

Open Session Teleconference Meeting Minutes

IOWA BOARD OF PODIATRY

July 8, 2022

Lucas State Office Building, 5th Floor Conference Room #526

Des Moines, Iowa

A hybrid meeting was held in conference room 526 of the Lucas State Office Building. Some attendees attended in-person and some attendees attended virtually via Zoom.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Members Present

Eugene Nassif, Podiatrist

Erin Nelson, Podiatrist

Theresa Hughes, Podiatrist

Mica Murray Murdoch, Podiatrist

Ryan Hughes, Public Member

Andrew Steele, Prosthetist and Orthotist

Kelsey Sukovaty, Podiatrist

Laurie Barr-Cronin, Prosthetist and Orthotist

Kathryn Arndt, Public Member

Members Absent

Staff Present

Steve Garrison, Bureau Chief

Laura Steffensmeier, Assistant Attorney General

Tony Alden, Board Executive

Beth Jorgenson, Discipline Coordinator

Guests Present

Kevin Kruse

Mike St. Clair

Election of Officers

Chair

Sukovaty moved the nomination of Nassif as Board Chair. A second was received by Teresa Hughes. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Vice Chair

Sukovaty moved the nomination of as Nelson as Vice Chair. A second was received by Teresa Hughes. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Open Session Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2022

Nelson moved the Board approve the open session meeting minutes of January 14, 2022 as amended. A second was received by Barr-Cronin. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Public Comment

Kruse spoke about the bill that passed on the last week of the session. This was on requirements for health care professionals. He did meet with staff at the Iowa Board of Medicine. Kruse requested clarification on this bill. Nassif feels it should be the surgery centers responsibility. The office will need to present information to the patient. The patient will need to decide if they want to ask more questions. This would be a standard one page with information on this. AAG said there would be more information to come. The Board's roll is only on the discipline end of this. This will go on the agenda for the next board meeting.

Bureau Chief Report

Garrison informed the Board that the Bureau was now housed in a new division within the new Department of Health and Human Services. The Bureau is now in the same division as the Boards of Medicine, Dental, Nursing, and Pharmacy, and the Division is overseen by Jill Stuecker. Garrison anticipates the Bureau moving office locations to the same location as these other boards. This will be a cost savings for the Bureau.

New Business

Review Delegations of Authority to Board Office

The Board discussed ongoing delegations to Board staff, including reviewing and approving: (1) applications that conform with the rules, (2) applicants with criminal histories who are within 6 months of completing probation or whose conviction was more than 5 years ago, unless the crime could be directly related to the profession, (3) requests for medical extensions/exemptions for a single biennium. The Board also discussed delegations for initial complaint actions including (1) forwarding complaints for formal investigation, (2) referring to law enforcement when a complaint indicates a crime was committed, and (3) closing complaints that are facially inactionable or outside of the board's jurisdiction. Board consensus was to vote to continue delegating these approvals and actions to Board staff.

Nelson moved to approve the Delegations of Authority to Board office staff. A second was received by Sukovaty. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Administrative Rules

Discussion and potential notice of Intended Action

Proposed Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 220 and 221 to eliminate requirements to submit license verifications from all states, to eliminate notary requirement, and to eliminate continuing education requirements for reactivation with active practice.

Nelson moved to approve the Proposed Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 220 and 221 as presented. A second was received by Sukovaty. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Discussion on possible amendments to Chapters 222 and 225 to eliminate limitations on electronic continuing education.

Nassif believes there is a huge advantage to meeting in person. It is a great opportunity to meet with your peers. His recommendation is to go back to the way it has always been. Kruse also gave his opinion. He feels it too is important to have in person training and meet with peers. In addition, he feels the revenue is important for the State Agency. He also thinks the exhibitor trade show is

important to attend in person. Murdoch asked for clarification on the rule. He does not feel it is the Board's responsibility to create revenue for a state agency. AAG also gave opinion on the rule. Theresa Hughes also gave her opinion on the burden of the podiatrist to travel as well.

Closed Session

Review Closed Session Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2022
Complaints and Investigative Information

Arndt moved that the board go into closed session at 9:45 a.m. pursuant to Iowa Code § 21.5(1)(d) to discuss whether to initiate licensee disciplinary investigations or proceedings, to review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be confidential pursuant to Iowa Code § 21.5(1)(a) and Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(f) to discuss the decision to be rendered in a contested case. A second was received by Nelson. A roll call vote was taken:

Nassif - Aye

Nelson- Aye

Arndt - Aye

Theresa Hughes - Aye

Murray Murdoch – Aye

Ryan Hughes- Aye

Barr-Cronin - Aye

Steele – Aye

Sukovaty – Aye

Motion carried.

Open Session to Vote on Items Approved in Closed Session

The Board returned to open session at 10:17 a.m.

Sukovaty moved the Board approve the closed session meeting minutes of January 14, 2022 as presented. A second was received by Steele. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Barr-Cronin moved the Board close the following: 21-0275, 21-0339, 22-0029, 22-0058, 22-0072, and 22-0082. A second was received by Arndt. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Future Board Meetings

October 14, 2022

Adjournment

A motion was made by Arndt to adjourn the meeting at 10:19 a.m. A second was made by Nelson. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.