



**Podiatric Medical Board
Regular Meeting Minutes**

October 19, 2023
9:00 a.m.

On October 19, 2023, the Podiatric Medical Board scheduled a board business meeting at Department of Health, 111 Israel Rd SE, Tumwater, WA 98501, room 153 with access online via Zoom. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notices were published on the DOH website and through GovDelivery.

Board Members:

DJ Wardle, DPM, Chair
Jacqueline Buckley, DPM, Vice Chair
Lotchie Kerch, DPM, Secretary
Zarko Kajgana, DPM
Civillia Winslow Hill, Public Member
Deborah Wright, Public Member
Eric Powell, DPM

Guest:

Brandon Williams – HSQA
Policy and Management Analyst.
Ameila Boyd – WMC
Mary Sue Gorski – WABON

Staff:

Tommy Simpson, Program Manager
James Chaney, Executive Director
Alyssa Brazil, Administrative Support
Davis Hylkema, Program Support
Noelle Chung, Assistant Attorney General
Marlon Basco-Rodillas, Policy Analyst

Public Attendees:

Gail McGaffick, JD
Lynn Kovacevich Renne, DPM

1. Call to Order/Introductions- DJ Wardle, DPM, Chair

DJ Wardle, called the meeting of the Washington State Podiatric Medical Board to order at 9:03 a.m. on October 19, 2023.

1.1 Introductions

- The board members and staff introduced themselves.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the business meeting agenda. The motion was seconded and approved.

1.3 Approval of July 20,2023, regular meeting minutes

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

2. Rules Hearing for WAC 246-922-300 and 246-922-310- DJ Wardle, DPM, Chair; Tommy Simpson, Program Manager

The board reviewed and discussed proposed rule language for the purpose of amending rules to establish health equity continuing education requirements to implement Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5229 (ESSB 5229).

2.1 Public Comment - Gail McGaffick, representing WSPMA, expressed support for the proposed rules and requested a technical correction, consistent with an earlier request of the Board that was inadvertently omitted in the CR-102. She asked that at the beginning of WAC 246-922-310(4) that the words “As of January 1, 2024” be removed in order to improve the rule’s clarity.

2.2 Board discussion - The board concluded minor changes wouldn’t make a major difference to the CR-102 because they were technical.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the CR-102 language as amended. The motion was seconded and approved.

3. Public Comment: The board heard comments from the public.

3.1 Gail McGaffick with WSPMA informed the Board that legislation would be introduced in 2024 to increase the fee for DPMs from \$50 to \$70 to support the work of the Washington Physicians Health Program and that WSPMA supported it.

3.2 Lynn Kovacevich Renne, DPM, as someone who follows the board’s meeting, complimented the department for getting information out in a timely manner.

4. Robert’s Rules Presentation – Noelle Chung, AAG

AAG Noelle Chung gave a presentation to the board regarding Robert’s Rules of Order.

5. Old Business

5.1 Follow-up on opioid prescribing exclusions.

- The board decided to defer to a future time the review of changes that the Washington Medical Commission and the Board of Osteopathic Medical and Surgery have made to the opioid prescribing rules concerning exclusions and other issues.

6. New Business

- 6.1** [2SHB 1724, Sec. 8 \(2023\)](#), Presentation – Brandon Williams, HSQA Ops, explained the bill and potential impacts on podiatric licensing and future rulemaking.
- Primary impacting behavioral health professions, section 8 impacts all professions regulated by the department.
 - Focus is on licensure requirements of other states, not the individual applicant.
 - For health professionals credentialed at least two years in a state with substantially equivalent requirements, the legislature recommends the waiver or education, training, experience, and exam requirements (including the JP Exam- Jurisprudence).
 - Options to make rules allowing national certification to qualify as meeting state licensure requirements.
 - All applicants cannot be subject to disciplinary action, unprofessional conduct, impairment in any state, federal, or foreign jurisdiction in the last two years.
- 6.2** Military Spouse Rules – Tommy Simpson, MIL Liaison, will explain [2SHB 1009](#) and its impact on podiatric licensing and potential rulemaking.
- Temporary licenses within 30 days to military spouses.
- 6.3** DEA Requirements for Opioid Training –
- NOTE:** On December 29, 2022, the [Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023](#) (CAA 2023) established a new requirement for all DEA- registered practitioners to complete 8 hours of training on the treatment and management of patients with opioid or other substance use disorders.
- 6.4** [Suicide Prevention Training Continuing Education](#)
- 6.5** Newsletter – The board will consider publishing a newsletter, identifying article topics and authors, and a publishing target date.
- Reviewed by James Chaney, the idea was presented to start/continuing newsletters, especially since the board is full again. If the board agrees on it, they would be able to send one out by the end of the year. (Went away with the pandemic)
- 6.6** Correspondence & Inquiries - There was no correspondence and no requests.

7. Program Reports- James Chaney, Executive Director; Tommy Simpson, Program Manager

- 7.1** Budget report -
- Program Manager, Tommy Simpson, gave an overview and deferred to January’s meeting for more detailed breakdown of incomes compared to expenditures.
- 7.2** Credentialing Statistics
- Program Manager, Tommy Simpson, deferred to January’s meeting.
- 7.3** Rules update
- The board voted and approved the program to proceed with CR103 procedures for Health Equity Continuing Education (HECE), and Health Professions Monitoring Program for Podiatric Physicians and Surgeons.

8. Future Business

The board identified agenda items to be included in future meetings.

- Follow-up on opioid prescribing exclusions.
- Newsletters being implemented.
- Pam Bright, Policy Analyst, speaking on case review.
- Healthcare Enforcement and Licensing Management System (**HELMS**) presentation.

9. Adjournment of public meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m. on October 19, 2023.

Submitted:

Approved:

Tommy Simpson

DJ Wardle

Tommy Simpson, Program Manager

DJ Wardle, DPM, Chair