

BOARD OF PODIATRY

OPEN SESSION MEETING AGENDA

July 8, 2026

2201 Shannon Pl, SE, 2nd Floor, Washington, DC 20020

1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Virtual Meeting Notice

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Wednesday, July 8, 2026, 1:30 PM | 1 hour | (UTC-04:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

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MEETING PARTICIPANTS:

BOARD MEMBERS:	
Dr. Teresa Hilliard - Chairperson	
Dr. Kevin Bradshaw-Board Member	
Vacant – Board Member	
Vacant- Board Member	
Vacant- Consumer Member	
BOARD STAFF:	
Ayanna Bennett, MD, MSPH, FAAP- Director	
J. Sam Hurley, MPH, EMPS, NRP- Senior Deputy Director	
Aisha Nixon, MPT, CPM- Associate Director	
Vito DelVento, DVM, MS- Executive Director	
Deb Moss- Investigator	
Thelma Ofosu-Mensah – Health Licensing Specialist	
LEGAL STAFF:	
Walter Adams II, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS:	
Matteo Lieb – Director of Government Affairs	

CALL TO ORDER		
OS-0708 -01	<u>INTRODUCTIONS</u> A. BOARD MEMBERS Dr. Teresa Hilliard Dr. Kevin Bradshaw B. QUORUM C. BOARD STAFF MEMBERS Vito DelVento, DVM, MS Walter Adams II, Esq. Thelma Ofosu-Mensah Deb Moss D. PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE	
APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CONSENT AGENDA AND STAFF REPORTS		
OS-0708 -02	<u>OPEN SESSION AGENDA</u> <u>Board Action:</u> Consideration and approval of the Open Session Agenda of July 8, 2026.	
OS-0708 -03	<u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u> <u>Board Action:</u> Consideration and approval of April 1, 2026, Open Session Minutes.	

OS-0708 -04	<u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT REPORT</u> BOARD CHAIR’S REPORT- SENIOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR REPORT- ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR REPORT- EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT- Vito DelVento, DVM, MS DC Health Updates The Executive Director will provide an update on DC Health. Licensure Census 131 BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS REPORT	
OS-0708 -05	THE USE OF TELEHEALTH/ SCOPE OF PRACTICE IN PODIATRIC MEDICINE <u>Board Action:</u> Board To Discuss <u>Background:</u> • The Board agreed in April 2025 to draft language for Telehealth practice in Podiatric Medicine. • In July 2025, the Board determined that updates to the District’s definition of the podiatry scope of practice were necessary, including whether telehealth should be incorporated. • The Board planned to review existing regulations to identify needed revisions.	

	- Throughout late 2025, the Board continued discussing potential revisions to the scope of practice, including telehealth. - By early 2026, work progressed through presentations and Board discussions, leading to the preparation of draft language incorporating telehealth considerations.	
OS-0708 -06	THE USE OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND RADIOLOGY ASSISTANTS <u>Board Action:</u> Board To Discuss <u>Background:</u> - In April 2025, the Board authorized research into states that allow Podiatrists to supervise Physician Assistants (PAs) and Radiology Technicians. - In July 2025, the Board discussed revising podiatry scope of practice regulations, including whether to incorporate PA supervision. - In October 2025, the Board reviewed regulatory limitations and considered reciprocity across DC, Maryland, and Virginia for PA-related licensure matters. - At the January 2026 meeting: - Dr. Morse submitted concerns on scope of practice, including PA supervision limits. - The Board considered drafting a letter to the DC Board of Medicine to address PA supervision, potentially with support from hospital leadership. - Dr. Hilliard and Dr. Bradshaw worked on proposed language integrating PA use, radiology technician roles, hand-care limitations, and anesthesia restrictions. - Board members were asked to submit recommended wording within two weeks. - In February 2026, Dr. Hilliard presented the issue to the DC Board of Medicine.	

	In April 2026, the Board moved to prepare a combined draft covering Physician Assistants and Radiology Assistants, using all relevant external information.	
OS-0708 -07	COMPACT AS A PATHWAY FOR LICENSURE <u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to discuss the Compact as a potential licensure pathway for the District of Columbia with Associate Director Ms. Aisha Nixon <u>Background:</u> The Board is scheduled to review the Compact as a potential pathway for obtaining licensure in the District of Columbia. At its January 7, 2026, meeting, Jay S. LeBow, DPM, FPMB, Director of Compact Enactment / Licensure Pathways, provided a presentation on the Compact and its relevance to licensure in DC. Following the presentation, Dr. Hilliard, Board Chair, advised that the discussion be postponed until additional information could be gathered for the April 1, 2026, meeting On March 18, 2026, Mr. Andrew Griffin, a representative from the District of Columbia Podiatric Medical Association, sent an email to the Board, informing them about their meeting with Councilmember Henderson regarding the introduction of an Interstate Podiatric Medical Licensure Compact for Podiatrists in the District of Columbia. Dr. Delvento, the Board's Executive Director, requested that the Podiatric Medical Association submit in writing the following: 1. A formal presentation from representatives of the Interstate Podiatric Medical Licensure Compact organization. This will help both Board members and staff fully understand the structure of the compact, its requirements, and its potential implications for the district. 2. A white paper summarizing the reasons why some states have not signed the compact, including specific details about which specialties are involved. During the April 1, 2026, meeting, the Board moved to table the matter and to consult with Ms. Aisha Nixon, Associate Director, and Board Executive Director Dr. DelVento to review the reciprocity	

