

# BOARD OF PODIATRY OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES

**JANUARY 6, 2021**

**1:30 pm to 4:30 pm**

## Virtual Meeting Notice

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### Board of Podiatry- Open Session

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Wednesday, Jan 6, 2021 1:30 pm | 2 hours | (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

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| OS-0106 -01 | <p><b><u>CALL TO ORDER</u></b></p> <p>The Open Session meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM and a quorum was established.</p>   |  |
| OS-0106 -02 | <p><b><u>ROLL CALL</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Members:</u></b><br/>Teresa Hilliard, DPM – Chairperson<br/>Michangelo Scruggs, DPM - Member<br/>Barbara Clark- Member</p> <p><b><u>HRLA Staff</u></b><br/>Ericka Walker - Executive Director<br/>Thelma Ofosu- Mensah - Health Licensing Specialist<br/>Deb Moss - Board Investigator<br/>Gregory Scurlock - Compliance Officer<br/>Ajay Gohil - Assistant General Counsel</p> |  |
| OS-0106-03  | <p><b><u>MOTION TO ACCEPT THE OPEN SESSION AGENDA</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b><br/>Motion made by Ms. Clark to accept the January 6, 2021 Open Session Agenda. Seconded by Dr. Hilliard.</p> <p>Ms. Clark and Dr. Hilliard voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>   |  |
| OS-0106-04  | <p><b><u>DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b><br/>Board to review and discuss delegated authorities to board chair and staff to conduct Board business in between meetings.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b><br/>No Action was required on this matter</p>  |  |
| OS-0106-05  | <p><b><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ COVID-19 Updates</li> <li>➤ Health Regulation and Licensing Administration Updates</li> <li>➤ Licensure Census</li> </ul>  |  |

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|            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 2021 Board Meeting Schedule <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April 7, 2021</li> <li>• July 7, 2021</li> <li>• October 6, 2021</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Ms. Ericka Walker gave an update on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Informed the Board of DC Health’s operational status. DC Health staff continues to work remotely, however the agency is partially opened to the public on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8am-1pm by appointments only.</li> <li>➤ DC Health launched The DC COVID Alert Notice (DC CAN), a new tool to help residents know if they may have been exposed to COVID-19.</li> <li>➤ The Board’s fall winter announcements will be disseminated to licensees.</li> <li>➤ The Board currently has 140 active licensees.</li> <li>➤ A COVID-19 vaccination guidelines letter has been sent out to all health professionals in the District by Dr. Laquanda Nesbitt, Director of DC Health.</li> <li>➤ Reiterated the 2021 meeting dates.</li> </ul> |  |
| OS-0106-06 | <p><b><u>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT:</u></b></p> <p>Ajay Gohil gave an update on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ He has posted the 2021 meeting dates on the register.</li> <li>➤ He indicated that the Board needs to finalize its definition on the scope of practice.</li> <li>➤ He addressed that the administration of vaccination is not within the scope of practice for Podiatrist. The ability for a Podiatrist to administer the COVID-19 vaccination would require a Mayor’s Order or change in the scope of practice.</li> <li>➤ He also informed the Board that DC Health is considering the Telehealth modalities for health professionals due to the COVID-19 pandemic.</li> </ul>  |  |
| OS-0106-07 | <p><b><u>CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT:</u></b></p> <p>No Report</p>   |  |

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| OS-0106 -08 | <p><b><u>MINUTES</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b><br/>Consideration of the October 7, 2020 Open Session Minutes.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b><br/>Motion made by Dr. Scruggs to accept the October 7, 2020 open session minutes. Seconded by Ms. Clark.</p> <p>Ms. Clark, Dr. Scruggs, and Dr. Hilliard voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>   |  |
| OS-0106 -09 | <p><b><u>INQUIRY FROM THE FEDERATION</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b><br/>Board to review and discuss an inquiry from the Federation of Podiatric Medical Boards</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b><br/>The Federation of Podiatric Medical Boards (FPMB) is requesting critical information from various State Boards regarding requirements and/or accommodations related to the American Podiatric Medical Licensing Examination (APMLE) Part II Clinical Skills Patient Encounter (CSPE) exam for podiatric medical students seeking to begin residency training.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b><br/>Motion made by Dr. Scruggs to waive the American Podiatric Medical Licensing Examination (APMLE) Part II Clinical Skills Patient Encounter (CSPE) exam for podiatric medical students seeking to begin residency training in the District considering the COVID-19 pandemic until otherwise determined by the Board.</p> <p>The written portion/part of the Part II exams will still be required for licensure and residency purposes. Seconded by Dr. Hilliard.</p> <p>Ms. Clark, Dr. Scruggs, and Dr. Hilliard voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> |  |
| OS-0106-10  | <p><b><u>SCOPE OF PRACTICE</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b></p>  |  |

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|            | <p>Board to review the proposed scope of practice definition.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b><br/>The Board decided to review the definition of the scope of practice for Podiatry.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b><br/>Motion made by Dr. Scruggs to revise the current scope of practice of Podiatrist in the District to include immunization and vaccination. Seconded by Dr. Hilliard.</p> <p>Ms. Clark, Dr. Scruggs, and Dr. Hilliard voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>   |  |
| OS-0106-11 | <p><b><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b><br/>To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b><br/><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><b><u>Motion:</u></b><br/>Motion made by Dr. Hilliard to close the open session meeting. Seconded by Dr. Scruggs.</p> <p>Ms. Clark, Dr. Scruggs, and Dr. Hilliard voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> |  |
| OS-0106-12 | <p><b><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b><br/>To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b><br/>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>   |  |

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|  | <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b></p> <p>Motion made by Dr. Hilliard to adjourn the open session meeting.<br/>Seconded by Dr. Scruggs.</p> <p>Ms. Clark, Dr. Scruggs, and Dr. Hilliard voted in favor of the motion.<br/>The motion passed unanimously.</p> |  |
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**This ends the Open Session portion of the meeting.**

**The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2021.**

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