

# NEVADA STATE BOARD OF PODIATRY

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF August 7, 2023

**1. *Call to order, roll call of members, and establish quorum.***

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by President Dr. Kenneth Jarvis.

Board Members present: Dr. Kenneth Jarvis, President

Dr. Kathyryne Glantz, Vice-President;

Dr. Christine Clark, Secretary/Treasurer;

Non-Members present: Carolyn J. Cramer, Esq., Executive Director; Richard Dreitzer, Esq. Board Counsel; and Jenny Reese and Aodhan Downey of Carrara Nevada; Zach Conine, Nevada State Treasurer

Absent: and. Dr. Melanie Minarik, Board Member and Dr. Denise Tropea-Kelly, Board Member

Members of the public present: Ms. Amalinda Bean, Dr. Mark Miller, Dr. Sara Karamloo, Dr. Amir Dastgah and others who were present on-line but did not make a verbal appearance

**2. *Public comment.*** No members of the public present at this time.

**3. *Review and approve the June 12, 2023 Board of Podiatry meeting minutes.***

Motion to approve the June 12, 2023 meeting minutes made by Vice-President Dr. Glantz;

Second to motion Secretary/Treasurer Dr. Clark;

Motion passes unanimously

**4. *Review and approve the financial status of the Board for June 2023***

The report was given by Secretary/Treasurer Dr. Clark on the financial activities, and questions were taken from the Board Members regarding the review of the financial activity memo and financial statements. Secretary/Treasurer Dr. Clark and Executive Director Cramer reported that the checking account balance was \$6,016.48 and the money market was \$134,867.55 as of the date of the meeting. All bills have been paid. \$10,000.00 was transferred after the Board's approval on June 12, 2023 in two transactions. The first \$5,000.00 was transferred on June 21, 2023 the remaining \$5,000 transferred on July 5, 2023.

On July 13, 2023, Dr. Clark Secretary/Treasurer approved an additional \$7,500.00 be transferred so the annual rent and shared expenses could be paid for the new location. A few final bills have yet to be received, so the end of the year financial statements have not been drafted yet.

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Motion to approve the finances of the Board for June 2023 was made by Vice-President Dr. Glantz;

Second to the motion Secretary/Treasurer Dr. Clark;

Motion passes unanimously

Motion to approve the transfer of \$ 5,000.00 as needed from the money market to the checking account was made by Vice-President Dr. Glantz;

Second to the motion Secretary/Treasurer Dr. Clark;

Motion passes unanimously

**5. *Review and discuss activities of the Board office and all matters relating thereto.***

Executive Director Cramer indicated the following had occurred since the last meeting:

- There are 163 active podiatric physicians. Three new licenses have issued. Four applications are under active review.
- There are 64 active podiatry hygienists. One new license has issued. No applications are pending.
- Three complaints have been received.

Vice-President Dr. Glantz has been reappointed for her third term. Two appointments remain outstanding. The moving of the office took place on June 13, 2023, along with the new telephone number from AT&T. The transfer of the bank account is the next priority and is well underway as the checking account is open while the public funds saving account still needs to be opened. The Certemy computer system is already ready for the next renewal season.

This was a report only.

**6. *Review, discussion, potential action regarding legislative matters and the Legislative Session final report by Carrara Group LLC***

Jenny Reese gave a brief wrap up on the legislative session and special session from the policy perspective and Rocky Finseth gave a wrap up of the politics of the sessions. Mr. Finseth provided an explanation of the medical malpractice legislation that had passed while the Board members asked questions because of their concern that this would impact the overall cost of providing healthcare in Nevada. Ms. Reese reviewed AB 45 and SB 431 with the Board members and discussed the potential impacts of those laws as well.

This was a report only.

***7. Review, discussion and potential action, regarding presentation by Nevada State Treasurer Zach Conine of AB 45, which creates a program in the State Treasurer's Office to provide health care providers with up to \$120,000 in student loan repayment in exchange for five years of practice in an underserved community, and how the program is to be structured. (Discussion/For possible action)***

Treasurer Conine gave a brief background on what lead his office to introduce AB 45 in an effort to help address the healthcare practitioner shortage in Nevada, with the hope of targeting rural and underserved populations. As Treasurer Conine explained, under the program health care practitioners such as DPMs would potentially be able to get up to \$125,000 of reimbursement for student loans for up to five years of practice in a rural or underserved area of the state. As Treasurer Conine explained, the emphasis would be on full-time practitioners with a patient base that is Medicaid or S-chip recipients. But it was his opinion that with the federal definitions that are being used to help administer the program almost any location in Nevada would qualify for the program. The Board members asked questions, agreeing that this program was a step in the right directions for helping to alleviate the healthcare provider shortage in Nevada. Treasurer Conine stated that the program would have regulations in place by January 2024 to implement the program.

This was a report only, but all members on the Zoom call were given an opportunity to ask questions.

***8. Review, discussion and potential action, on whether the scope of practice for podiatric physicians allows for licensed podiatric physicians in Nevada to perform acupuncture on patients for pain relief with the needles to be inserted in the foot and lower leg. (Discussion/For possible action)***

Executive Director Cramer gave a brief overview of the question of whether acupuncture could be performed under the scope of practice as stated under NRS 635.085 if the modality was performed on the lower leg or foot to treat the lower leg or foot. Vice-President Dr. Glantz stated that it was her belief that NRS 635.085(1)(b) as written does allow for acupuncture to be administered on the low leg or foot to treat the lower leg or foot. President Dr. Jarvis and Secretary/Treasurer Dr. Clark agreed with her understanding. The only question was raised by Dr. Miller, appearing as a member of the public, who thought that if the use of acupuncture was advertised the DPM would need to have certification in that specialty. President Dr. Jarvis thought offering acupuncture to patients for pain relieve was another option rather than narcotics.

Motion to confirm that NRS 635.085(1)(b) allows podiatric physicians to perform acupuncture on patients for pain relief with the needles to be inserted in the foot and lower leg to treat pain in the foot and lower leg made by Vice-President Dr. Glantz;

Second to the motion was Secretary/Treasurer Dr. Clark;

The motion passes unanimously.

**9. Future agenda items.**

- a. Review and approve August 7, 2023 Board meeting minutes.
- b. Review and discuss financial status of the Board and all matters relating thereto.
- c. Review and discuss activities of the Board office and all matters relating thereto.
- d. Review and discuss report from staff on committee for scope of practice review;
- e. Review and discuss Dr. Pacada;
- f. Review and discuss Budget for FY 23-24.

Motion to approve items a through f made by President Dr. Jarvis;

Second to motion Secretary/Treasurer Dr. Clark;

Motion passes unanimously

**10. Discussion, possible decision on date of next Board meeting.**

The next Board meeting is scheduled for October 2, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in Reno, Nevada and by Zoom, with the next tentative meeting date to be November 13, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

Motion to approve the date of the next meeting made by President Dr. Jarvis;

Second to the motion Vice-President Dr. Glantz;

Motion passes unanimously

**11. Public Comment.** None

**12. Attorney-client meeting.**

Richard Dreitzer, Board Legal Counsel, did not see a need to close the meeting at this time

**13. Adjournment.**

Motion to adjourn the meeting of the Nevada State Board of Podiatry at 6:15 p.m. made by Secretary/Treasurer Dr. Clark;

Second to motion President Dr. Jarvis;

Motion passes unanimously