

IDAHO BOARD OF PODIATRY
Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses
11351 W. Chinden Blvd., Bldg. 6
Boise, ID 83714

Board Meeting Minutes of 2/16/2022

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Stewart Jones, D.P.M. - Chair
Jeanne M Arnold, D.P.M.
Gary James Millward, D.P.M.
Douglas Williams, D.P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Ione Springer

DIVISION STAFF: Katie Stuart, Executive Office/Board Support
Program Manager
Nicki Chopski, Bureau Chief
Stephanie Lotridge, Licensing and Registration
Program Manager
Yvonne Dunbar, Board Counsel
Berk Fraser, Chief Investigator, Health Professions
Keith Aamodt, Investigator
Jan Arrasmith, Education and Program Specialist
Pam Rebolo, Board Support Supervisor
Susan Cassell, Board Support Specialist
Susan Villanueva, Board Support Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT: Eric Nelson, Board Prosecutor

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM MST by Stewart Jones, D.P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Arnold moved to approve the minutes from 2/25/2021 as written. Dr. Jones seconded. Motion carried.

DIVISION BUSINESS

Ms. Stuart informed the Board that DOPL's Organization Chart Three is complete, and the Division staff will be moving into Building Four at Chinden by July.

Ms. Stuart stated that there is an Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) out for the Health Professions Recovery Program. This program is not currently available for this Board; however, this new contract will allow other health care boards under DOPL to provide treatment to licensees struggling with substance use or mental health.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ms. Stuart stated that rules were heard by the Health and Welfare committee. Ms. Stuart explained that S1233 would allow Bureau investigators within the Division to collaborate without a subpoena.

Governor Little sent the Division Administrator a letter recommending that Health and Welfare's Assisted Care and Facilities Licensing and Certification Department join DOPL for efficiency.

Dr. Jones reported that the Idaho Podiatric Medical Association received a letter from Senator Fred Martin, chair of the Health and Welfare committee, regarding the language in Idaho Administrative Code 16.03.09.772, section C of the Medicaid Basic Plan Benefits which states that "c. All prosthetic and orthotic devices that require fitting must be provided by an individual who is certified or registered by the American Board for Certification in Orthotics or Prosthetics, or both;". Health and Welfare is asking to strike this language as it appears to exclude licensed Podiatrists who have specialized training without that specific certification.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Ms. Stuart stated that currently there is no financial report. Ms. Stuart also stated that Linda Brown, the Division's financial officer, is working on a frequently asked questions page for all Boards.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dr. Williams moved and Dr. Milward seconded, to enter Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(d) to consider disciplinary matters and records which are exempt from disclosure pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-106(9). The Board entered Executive Session at 4:06 PM.

Dr. Williams moved to exit executive session at 5:07 PM. Dr. Jones, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCIPLINE

While in executive session, Board members and legal counsel discussed case number POD-2022-1. Dr. Jones moved to enter into a Stipulation and Order. Dr. Millward seconded. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by general consent at 5:07 PM MST on February 16, 2022.

The next Idaho Board of Podiatry meeting will be May 3, 2022.