

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PODIATRY
June 26, 2018**

ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Podiatry was called to order at 2:00 pm on June 26, 2018, by Scott Nelson, DPM, Chairperson, in the Licensure Unit Conference Room, Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. The following members answered the roll call:

Scott C. Nelson, DPM, Chairperson
Torrey B. Rassfeld, DPM, Vice-Chair
Richard J. Raska, DPM, Secretary
R. McLaran Sawyer

A quorum was present and the meeting convened. Also present to participate in the meeting were Ami Huff, Assistant Attorney General; Kathleen Krueger, Investigator, Anna Harrison, RN, Compliance Monitor, Kathie Lueke, Program Manager; and Jan Gadeken-Harris, Health Licensing Coordinator.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Sawyer moved, seconded by Rassfeld, to adopt the agenda. Voting aye: Nelson, Raska, Rassfeld and Sawyer. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Rassfeld moved, seconded by Sawyer, to approve the December 15, 2017 minutes as written. Voting aye: Nelson, Raska, Rassfeld and Sawyer. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

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

Sawyer moved, seconded by Raska, 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: Nelson, Raska, Rassfeld and Sawyer. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

INVESTIGATIONAL REPORTS AND APPLICATION REVIEW – CLOSED SESSION

Raska moved, seconded by Sawyer, to go into closed session at 2:03 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: Nelson, Raska, Rassfeld and Sawyer. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Nelson Recused himself at 2:05 p.m.
Nelson Returned at 2:24 p.m.

Rassfeld moved, seconded by Sawyer, to return to open session at 2:54 p.m. Voting aye: Nelson, Raska, Rassfeld and Sawyer. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

APPLICATION REVIEW - OPEN SESSION RESUMED

SEYMOUR, PAULINE, DPM – application for continuing competency waiver request for renewal period 04/02/2016 - 04/01/2018. Rassfeld moved, seconded by Raska, to approve the waiver of 1.75 hours of continuing education for the renewal period of 04/02/16 – 04/01/2018. . Voting aye: Nelson, Raska, Rassfeld and Sawyer. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

2018 LEGISLATION UPDATE

Discussion was held on LB731 38-145, regarding the continuing competency requirements for Podiatrists who prescribe controlled substances. Raska moved, seconded by Rassfeld that the 3 hours of continuing education biennially regarding prescribing opiates be inclusive with the required 48 hours. Voting aye: Nelson, Raska, Rassfeld and Sawyer. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

FYI's

Nebraska Licensee Assistance Program (LAP) Newsletter – the Board had no comments at this time.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Sawyer moved, seconded by Rassfeld to keep the same slate of officers for the current year. Voting aye: Nelson, Raska, Rassfeld and Sawyer. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

SET DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Board members scheduled the next board meeting date for September 7, 2018 at 2 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Raska moved, seconded by Rassfeld, to adjourn the meeting at 3:08 pm. Voting aye: Nelson, Raska, Rassfeld and Sawyer. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

signature available upon request

Richard J. Raska, DPM
Board of Podiatry