9:46	Report of Board Chairman
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23	10:08	For the Board's Information/Discussion
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25	10:09	Executive Session
26	11:03	Return to Open Session
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