



**Podiatric Medical Board
Regular Business Meeting
Minutes**

April 18, 2024
9:00 a.m.

On Thursday, April 18, 2024, the Podiatric Medical Board hosted its regularly scheduled business meeting at Department of Health, 111 Israel Rd SE, Tumwater, WA 98501, Room-153, with online access 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
Zarko Kajgana, DPM
Eric Powell, DPM
Civillia Winslow Hill, Public Member
Deborah Wright, Public Member

Staff:

Rachel Phipps, Acting Program Manager
Tommy Simpson, Program Manager (*LV*)
James Chaney, Executive Director Noelle
Chung, Assistant Attorney General
Jonathan Chamrad, Program Associate
Alyssa Brazil, Administrative Support
Lydia Koroma, Supervising Staff
Attorney Pam Bright, Case Manager
Marlon Basco-Rodillas, Policy Analyst

Presenters:

Pam Bright, Case Manager
Ashley May, Budget Analyst

Public Attendees:

Leslie Emrick, WSPMA
Lynn Kovacevich Renne, DPM
Shani Hue, OFS, Budget Analyst

- **Call to Order/Introductions- Jaqueline Buckley, DPM, Vice-Chair**
Jaqueline Buckley, vice-chair, called the meeting of Washington State Podiatric Medical Board to order at 9:17 A.M
- Introductions of the Board members and staff
- Approval of April 18, 2024, business meeting agenda
MOTION: A motion was made to approve the April 18, 2024, business meeting agenda. The motion was seconded and approved.
- Approval of January 18, 2024, business meeting minutes
MOTION: A motion was made to approve the January 18, 2024, business meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

2. Public Comment

The board heard comments from the public. The public may request items to be placed on a future meeting agenda.

- Regarding HB 1972, Leslie Emerick made a comment to the board that WSPMA were supportive of bill which passed during most recent legislative session.

3. Legislative Updates (*pertinent if any*) – Chair(s) / Program Manager

- HB 1972 - Washington Physicians Health Program (WPHP), increases surcharge fees from \$50 to \$70 per year for all except DVM (\$35). Bill passed and signed during 2024 legislative session and goes into effect June 6, 2024, for podiatric physicians.

4. Old Business

- **Spring Newsletter** - first newsletter since Fall 2019 was published on March 20, 2024, via GovDelivery and posted to the board's external webpage. Will be published quarterly going forward, with the board's permission.

5. New Business

- **Decision Point** - 2SHB 1724, Sec. 8 (2023/23 leg. session), concerning compliance with reciprocity parameters for out-of-state applicants; Program asked the board's permission to open rules for proposed amendment(s) to [WAC 246-922-055](#).

MOTION: A motion was made to open the rules for the proposed amendment to WAC 246-922-055. The motion was seconded and approved.

- **Decision Point** – Elections. Dr. Wardle's tenure as Chair ends 6/23/2024; program asked the board to consider internal solicitations for replacements, and then gave the program staff approval to go-ahead and formally announce for position(s) to be filled via GovDelivery, and in conjunction with the Governor's office.

MOTION: A motion was made to table the decision until the next business meeting. The

motion was seconded and approved.

- **Correspondence and Inquiries** – The board reviewed and discussed any correspondence received since the last meeting. May include request for lists and labels.

6. Program Reports – Program Manager and Executive Director

- Budget report - Ashley gave an overview of the board’s current budget to include projected balances, income, and expenditures.
- Credential statistics - Mrs. Phipps, acting on behalf of Tommy Simpson, Program Manager, gave a report regarding the current credentialing statistics to the board.
- Spring Newsletter – Jonathan Chamrad, Program Support, gave an overview of the spring newsletter, and gathered information for the summer edition.
- Misc. – Pam Bright, Case Manager was open for Q&A concerning the department’s role and gave a brief overview of her role as a case manager.

7. Future Business

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

- Update on recruitment.
- Review of topics for the summer newsletter.
- Breakdown of credential counts by state.
- Dr. Wardle requested more information regarding the difficulty in obtaining individuals who perform below knee amputations.

8. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:23 a.m. on April 18, 2024.

Next Business Meeting

Date: July 11, 2024

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Department of Health

Town Center 2 – Room 153

111 Israel Rd. S.E.

Tumwater, WA 98501

Submitted:



Tommy Simpson III, Program Manager

Approved:



DJ Wardle, DPM, Chair

