

North Dakota Board of Podiatric Medicine
Special Board Meeting
January 27, 2019

Board Members Present: Kevin Koester, DPM, Ashley Evanoff, DPM, Gordon Leingang, DO, Vicki Kunz

Others Present: Stacy Moldenhauer, attorney and JoDee S. Wiedmeier, Executive Director

Absent: Eric Hart, DPM, One Vacancy

Dr. Evanoff served as chairman of the meeting and called the meeting to order at 9:03 p.m. CST.

Roll call was taken. A quorum was found and the meeting proceeded.

The proposed minutes from the November 30, 2018, special board meeting were previously distributed to the board members. Dr. Leingang moved to approve the November 30, 2018, meeting minutes as written. Ms. Kunz seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote. Those in favor: Dr. Evanoff, Ms. Kunz, Dr. Leingang, Dr. Koester. Those opposed: none.

The proposed minutes from the January 19, 2019, special board meeting were previously distributed to the board members. Ms. Kunz noted one correction was needed. Page 1, paragraph 3 should state Ms. Kunz moved to approve the January **14**, 2019, meeting minutes as written." Dr. Leingang moved to approve the January 19, 2019, meeting minutes with the correction as noted. Dr. Koester seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote. Those in favor: Dr. Evanoff, Ms. Kunz, Dr. Leingang, Dr. Koester. Those opposed: none.

Ms. Wiedmeier provided an update on the legislation currently being opposed or monitored on behalf of the board, those being HB 1256, 1334, 1523 and SB 2126, 2127, 2306.

Discussion regarding SB 2353, which had been previously distributed to the members, commenced. This bill would add a new chapter to Title 43 and would override all of the current statutes in Chapter 43-05. Ms. Moldenhauer indicated that she spoke with the Attorney General's office regarding clarification of the language 'notwithstanding law to the contrary' and confirmed it means that this chapter would overrule all of our current statutes. This is very concerning to the board. A number of laws that would be changed including the number of times the board would meet, the per diem compensation, how license renewals are processed, the number of CME hours, grounds for discipline were discussed. It was noted that the current statutes were previously approved by the legislature and are specific to the podiatric medicine. It was felt that this standardized chapter will not serve the public or the board very well because it would make it much harder for the board to do its job and protect the public. It was also noted that bill requires the AG's office to provide a procedure to hear and resolve a grievance against a board and a legislative study on the system for regulating occupations and professions. It was further noted that the effective date of the bill is delayed until January 1, 2020. Ms. Kunz moved that the board oppose HB 2353 and instruct Ms. Moldenhauer and Ms.

Wiedmeier to represent the board's interests as indicated in the manner they deem appropriate. Dr. Koester seconded the motion. No further discussion was had. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. Those in favor: Dr. Evanoff, Ms. Kunz, Dr. Leingang, Dr. Koester. Those opposed: none.

Dr. Koester moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Leingang seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m. CST.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Hart, DPM
Secretary/Treasurer

Attest:

Ashley Evanoff, DPM
President