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Sumer Patel, DPM

**BOARD MEETING**

**October 11, 2024**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Department of Consumer Affairs  
Evergreen Hearing Room  
2005 Evergreen St, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Room  
1150 A&B  
Sacramento, CA 95815**

**The Podiatric Medical Board of  
California will host an in-person  
meeting at the above address on  
October 11, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.  
pursuant to Government Code,  
sections 11122.5 and 11123, subd.  
(a).**

Action may be taken on  
any item listed on the  
agenda.

Agenda items may be  
taken out of order for  
meeting efficiency.

**MINUTES**

**OPEN SESSION**

I. Call to Order & Establishment of Quorum.

Board Member McAloon called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Kathleen Cooper called roll, and a quorum was established.

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P	P	P	A	P	P

II. President's Welcome.

Board Member McAloon welcomed the Board Members, staff, and all attendees.

CM = C. McAloon	DL= D. Lee	DE = D. Elliot
SC= S. Chang	DG = D. Glazier	SP= S. Patel

LEGEND: Y: YES, N: NO, A: ABSENT, P: PRESENT, ABS: ABSTAIN, C: CONFLICT

III. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda.

The members of the public did not provide any comments.

IV. Review and Approve June 7, 2024 Meeting Minutes. Board Member Lee moved, and Board Member Patel seconded, to approve the February 23, 2024 Meeting Minutes. The motion carried 5-0-1. The members of the public did not provide any comments.

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V. Receive and Possible Action on Executive Officer's Report – Brian Naslund

A. Licensing Program Update – Sumer Patel, DPM

The Board received and reviewed information from Andreia Damien, Licensing Coordinator, and reviewed licensing statistics and renewals from the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of FY 23-24, between April 1 and June 30, 2024. There were 268 renewals mailed and 244 renewed. There are currently 31 residents. Lastly, a three-month timeline is included.

The members of the public did not provide any comments.

B. Enforcement Program Update – Darlene Trujillo Elliot

The Board received information from Bethany DeAngelis, Enforcement Coordinator, regarding enforcement data for the fourth quarter of FY 23-24. Complaint data had a significant decrease compared to last year. Average days to assign a case was slightly longer than desired, but we should be back on track soon. There were approximately 34 desk investigations assigned to PMBC's consumer complaint analyst from MBC. That individual has retired and there may be delays. The consumer complaint analyst at MBC is an open position, and staff from both organizations have been working on solutions. Field investigations had an increase in processing times compared to last year. Case investigation timelines are showing a decrease compared to the prior year. There were no disciplinary cases initiated during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. No final orders went into effect, and 3 citations were issued during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. There were 8 active licensees on probation at the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.

As to the full fiscal year there were 144 complaints received, and 141 investigations opened, which is an 8% increase from last year for both. The average days to complete investigations was 126 days which is a decrease from the prior year. There were 4 disciplinary cases initiated

at the AG's Office which is a decrease from the prior year. Disciplinary cases took 18% less time to complete compared to last year. Five final orders were issued. Three citations were issued for the year, and the codes are listed in Att. D. AGs aging data shows 14 active cases pending. Complaints and formal disciplinary actions are listed in Att. F. There are ten years of data included. Looking over this data, it indicates that about 4.6% of complaints lead to disciplinary action which is very close to what MBC reports. Included in Att. G is the specific data regarding licensees disciplined since FY 2013-14. It includes education, residency, type of discipline, and other information regarding the disciplined licensee. The Board had suggestions of how best to present this data. Performance measures are posted by DCA, and historical data can be found on the website listed in the report.

The probation program's cost recovery efforts resulted in \$43,032, and \$19,218 in probation monitoring payments for a total of \$62,251 for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. For the year there was \$220,530 in cost recovery.

The final part of the report includes a consultant application by Anna Sorkin, DPM. The Enforcement Committee reviewed the details and checked references. A motion was made by Board Member Elliot, and seconded by Board Member Glazer, to accept the application of Anna Sorkin to be a consultant for PMBC. The members of the public did not provide any comments. Motion passed 5-0-1.

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#### C. Legislative and Regulation Program Update – Daniel Lee, DPM

The Board received information from Kathleen Cooper, Legislative Analyst, regarding legislative updates. SB 1451 – profession and vocation title. The various titles that could be used by DPMs was discussed. Ryan Spencer from the California Podiatric Medical Association indicated that various clarifications were made regarding this legislation and that DPMs are able to call themselves “doctors.” It was suggested that DPMs review these updates to what titles can be used pursuant to these updates. It was suggested that the Legislative Committee review the issue of what this means to DPMs and how we may need to communicate with licensees and clarify the Board's position. The regulation section of the report indicated that Disciplinary Guidelines and a Section 100 matter related to continuing education will likely be presented next year. The members of the public did not provide any other comments.

