

North Dakota Board of Podiatric Medicine  
Special Board Meeting  
January 29, 2023

Board Members Present: Ashley Evanoff, DPM, Andrew Knudsen, DPM, Aaron Albers, DPM, Eric Hart, DPM, Joshua Jeffers. Absent: Gordon Leingang, DO  
Others Present: Stacy Moldenhauer, Attorney, Shantel Dewald, Executive Director

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The meeting was called to order via Zoom Conference at 7:05 p.m. CST.

Roll call was taken. Present were Ashley Evanoff, DPM, Andrew Knudsen, DPM, Aaron Albers, DPM, Eric Hart, DPM, Joshua Jeffers, Stacey Moldenhauer and Shantel Dewald. A quorum was found, and the meeting proceeded. The mission statement was read.

A review and update of House Bill 1285 relating to disallowing agencies to submit their own bills – instead needs to be sponsored or part of an interim study was had. Discussion on how this impacted the board took place. The bill seems to be an unnecessary hurdle to the current administration of the board. No action has been taken by the committee yet. Hearing is set for February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Dr. Hart moved to continue to monitor this bill and oppose as necessary. Mr. Jeffers seconded the motion. No further discussion was had. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. Those in favor: Dr. Evanoff, Dr. Knudsen, Dr. Albers, Dr. Hart, Mr. Jeffers. Those opposed: none.

A review and update of House Bill 1344 relating to administrative rules; committee can deny a rule if they deem it to be unnecessary was had. Discussion on how this impacted the board took place. No action has been taken by the committee yet. Hearing is set for January 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Jeffers moved to continue to monitor this bill and oppose as necessary. Dr. Hart seconded the motion. No further discussion was had. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. Those in favor: Dr. Evanoff, Dr. Knudsen, Dr. Albers, Dr. Hart, Mr. Jeffers. Those opposed: none.

A review and update of House Bill 1372 extends the laws in 43-51 that were originally just for military spouses to all “foreign practitioners” who are “residents” of North Dakota was had. Upon further reading, the podiatric board is not included in these laws. No voting necessary as no action was needed.

A review and update of Senate Bill 2249 relating to the removal of all administrative staff of boards and putting them under the Department of Labor was had. Discussion on how this impacted the board took place. Shantel mentioned that testimony has been put together by a collaboration of medical boards, including the podiatry board, in opposition of the bill. No hearing is scheduled yet. Dr. Knudsen moved to continue to monitor this bill and oppose as necessary. Dr. Hart seconded the motion. No further discussion was had. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. Those in favor: Dr. Evanoff, Dr. Knudsen, Dr. Albers, Dr. Hart, Mr. Jeffers. Those opposed: none.



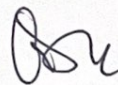
A review and update of Senate Bill 2296 relating to the removal of the board's ability to make final determination on disciplinary action and instead whatever the ALJ decides would stand was had. Discussion on how this impacted the board took place. Shantel mentioned that testimony has been put together by a variety of medical boards in opposition of the bill. Hearing is scheduled for February 1<sup>st</sup>. Dr. Knudsen moved to continue to monitor this bill and oppose as necessary. Dr. Hart seconded the motion. No further discussion was had. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. Those in favor: Dr. Evanoff, Dr. Knudsen, Dr. Albers, Dr. Hart, Mr. Jeffers. Those opposed: none.

A review and update of Senate Bill 2337 relating to the removal of all administrative staff of boards and putting them under OMB was had. Discussion on how this impacted the board took place. Shantel mentioned that the bill has already been heard in the Senate, resulting in a Do Not Pass vote of 5-0. Dr. Knudsen moved to continue to monitor this bill and oppose as necessary. Mr. Jeffers seconded the motion. No further discussion was had. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. Those in favor: Dr. Evanoff, Dr. Knudsen, Dr. Albers, Dr. Hart, Mr. Jeffers. Those opposed: none.

A review and update of Senate Bill 2184 relating to the requirement of the state auditor to conduct annual audits of occupation or professional boards and a variety of administration changes, effective January 1, 2026, was had. Discussion on how this impacted the board took place. Shantel mentioned that an amendment to the bill has been drafted between the medical boards, including the podiatry board. No hearing is scheduled yet. Dr. Hart moved to continue to monitor this bill and oppose as necessary. Dr. Knudsen seconded the motion. No further discussion was had. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. Those in favor: Dr. Evanoff, Dr. Knudsen, Dr. Albers, Dr. Hart, Mr. Jeffers. Those opposed: none.

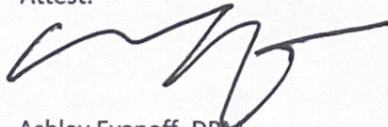
Dr. Hart moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Knudsen seconded. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. Those in favor: Dr. Evanoff, Dr. Knudsen, Dr. Albers, Dr. Hart, Mr. Jeffers. Those opposed: none. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m. CST.

Respectfully Submitted,



Andrew Knudsen, DPM  
Secretary/Treasurer

Attest:



Ashley Evanoff, DPM  
President