



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

**Podiatric Medical Board  
Meeting Minutes**

January 20, 2022  
9:00 a.m.

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On Thursday, January 20, 2022, the Podiatric Medical Board held a business meeting via Webinar. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notices were sent to individuals requesting notification of meetings.

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Randy Anderson, DPM, Chair – Absent  
Jacqueline Buckley, DPM  
Zarko Kajgana, DPM  
Lotchie Kerch, DPM, Secretary  
DJ Wardle, DPM, Acting Chair  
Civillia Winslow Hill, Public Member  
Deborah Wright, Public Member

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Susan Gragg, Program Manager  
Renee Fullerton, Executive Director  
Davis Hylkema, Assistant Program Manager  
Michelle Hartman, Board Support  
Noelle Chung, Assistant Attorney General  
Ashley Maxwell, Supervising Staff Attorney  
Heather Cantrell, Policy Analyst

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Lynn Kovacevich Renne, DPM – WSPMA  
Gail McGaffick, JD – WSPMA  
Anthony Domenigoni, DPM  
Charles Chu, DPM  
Vinai Prakash, DPM

1. **Call to Order/Introductions**

Acting Chair DJ Wardle, DPM, called the meeting of the Washington State Podiatric Medical Board to order at 9:02 a.m. on January 20, 2021. The board made the following actions for these agenda items:

1.1 **Introductions**

The board members, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

1.2 **Approval of agenda**

**MOTION:** A motion was made to approve the January 20, 2022 business meeting agenda. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

1.3 Approval of October 21, 2021 meeting minutes

**MOTION:** A motion was made to amend the October 21, 2021 meeting minutes to correct agenda item # 8 to read, ‘Discussions’ are made in closed session, not ‘Decisions’. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

2. **Old Business**

2.1 Continuing Medical Education (CME) Rule Project Update

Ms Gragg shared an update with the board on the status of the CME Rule Project and presented the draft rule language in board meeting packet. Discussions led to an amendment in the language to change verbiage in WAC 246-922-300(3)(b) and (c) from “...a specialty board...” to “...a specialty board recognized by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME)...”

**MOTION:** A motion was made to accept the proposed changes and move forward with the CR102 phase of rulemaking to schedule a rule adoption hearing. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

3. **New Business**

3.1 COVID-19 follow-up

The board discussed any pertinent follow-up regarding the COVID-19 outbreak.

On January 17, 2022, the Governor issued Emergency [Proclamation 20-24.3 Restrictions on Non-Urgent Medical Procedures](#), which remains in effect until February 17, 2022.

3.2 2022 Legislative Session

Ms. Gragg provided the board a report on proposed legislation that may be of interest to the profession. Current bills to review are:

- [House Bill 1821](#) regarding the definition of established relationship for purposes of audio-only telemedicine
- [House Bill 1654](#) (companion to Senate Bill 5496)
- [Senate Bill 5496](#) regarding physician health programs
- [Senate Bill 5753](#) regarding DOH-request legislation enhancing capacity for health professions boards, commissions, and committees
- [Senate Bill 5784](#) regarding L&I-request legislation adding psychologists for mental health claims (updates relevant statutes with types of health care professions recognized as attending providers)

3.3 Correspondence/Inquiries

The board reviewed and discussed the correspondence received since the last meeting.

3.3.1 Request for lists/labels from Agility COHE SPC.

There was not enough information provided by Agility COHE SPC, so the board requested to table the discussion until the April meeting. Ms. Gragg will work on gathering the necessary information to assist the board in

making their decision. If Agility COHE SPC needs an immediate response, a special meeting will be requested.

- 3.4 Histories and physicals for medical admission for infection  
The board identified this topic item for discussion of histories and physicals for medical admission for infections at the October 2021 meeting. The board agreed to defer the discussion to the April 21, 2022 meeting.
- 3.5 Senate Bill 5229 (passed in 2021) Health equity continuing education requirement  
Ashley Bell, Department of Health, provided the board with a report regarding efforts in crafting model rules that establish minimum standards for health equity content in health profession continuing education.

#### 4. **Program Reports**

- 4.1 Budget report  
Ms. Gragg shared that the current report shows a catch up in expenses that hit this quarter instead of the previous one, making things appear to be overspent. It will correct itself and overall, the budget is in good standing.
- 4.2 Statistics reports  
The current credential count report shows total active licensees to be 357, 7 with licenses in inactive status, 6 with licenses in retired active status, and 19 with post-graduate training limited licenses. In addition, the active disciplinary case report shows two marked for closure, two in investigation; twelve in RBM/SA review, and ten in adjudication.
- 4.3 Continuing education audit report  
  
There were no updates.
- 4.4 Recruitment update  
Ms. Gragg welcomed the newest public member to the board, Deborah Wright. In addition, Ms. Fullerton reported that Michelle Hartman has accepted a position with the Office of Health Professions as Office Manager. Recruitment to fill Ms. Hartman's position is currently ongoing.

#### 5. **Open Forum**

Public attendees were provided time to address the board on issues of significance to or affecting the practice of podiatric medicine and that are not related to topics for which a rules hearing was or will be scheduled.

Gail McGaffick, JD – WSPMA, thanked the staff and the board on their work regarding the CME Rule and for the ability to work together. She recommended that the board keep an eye on the following bills that that may be of interest to the profession.

- [House Bill 1197](#) regarding health care decisions
- [House Bill 1779](#) regarding surgical smoke
- [Senate Bill 5605](#) regarding anesthesia assistants

6. **Future Business**

The board discussed adding the following items to the agenda for future meetings:

- Discussion on histories and physicals for medical admissions for infections.
- Request for lists/labels from Agility COHE SPC.

7. **Settlement Presentations**

Settlement and/or Agreed Order presentations are contingent upon agreements being reached between the parties prior to a board meeting. Discussions are made in closed session; however, decisions are made during open session.

There were no settlement presentations.

8. **Adjournment of public meeting**

The meeting ended at 10:05 a.m.

9. **Discipline and Licensing**

The board attended to licensing and disciplinary matters.