	agreement and the podiatry compact agreement, as well as their impact on the District of Columbia.	
OS-0708 -08	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PODIATRIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (DCPMA) STANCE ON FINGERNAIL CUTTING 2026 <u>Board Action:</u> Discussion on the matter <u>Background:</u> During the April 1, 2026, meeting, Dr. Joel Morse, president of the DCPMA, delivered a presentation explaining why the DCPMA and APMA decided not to pursue a legislative amendment to include fingernail cutting within the DC Podiatry Scope of Practice—an issue previously raised by Dr. Bradshaw at the January 7, 2026, meeting. In his presentation, Dr. Morse outlined the reasons behind the organization’s decision not to seek support for such amendments. The matter was tabled during the April 1, 2026, meeting for further discussion during the July 8, 2026, meeting. This matter is before the Board for further discussion.	
OS-0708 -09	APMLE SCORE REPORT DELIVERY <u>Board Action:</u> The board to determine whether they will reconsider a delegated authority on the acceptance of APMLE scores directly from Meazure Learning Connect <u>Background:</u> The Board received a notice from the Federation on February 12, 2026, informing the Board of a recent addition in how APMLE score reports are being distributed by the National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners (NBPME). During the April 2026 meeting, the Board voted that it will not accept exam scores or reports transmitted through APMLE Connect via unsecured email and non-secured PDF attachments. If there is an application before another change to the mode of transmission, an emergency meeting will be conducted to review the application process on a case-by-case basis. The Board has previously reviewed and approved exam scores submitted through this method. This matter is now being brought back to the Board for	

	reconsideration. The Board will need to delegate authority to staff to process applications using the new score report format, as the APMLE Score Report is sent directly from the noreply-assessments@meazurelearning.com email address.	
OS-0708 -10	RESOLUTION: RESIDENCY CERTIFICATE <u>Board Action:</u> Board to discuss and clarify the provision of completion of residency certificate as a requirement for licensure based on section 6802.2 of the current regulations. <u>Background:</u> The Podiatry application requires the applicant to submit a copy of the residency certificate and an official letter of completion from the residency program, with the latter coming directly from the Residency Director's Office to the Board. 1. An official letter of completion of a Residency Program will be considered official and acceptable, only if it's submitted directly from the applicant's identified Residency Directors. 2. A copy of the residency certificate: An applicant who applies for a license shall complete two (2) years of post-graduate clinical training in a residency program approved by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME), or its successor. <u>Issue:</u> Some applicants who have been licensed for more than 5 years or more find it difficult to meet these application requirements. They usually indicate that they cannot locate their Residence Director since the Hospitals where they completed their residency have closed, and due to perhaps improper documentation, no records can be found on them. On the other hand, other applicants who can provide their verification of completion of residency certificate are unable to provide a copy of their residency certificate. This scenario has become administratively burdensome. The Board needs to review and decide whether or not they will amend the provision of these requirements for licenses who have been in good standing in another jurisdiction for more than 10 years, or more if they are unable to readily have the document available for the Board. Section 6802.2 in the current regulations has some provisions. The Board needs to clarify this requirement for	

	licensure. This matter was tabled during the January meeting and is before the Board for discussion. During the April 1, 2026, meeting, Dr. Hilliard moved to authorize Board staff to develop a DC Health request form for applicants who are unable to locate their residency certificate and are unable to obtain a letter of completion from their Residency Program Director. The completed form will be submitted directly to CPME by the applicant, and CPME will verify the residency dates and completion on behalf of the Board and send the form back directly to the Board. Board Staff discovered that CPME already provides a Residency & Institution Verification Request Form on its website. Board staff can direct applicants to this form to meet the same requirement." Residency & Institution Verification Request Form – Council on Podiatric Medical Education	
OS-0708 -11	OPEN MEETING ACT TRAINING <u>Board Action:</u> Presentation for Board Members. <u>Background:</u> A presentation by a representative from the Board of Ethics & Government Accountability (BEGA).	
OS-0708 -12	<u>CONSENT AGENDA</u> <u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the applications approved and items for review and/or ratification of Board actions taken since the last Board meeting. <u>Background:</u> The Consent Agenda is a record of the decisions and/or actions taken by the Board or its staff since the last Board meeting. <u>Consent Agenda</u> Approved Podiatry Licenses from April 1, 2026. • Christopher Powers, DPM • Ashley Arzadon, DPM • Sonya Wali, DPM	

OS-0708-13	<u>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u> Background: The Board provided the public with the opportunity to comment on or provide feedback to the Board.	
OS-0708 -14	<u>HOUSEKEEPING MEETING DATES</u> • October 7, 2026- In-Person • January 6, 2027 • April 7, 2027 • July 7, 2027	
OS-0708-15	<u>MATTERS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION</u>	
OS-0708-16	<u>READING OPEN SESSION MOTIONS</u>	

MOTION TO CLOSE		
OS-0708 - 17	<u>MOTION TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE OPEN SESSION</u> <u>Board Action:</u> To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b) <u>Background:</u> Pursuant to DC Official Code § 2-575(b), the Board will move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting to discuss the following: 1. To consult with an attorney to obtain legal advice and to preserve the attorney-client privilege between an attorney and a public body, or to approve settlement agreements pursuant to § 2- 575(b)(4)(a). 2. To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2- 575(b)(9). 3. To plan, discuss, or hear reports concerning ongoing or planned investigation of alleged criminal or civil misconduct or violations of law or regulations, if disclosure to the public would harm the investigation pursuant to section § 2-575(b) (14).	

MOTION TO ADJOURN		
OS-0708 - 18	Motion to Adjourn Board Action: To adjourn the meeting. Background: At the end of every meeting, a motion to adjourn must be made in open session to close out the business of the Board.	

This ends the Open Session Agenda. The next meeting is scheduled for **October 7, 2026**

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