

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PODIATRY
April 12, 2022**

ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Podiatry was called to order at 1:07 pm on April 12, 2022, 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

A quorum was present and the meeting convened.

R. McLaran Sawyer, PhD – (joined the meeting at 1:20 p.m.)

Absent: None

Also present to participate in the meeting were Milissa Johnson-Wiles, Assistant Attorney General; Joe Neuhaus, Assistant Attorney General; Jesse Cushman, Program Manager; Jan Gaden-Harris, Health Licensing Coordinator and Brittany Bigham, Investigator with the Investigation Unit, Via WebEx

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 Dr. Jon Goldsmith, DPM, as the new member of the Board of Podiatry. Dr. Goldsmith will be replacing Dr. Nelson whose term was complete November 30, 2021.

Welcome to Joe Neuhaus, Assistant Attorney General. Mr. Neuhaus will be working with the Board of Podiatry replacing Natalee Hart.

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 March 29, 2022 and revisions posted on April 6, 2022.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

PRESENTATION OF SERVICE AWARDS

Scott C. Nelson, DPM, FACFAS, Podiatrist Member of the Board was presented with the “Admiralship Award with the Great Navy of the State of Nebraska” awarded by the Governor’s office along with a Plaque from the Board and a Certificate of Appreciation from the Department. Dr. Nelson has graciously served on the Podiatry Board for fourteen years, from January 28, 2008 to November 30, 2021. The Podiatry Board and the Department of Health and Human Services extend their deepest appreciation to Dr. Nelson for his service to the State of Nebraska. Dr. Nelson’s expertise and talent that he has provided to the Podiatry Board throughout the years will be greatly missed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Miller moved, seconded by Goldsmith, to approve the May 11, 2021 minutes as written. Voting aye: Gangwer, Goldsmith and Miller. Voting nay: None. Absent: Sawyer. 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: Sawyer. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

INVESTIGATIONAL REPORTS AND APPLICATION REVIEW – CLOSED SESSION

Goldsmith moved, seconded by Miller, to go into closed session at 1:13 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: Sawyer. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Miller recused himself at 1:14 p.m.

Miller returned at 1:24 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 1:40 p.m.

APPLICATION REVIEW - OPEN SESSION

There were no applications for review by the Board.

2022 LEGISLATION UPDATE

The Board and the Department had no comments regarding the Legislative Session.

REGULATIONS UPDATES

Jesse noted that Title 172 Chapter 143 – Practice of Podiatry Revised Regulations were effective December 26, 2021. To view the Regulations, visit the DHHS website:

https://www.nebraska.gov/rules-and-regs/regsearch/Rules/Health_and_Human_Services_System/Title-172/Chapter-143.pdf

COVID-19 DISCUSSION

Jesse noted that changes to the Open Meeting Act allows for WebEx meetings that will continue through the existing Executive Order presently set to expire on September 30, 2022. For more information on the Open Meeting Act or the Executive Orders visit the DHHS website:

<https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/COVID-19-Nebraska-Guidance-Documents.aspx#SectionLink2>
https://nebraskalegisature.gov/laws/display_html.php?begin_section=84-1407&end_section=84-1414

FYI(s)

- A. Federation of Podiatric Medical Boards (FPMB) 4th Quarter 2021 and 1st Quarter Newsletters
The Board had no comments regarding the newsletters.
- B. FPMB 2021 Fall Meeting Recap
The Board had no comments on the report.

C. FPMB 2022 Annual Meeting – Friday, May 20, 2022

Dr. Goldsmith is available to attend the virtual meeting. Miller moved, seconded by Sawyer to have Dr. Goldsmith represent the Nebraska Podiatry Board as the Voting Delegate at the FPMB 2022 Annual Meeting. Voting aye: Gangwer, Goldsmith, Miller and Sawyer. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Sawyer moved, seconded by Miller to have the following slate of Officers for 2022 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, Miller and Sawyer. 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 2022 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 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

signature available upon request

Jon R. Goldsmith, DPM, Secretary
Board of Podiatry