

Open Session Teleconference Meeting Minutes
IOWA BOARD OF PODIATRY
January 14, 2022
Lucas State Office Building, 5th Floor Conference Room #526
Des Moines, Iowa

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Board Chair Nassif.

Roll Call

Members Present

Kathryn Arndt, Public Member

Theresa Hughes, DPM

Ryan Hughes, Public Member

Eugene Nassif, DPM

Laurie Barr-Cronin, Licensed Prosthetist and Orthotist

Mica Murray Murdoch, DPM

Andrew Steele, Licensed Prosthetist and Orthotist

Members Absent

Kelsey Sukovaty, DPM

Erin Nelson, DPM

Staff Present

Jill Stuecker, Division Director

Steve Garrison, Bureau Chief

Laura Steffensmeier, Assistant Attorney General

Tony Alden, Board Executive

Janelle Larson, Board Executive

Beth Jorgenson, Discipline Coordinator

Vicky Winter-Clearman, Assistant to Board Administration

Guests Present

Kevin Kruse

Scot Alexander Freschi

Open Session Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2021

Theresa Hughes moved the Board approve the open session meeting minutes of October 8, 2021 as presented. A second was received by Ryan Hughes. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

AAG Report

AAG Steffensmeier reported on the Iowa Supreme Court’s decision in Calcaterra vs. the Iowa Board of Medicine. She noted the decision requires licensure boards redact the factual statements in public documents until the final decision of the Board.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

New Business

FPMB 2022 Fall Meeting Recap

Alden referred to the document included in the Board meeting materials. He noted the Department determined administratively to no longer join professional associations and pay dues for organizations not tied directly to licensure requirements, such as exam scores, etc.

In response to Nassif’s inquiry, Alden reviewed the Federations role and function.

Board Budget Recap

Bureau Chief Garrison referred to the documents included in the meeting materials. He noted at the time the budget was prepared, the Board had 419 active licensees. Bureau Chief Garrison said the Board currently has sufficient licensure fees to sustain the Board. He did review the Budget of the entire Bureau, noting the Board

of Cosmetology brings in the majority of the Bureau's revenue. He said the Bureau is sustainable, as vacant positions remain vacant, however, Bureau staff's workloads affect the level of customer service, citing as an example, a licensure specialist with seven Boards.

A general discussion followed regarding licensure fees, shared staff expenses and the number of licensees for each Board.

Bureau Chief Garrison noted investigating neighboring state's licensure fees would assist in determining whether the Board's licensure fees are reasonable.

Closed Session

Review Closed Session Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2021

Complaints and Investigative Information

Settlement Agreement and Final Order – Jim Licandro

Request for modification of probation requirements – Scot Freschi

Arndt moved that the board go into closed session at 9:34 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 Ryan Hughes. A roll call vote was taken:

Barr-Cronin- Aye

Arndt- Aye

Theresa Hughes-Aye

Nassif – Aye

Ryan Hughes- Aye

Steele – Aye

Murdoch – Aye

Andrew Hughes - Aye

Motion carried.

Open Session to Vote on Items Approved in Closed Session

The Board returned to open session at 10:16 a.m.

Nassif moved the Board approve the closed session meeting minutes of October 8, 2021 as presented. A second was received by Theresa Hughes. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Nassif moved the Board approve the Settlement Agreement and Final Order in 21-0083. A second was received by Arndt. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Nassif moved the Board deny the Request for Modification of Probation Requirements in 20-0260 as discussed in closed session with recommendations. A second was received by Arndt. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Nassif moved the Board close the following: 21-0149, 21-0306 and 21-0310. A second was received by Theresa Hughes. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Future Board Meetings

April 8, 2022

Adjournment

A motion was made by Arndt to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 a.m. A second was made by Nassif. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.