

THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED BY THE PODIATRY BOARD

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PODIATRY
February 4, 2025**

ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Podiatry was called to order at 2:05 pm on February 4, 2025, 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
Elizabeth Bailey, Public Member

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened.

Also present to participate in the meeting were: T.J. O'Neill, Assistant Attorney General; Katherine Amyot, Department Attorney; Vonda Apking, Program Manager; Jan Gadeken-Harris, Health Licensing Coordinator; Jeff Newman, Investigator with the DHHS 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.

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 on the Bulletin Board at the entrance to the Nebraska State Office Building on January 23, 2025.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Miller moved, seconded by Goldsmith, to approve the August 20, 2024, minutes as written. Voting aye: Bailey, Gangwer, Goldsmith and Miller. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

INVESTIGATIONAL REPORTS AND APPLICATION REVIEW – CLOSED SESSION

Goldsmith moved, seconded by Miller, to go into closed session at 2:07 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: Bailey, Gangwer, Goldsmith and Miller. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Miller recused himself at 2:46 p.m.
Miller returned at 3:05 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 3:18 p.m.

APPLICATION REVIEW - OPEN SESSION

There are currently no applications for review by the Board.

EMAIL BALLOT(S) SINCE THE LAST MEETING

There are no email ballots to report.

2024 LEGISLATION UPDATE

There are no Legislation issues for discussion currently.

REGULATIONS UPDATES

There are no Regulation updates for the Board.

PRACTICE QUESTION(S)

- A. Can a Podiatrist monitor/evaluate a patient for hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBO)?

It is the opinion of the Board that a podiatrist cannot monitor or administer HBO therapy, because it is systemic.

A podiatrist can evaluate a patient and make a referral to a specialist for HBO therapy.

DISCUSSION

- A. Can a program provided by a licensed Podiatrist be eligible for a Fellowship status program?

It is the opinion of the Board that anyone participating in a Fellowship program in the State of Nebraska needs to be licensed as a Podiatrist in Nebraska.

Any projected programs should seek attorney consultation before proceeding.

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 and e-mailing the agenda to interested parties. Voting aye: Gangwer, Goldsmith and Miller. Voting nay: None. Absent: Bailey. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Goldsmith moved, seconded by Miller to have the following slate of Officers for 2025 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: Bailey. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There currently are no public comments.

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 2025 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 3:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Signature available upon request

Jon R. Goldsmith, DPM, Secretary
Board of Podiatry