

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF PODIATRY  
February 1, 2023**

**ROLL CALL**

The meeting of the Board of Podiatry was called to order at 2:00 pm on February 1, 2023, by Zackary Gangwer, DPM, Chairperson, in the Husker Conference Room, at the Hampton Inn and Suites, 7343 Husker Circle, Lincoln, Nebraska 68504. The meeting was conducted In-Person and by WebEx. The following members answered the roll call:

Zackary Gangwer, DPM, FACFAS, Chairperson  
Derek Miller, DPM, Vice-Chairperson  
Jon Goldsmith, DPM, Secretary

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened.

Absent: Vacancy - (Public Member Open)

Also present to participate in the meeting were T.J. O'Neill, Assistant Attorney General; Teresa Hampton, Department Attorney; Jesse Cushman, Program Manager; Jan Gadenken-Harris, Health Licensing Coordinator and Jeff Newman, Investigator with the Investigation Unit.

Dr. Gangwer announced that there is a copy of all the public documents being reviewed at this meeting available in the meeting room pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.

Welcome to T.J. O'Neill, Assistant Attorney General. T.J. will be working with the Board of Podiatry replacing Joe Neuhaus.

In accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1411 of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, copies of the agenda were e-mailed to the Board members and other interested parties, posted on the DHHS web site at <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx> and posted in the Licensure Unit on January 18, 2023.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Miller moved, seconded by Goldsmith, to adopt the agenda. Voting aye: Gangwer, Goldsmith and Miller. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

Miller moved, seconded by Goldsmith, to approve the April 12, 2022 minutes as written. Voting aye: Gangwer, Goldsmith and Miller. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

**DESIGNATION OF THE METHOD BY WHICH THIS BODY WILL GIVE PUBLIC NOTICE OF ITS MEETINGS**

Miller moved, seconded by Goldsmith, to continue giving notice to the public of meetings of the Board by posting the agenda on the Department website and bulletin board, e-mailing the agenda to interested parties and all licensees with a current e-mail address on record with the Department. Voting aye: Gangwer, Goldsmith and Miller. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

**INVESTIGATIONAL REPORTS AND APPLICATION REVIEW – CLOSED SESSION**

Miller moved, seconded by Goldsmith, to go into closed session at 2:04 p.m. for the purpose of review and discussion of investigative reports, disciplinary reports, licensure applications, and other confidential information, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals. Voting aye: Gangwer, Goldsmith and Miller. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Miller recused himself at 2:32 p.m.

Miller returned at 2:51 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 3:10 p.m.

**APPLICATION REVIEW - OPEN SESSION**

There was one Email Ballot since the last meeting. Jean-Marie Easley, Podiatric Limited Radiographer, Initial application for licensure was approved on December 5, 2022.

**2023 LEGISLATION UPDATE**

The Board and the Department had no comments currently.

**REGULATIONS UPDATES**

The Board and the Department had no comments currently.

**DISCUSSION(S)**

A. Podiatric Limited Radiographer Exam:

The Board members will review the content of the exam questions and recommend removal of any questions that may have become outdated/irrelevant with current procedures. Questions recommended for removal will be replaced by new questions recommended and developed by the Board members with content equivalent to current procedures.

B. Reduction of the number of hours for the CME requirement:

The Board discussed if it would be appropriate to consider reducing the current CME required hours to be compatible to the requirement of surrounding states.

Currently Nebraska Regulations are stated as the following:

*172 NAC 143 005.01 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS. On or before April 1 of each even-numbered year thereafter, **each podiatrist who is in active practice in the state of Nebraska must complete 48 hours of continuing education approved by the Council of Podiatric Medical Education during the preceding 24 month period.***

The Board recommended to have Jesse open a proposed draft to the Regulations to include language that up to 12 hours of the 48 hours could be approved by the American Medical Association, Category 1 CME.

The Board concluded that currently it was not appropriate to lower the number of CME hours but rather to add additional sources from which to obtain the total number of hours.

**FYI(s)**

A. Federation of Podiatric Medical Boards (FPMB) Fall 2022 meeting.

Dr. Goldsmith attended the Web based meeting on June 1, 2022, as the representative for the Nebraska Board. He commented that being a new Member to the Board and new to regulatory procedures that the meeting was both interesting and informative.

B. CPME (Council on Podiatric Medical Education) Public Notice

The Board had no comments on the notice.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Goldsmith moved, seconded by Miller to have the following slate of Officers for 2023 for the Board of Podiatry: Zackary Gangwer, Chairperson; Derek Miller, Vice Chairperson; Jon R. Goldsmith, Secretary and Zackary Gangwer, Investigative Consultant. Voting aye: Gangwer, Goldsmith, and Miller. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

**BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE**

At the present time no future meetings have been scheduled for the Board of Podiatry. To see a complete list of the 2023 projected schedules, visit the DHHS website:

<https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx>

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Gangwer adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

\*Signature available upon request\*

Jon R. Goldsmith, DPM, Secretary  
Board of Podiatry