

BOARD OF PODIATRY

OPEN SESSION

MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 7, 2021

1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

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OS-0407 -01	<p><u>CALL TO ORDER:</u></p> <p>Open Session was called to order at 1:40 PM and a quorum was established.</p>	
OS-0407 -02	<p><u>ROLL CALL</u></p> <p><u>Board Members:</u> Teresa Hilliard, DPM – Chairperson Michangelo Scruggs, DPM - Member Barbara Clark- Member</p> <p><u>HRLA Staff</u> Ericka Walker- Executive Director (Absent) Aisha Nixon - Executive Director (Covering for Ms. Walker) Thelma Ofosu- Mensah – Health Licensing Specialist Deb Moss - Board Investigator Gregory Scurlock – Compliance Officer Ajay Gohil - Assistant General Counsel</p>	
OS-0407- 03	<p><u>MOTION TO ACCEPT THE OPEN SESSION AGENDA</u></p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Dr. Scruggs to accept the April 7, 2021 Open Session Agenda. Seconded by Ms. Clark.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Scruggs, Ms. Clark and Dr. Hilliard voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0407-04	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:</u></p> <p>Ms. Aisha Nixon gave updates on the following.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board currently has 143 active licensees. • The COVID-19 vaccination is now available to DC residents 16 years and above and thus residents need to register to get vaccinated. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The public health emergency has been extended to May 21, 2021. The agency is still in the telework operational status, she further indicated that there are discussions of returning to the office, but a specific date has not been determined. 2021 Board Meeting Schedule <ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 7, 2021 October 6, 2021 	
OS-0407-05	<p><u>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT:</u></p> <p>Mr. Ajay Gohil gave updates on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Gohil informed the Board that Dr. Scruggs has submitted the draft definition for the Podiatry Scope of Practice, and it is ready for Board review and decision making. He advised the Board that they should consider revising the current regulation since the Board has not recently revised its regulation in sometime. 	
OS-0407-06	<p><u>CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT:</u></p> <p>No Report</p>	
OS-0407 -07	<p><u>MINUTES</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the January 6, 2021 Open Session Minutes.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Dr. Scruggs to accept the January 6, 2021 Executive Session Minutes. Seconded by Dr. Hilliard.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Scruggs, Ms. Clark and Dr. Hilliard voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0407-08	<p><u>SCOPE OF PRACTICE</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Board to review the proposed scope of practice definition.</p> <p><u>Background:</u></p>	

	<p>The Board decided to review the definition of the scope of practice for Podiatry.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Dr. Hilliard to accept the draft definition of the scope of practice as presented. Seconded by Dr. Scruggs.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Scruggs, Ms. Clark and Dr. Hilliard voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0407-09	<p>RENEWAL DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Board to review and discuss draft delegated authorities.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Dr. Scruggs to table the matter for further review. Seconded by Ms. Clark.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Scruggs, Ms. Clark and Dr. Hilliard voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0407-10	<p><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><u>Background:</u> <i>Upon conclusion of the open session meeting pursuant to the DC Official Code 2-575B and for the purposes set forth therein, the Board will move into the closed executive session portion of the meeting to consult with the Board attorney, discuss disciplinary matters and hear reports concerning violations of the law or regulations.</i></p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Dr. Hilliard to close the open session meeting. Seconded by Ms. Clark.</p>	

	<p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Scruggs, Ms. Clark and Dr. Hilliard voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously*ok</p>	
OS-0407-11	<p><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> At the end of every meeting, a motion to adjourn must be made in open session to close out the business of the Board.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Dr. Scruggs to adjourn the meeting at 3:14 PM. Seconded by Ms. Clark.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Scruggs, Ms. Clark and Dr. Hilliard voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

This ends the Open Session portion of the meeting.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for July 7, 2021.

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