

BOARD OF PODIATRY

OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES

January 7, 2026

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

1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

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Wednesday, January 7, 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	PRESENT
Dr. Kevin Bradshaw-Board Member	PRESENT
Vacant- Consumer Member	
BOARD STAFF:	
Ayanna Bennett, MD, MSPH, FAAP- Director	ABSENT
J. Sam Hurley, MPH, EMPS, NRP- Senior Deputy Director	ABSENT
Aisha Nixon, MPT, CPM- Associate Director	ABSENT
Vito DelVento, DVM, MS- Executive Director	PRESENT
Deb Moss- Investigator	PRESENT
Thelma Ofosu-Mensah – Health Licensing Specialist	PRESENT
LEGAL STAFF:	
Matteo Lieb – Director of Government Affairs	ABSENT
Ajay Gohil, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	PRESENT

CALL TO ORDER		
OS-0107 - 01	<u>INTRODUCTIONS</u> A. BOARD MEMBERS Dr. Teresa Hilliard Dr. Kevin Bradshaw B. QUORUM-YES C. BOARD STAFF MEMBERS Vito DelVento, DVM, MS Ajay Gohil, Esq Thelma Ofosu-Mensah Deb Moss D. PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE-YES	
APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CONSENT AGENDA AND STAFF REPORTS		
OS-0107 -02	<u>OPEN SESSION AGENDA</u> <u>Board Action:</u> Consideration and approval of January 7, 2026, Open Session Agenda. <u>Motion:</u> Dr. Bradshaw moved to accept the Open Session Agenda. Dr. Hilliard seconded the motion. <u>Vote:</u> Dr. Hilliard and Dr. Bradshaw voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.	
OS-0107 -03	<u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u> <u>Board Action:</u> Consideration and approval of October 1, 2025, Open Session Minutes.	

	<u>Motion:</u> Dr. Bradshaw moved to accept the Open Session Minutes. Dr. Hilliard seconded the motion. <u>Vote:</u> Dr. Hilliard and Dr. Bradshaw voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.	
OS-0107 -04	<u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT REPORT</u> BOARD CHAIR’S REPORT- No Report SENIOR DEPUTY /ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR REPORTS- Dr. DelVento indicated that the Senior and Associate Directors wish Board Members a Happy New Year and express gratitude for their services. He also informed the Board that the DC Council Hearings for the Department of Health will be scheduled in February. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT- Vito DelVento, DVM, MS, informed the Board about the current licensure census- 144 licensed Podiatrists. DC Health Updates The Executive Director will provide an update on DC Health. Licensure Census 144 Meeting Dates April 1, 2026- In-person July 8, 2026- Virtual October 7, 2026- In-Person	

	BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT: Ajay Gohil informed the Board that in December,17,2025, the Federation (FPMP)organized a maiden meeting for Board Attorneys to discuss topics about Podiatry. He indicated that subsequent meetings will be held quarterly. DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS REPORT None	
OS-0107 -05	TELEHEALTH AND USE OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS Board Action: To discuss a rule for Telehealth in D.C. and a rule for the use of Physician Assistants and Radiology Technicians. Background: During the April 2, 2025, meeting, the Board decided to authorize the Board Attorney to identify states that permit Podiatrists to supervise Physician Assistants and Radiology Technicians. The Board also agreed to draft language for Telehealth Practice in Podiatric Medicine. During the July 9, 2025, meeting, Mr. Gohil advised that the Board must update the definition of the scope of practice for Podiatry within the District and determine whether the Board should include the provision for telehealth and Physician Assistants. He further recommended that the Board review its existing regulations and identify the sections requiring revision and updates, or modifications. The Board resolved to reschedule a date and time to conduct a detailed review of the matter. On September 11, 2025, Dr. Morse submitted an email regarding issues with the Scope of Practice. During the October 1, 2025, meeting, the Board made the following statement regarding the matter. • Discussions about updating regulations for supervising PAs and radiology technicians. • Reciprocity agreements for licensure between DC, Maryland, and Virginia were proposed for consideration.	