#### D. Public Education Program Update – Darlene Trujillo Elliot

PMBC's newsletter “Footnotes” for 2024 has been published and is available electronically and in hard-copy. Thanks were given to all who contributed content to the newsletter, and a request for comments and feedback was made. Website and social media accounts were discussed as well as communications through the PMBC listserve.

The members of the public did not provide any comments.

#### E. Executive Management Update – Carolyn McAloon, DPM

The Board received information from Brian Naslund. The discussion included a review and request for feedback regarding the draft Sunset Report. There was a public comment from Ryan Spencer of CPMA, and while stating that he felt the suggested fee increase may be necessary, perhaps additional savings could be found. He stated that the DPM profession needs more licensees and some DPMs are also retiring. There is a growing need for more DPMs in the future. He stated that many he has spoken to have concerns. He also stated that they would like to continue the dialogue as to future fees.

President McAloon stated that the mission of PMBC is to protect the public and it is the best interests of the citizens of California for the Podiatric Board to continue to exist as its own separate entity. Another priority of this board is to be financially responsible. The Executive Officer runs the board as lean as possible to mitigate any unnecessary expenses, but licensing fees are the primary income for the board and many of the expenses are out of the control of this board. There are also rising costs for staff, DAG expenses, and inflation. The board also wants to set the fee increase so that it will sustain the board for the next 3-5 years. The EO stated that the suggested amount would cover the board during the next few years where the board and stakeholders would be able to work together to address this matter in the long term. A motion was made by Board Member McAloon, and Board Member Lee seconded, that Section 10 of the Sunset Report requests that the legislature implements the fee increase of \$1850 and authorize staff to perform any tasks necessary to incorporate the fee increase request in Section 10, including, but not limited to adding any information necessary to explain the need for that fee increase.<sup>1</sup> Ryan Spencer of CPMA raised various concerns regarding the fee increase in a public comment. Motion passed 5-0-1.

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Board Member McAloon moved, and Board Member Lee seconded, to amend Section 9 of the Sunset Report to provide the legislature an update on the issues listed in that section, including any efforts that the Board is currently taking to address those issues; staff shall prepare and finalize those updates and may incorporate any necessary explanations or information needed to prepare and finalize the update. The members of the public did not provide any comments. Motion passed 5-0-1.

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<sup>1</sup> Note that this motion replaces and supersedes an earlier motion this year regarding fee increases.

Board Member McAloon moved, and Board Member Patel seconded, to authorize staff to incorporate any information or take any steps to prepare and finalize or make changes to the Sunset Report, such as Sec. 7. The members of the public did not provide any comments. Motion passed 5-0-1.

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Board Member McAloon moved, and Board Member Glazer seconded, to approve the draft sunset report with the fee request added in Sec 10, and any updates added to Sec. 9, and authorize staff to make any non-substantive changes necessary to finalize the report, including but not limited to: clarifying language, explaining existing board processes, programs and activities, and making grammatical and technical changes, and incorporating updated financial information or other data as it becomes available; staff is directed to finalize the report in accordance with these guidelines and submit it to the Legislature, prior to the due date. The members of the public did not provide any comments. Motion passed 5-0-1

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The Board discussed nominating and electing PMBC Officer positions for 2025 and Board President McAloon nominated, and Board Member Glazer seconded: Dr. Daniel Lee, as President, Dr Devon Glazer, as Vice-President, and Dr Sumer Patel as Secretary of the Board. The members of the public did not provide any comments. Motion passed 5-0-1.

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It was discussed that the PMBC President for 2025 will make committee assignments for 2025. It was discussed that the meeting dates for 2025 will be decided at the next meeting.

## VII. Future Agenda Items

Neither the board members or members of the public provided comments on this item.

Presentation was made by DCA's staff, Ann Fisher and SOLID, regarding DEI: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. These ideas were discussed and applied to the PMBC Strategic Plan 2023-2027. The updates will be drafted, and an updated Strategic Plan will be included for review at a future Board Meeting.

## VIII. Adjournment

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:40 p.m.

Approved on:

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Brian Naslund, Executive Officer

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