



Podiatric Medical Board Regular Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2024
9:00 a.m.

On Thursday, January 18, 2024, the Podiatric Medical Board held its first regularly scheduled business meeting of the year at the Department of Health, 111 Israel Rd SE, Tumwater, WA 98501, room 153 with access online via Teams. 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

Staff:

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

Guest Speakers:

Dr. Chris Bundy – Exec. Dir., WPHP
Ashley May (DOH) – Budget Analyst
Lydia Koroma (DOH) – Supv Staff Atty, OILS
Sasha De Leon (DOH) – HSQA Asst. Sec.
Cami Jones (DOH) – Project Lead, HELMS
Ratna Craig (DOH) – Project Dir., HELMS

Public Attendees:

Leslie Emerick, WSPMA Lobbyist (Incoming)
Gail McGaffick, JD, WSPMA Lobbyist
Lynn Kovacevich Renne, DPM

Open Session

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

Dr. DJ Wardle, called the meeting of the Washington State Podiatric Medical Board to order at approximately 9:08 a.m.

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 Oct 19, 2023, regular meeting minutes

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

2. Rules Overview (Past and Current if any) - DJ Wardle, DPM, Chair; Tommy Simpson III, Program Manager

ESSB 5229 - Health Equity Continuing Education (HECE), and SSB 5496 - Health Professionals Monitoring Program for Podiatric Physicians and Surgeons.

2.1 The board made amendments to WAC 246-922-300 and 246-922-310 requiring HECE. The board filed permanent rules ([WSR 24-01-124](#)) on **12/20/2023**.

- The rules will become effective on **01/19/2024**.

2.2 The board made amendments to WAC 246-922-400 through WAC 246-922-415. The board filed permanent rules ([WSR 24-01-121](#)) on **12/20/2023**.

- The rules will become effective on **01/19/2024**.

3. Public Comment

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

- Gail McGaffick, JD (Lobbyist, WSPMA) and Marlon Basco, DOH Policy Analyst for Washington Medical Commission (WMC) and Podiatric Physicians and Surgeons, mentioned that WMC is in the infancy stages of rules writing regarding opioid exclusions and that in the future, suggested that perhaps the PMB might want to consider following suit with their own rules in the future.

4. Old Business

4.1 Follow-up on opioid prescribing exclusions.

- Was determined nothing significant to report and or discuss at present.

4.2 2SHB 1009 Mandatory Military Spouse Culture Training update

- All the board members met compliance by the mandated deadline of 1/1/2024.

5. New Business

5.1 Dr. Chris Bundy gave an overview of WPHP's purpose and mission, as well HB 1972 introduced this legislative session, which proposed a surcharge fee increase from \$50 to \$70 for certain practitioners to include podiatric medical professionals.

5.2 Ratna Craig, Cami Jones, and Sasha DeLeon gave an overview of HELMS, the replacement for the current Integrated Licensing and Regulatory System (ILRS), proposed implementation phases, and they discussed funding sources and potential fee impacts on regulated programs.

5.3 Lydia Koroma gave an overview of OILS, their role, and legal responsibilities to the podiatric medical board.



5.4 Correspondence & Inquiries – There were none.

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

6.1 Budget report – Tommy and Ashley gave an overview of the board’s current budget to include projected balances, income, and expenditures.

6.2 Credentialing Statistics overview – Tommy reported there are currently 301 licensed Podiatry Physicians and Surgeons.

6.3 **Quarterly Newsletter** – Tommy asked the chairs and board members for ideas to be included in the Spring Newsletter which program plans to publish via GovDelivery and post to the Board’s webpages on or about March 21st, the first day of Spring.

6.4 New and or proposed Legislation (2024 Leg. session) – A handout was provided to board members which outlined all proposed legislation which may impact and or be of concern to the podiatry board.

7. Future Business

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

- Quarterly Newsletters to be re-implemented after a nearly four-year hiatus due to the COVID pandemic. The last newsletter published was FALL 2019.
- Pam Bright, Case Management Team Lead agreed to conduct a brief Q&A session on cases and potential financial impacts on the board.
- Elections – Current Chair Dr. Wardle term ends on June 23, 2024.
- Any relevant updates on legislation passed during the 23/24 session.
- Next HELMS update will take place at July’s regular business meeting.

8. Adjournment of public meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m. on January 18, 2024.

Submitted:

Tommy Simpson

Tommy Simpson, Program Manager

Approved:

DJ Wardle

DJ Wardle, DPM, Chair