	Board Executive Director and Mr. Gohil are supposed to reach out to MD and VA to discuss license reciprocity. • The board discusses potential revisions to the scope of practice. • Current regulations limit procedures that podiatric assistants can perform compared to other states. • Invite Dr. Morse to the January 2026 meeting. Dr. Morse will be present at the meeting to discuss the scope of practice. The following Statements were made on the matter January 7, 2026, meeting: • Dr. Morse will send his outlined points regarding scope of practice issues to the Board Attorney, Ajay Gohil, for the Board Record. • The board will consider writing a letter to the DC Board of Medicine to address the PA supervision issue, potentially including support from CEOs of major hospital systems. • Dr. Hilliard and Dr. Bradshaw will work on putting together the verbiage for the scope of practice regarding the use of physician assistants and the inclusion of nail care for hands, ensuring it is clear and limited in scope. • Dr. Hilliard requested recommendations for specific verbiage regarding the scope of practice areas (integration of physician assistants, radiology technicians, limitations on hand practices for Podiatrists, and the limitations of Anesthesia in the practice of Podiatry) to be submitted within two weeks. <u>Motion:</u> Dr. Bradshaw moved to accept the statements. Dr. Hilliard seconded the motion. <u>Vote:</u> Dr. Hilliard and Dr. Bradshaw voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.	
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OS-0107 -06	DISCUSSIONS ON THE PROVISION OF COMPLETION OF RESIDENCY LETTER AND COPY OF RESIDENCY CERTIFICATE AS A REQUIREMENT FOR LICENSURE <u>Board Action:</u> Board to discuss and clarify this requirement 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 applicants 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	
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	some provisions. The Board needs to clarify these requirements for licensure. This matter is tabled for further discussion.	
OS-0107 -07	<u>SCOPE OF PRACTICE QUESTION</u> <u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to review and discuss. <u>Background:</u> Dr. Mikel Daniels submitted a scope-of-practice question. https://health.maryland.gov/mbpme/Pages/scope.aspx <u>Motion</u> Dr. Bradshaw moved that all items about the scope of practice be submitted by Dr. Daniels and listed below: 1. External fixation, including placement of tibial pins 2. Ankle surgery, including arthroscopy, ORIF, and arthroplasty 3. Excision of lesions on the leg below the knee 4. Soft tissue transposition of the foot and ankle 5. Obtaining skin from the posterior calf for wound grafting are acceptable within the scope of practice in the District of Columbia. Dr. Hilliard seconded the motion. <u>Vote:</u> Dr. Hilliard and Dr. Bradshaw voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.	
OS-0107 -08	<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 October 1, 2025. ➤ Mikel Daniels, DPM <u>Motion:</u> Dr. Bradshaw moved to accept the Consent Agenda.	

	Dr. Hilliard seconded the motion. <u>Vote:</u> Dr. Hilliard and Dr. Bradshaw voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.	
OS-0107-09	<u>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u> Background: The Board provided the public with the opportunity to comment on or provide feedback to the Board. A)-Discussions on COMPACT as a pathway of licensure in DC. The following Statements were made on the matter: • Ajay Gohil will gather further information on the compact's benefits for DC-licensed podiatrists and those from other states. • It was suggested that Dr. Hilliard and Dr. Bradshaw meet offline with Dr. LeBow or Dr. Morse for further discussion on the compact. • A request was made for a white paper summarizing the reasons certain states have not signed the contract, including specifics on which specialties are involved. • Dr. Hilliard proposed to revisit the idea of the compact for the District of Columbia at the next meeting in April. • Dr. Hilliard requested that all information related to the compact be sent to the board for review. • Dr. LeBow will provide information regarding the interstate medical licensure compact and its implications for podiatrists. • Follow up with Board Staff to meet with their counterparts in Maryland to discuss alignment on licensure processes. B) Dr. Michael Joel Morse, President of the District of Columbia Podiatric Medical Association, gave comments on the areas listed below:	

	1. Scope of practice matters 2. Licensing application timing and workforce entry 3. Delegation and utilization of radiology technicians and telehealth authority 4. The Podiatry Interstate Licensure Compact:	
OS-0107 -10	<u>HOUSEKEEPING</u>	
OS-0107 -11	<u>MATTERS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION</u> None	
OS-0107-12	<u>READING OPEN SESSION MOTIONS</u>	

MOTION TO CLOSE		
OS-0107 - 13	<u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u> Board Action: To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b). Background: Pursuant to DC Official Code § 2-575(b), the Board may 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. Preparation, administration, or grading of scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examinations pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(6); 3. To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(9); 4. 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). <u>Motion</u> Dr. Bradshaw moved to close the Open Session Meeting. Dr. Hilliard seconded the motion. <u>Vote:</u> Dr. Hilliard and Dr. Bradshaw voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.	

MOTION TO ADJOURN		
OS-0107 - 14	<u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u> 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. <u>Motion</u> Dr. Bradshaw moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Hilliard seconded the motion. <u>Vote:</u> Dr. Hilliard and Dr. Bradshaw voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.	

This ends the Open Session Agenda. The next meeting is scheduled for **APRIL 1, 2026**

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