



Board of Podiatry Examiners

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OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES FOR APRIL 17, 2026 VIDEO CONFERENCE

Members Present: Scott Torness, DPM, President
Adam Nichols, DPM, Member (joined at 11:04 a.m. MDT)
Rylan Johnson, DPM, Member
James Johnston, DPM, Secretary-Treasurer
Jeanie Blair, Lay Member

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Brooke Tellinghuisen Geddes, Executive Secretary
Katie Funke, Executive Assistant
Emily Greco, General Counsel
Sara Oestrich, Sanford Health
Timothy Uglem, Sanford Health
Peter Bellezza, Avera Health

Call to Order/Welcome and Introductions: Torness called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. MDT.

Roll Call: Tellinghuisen Geddes called the roll. Tornes, yes; Johnston, yes; Nichols, absent; Johnson, yes; Blair, yes. A quorum was present.

Approval of the agenda: Johnston made a motion to approve the agenda. Blair seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of the Minutes from November 7, 2025: Johnston made a motion to approve the minutes from November 7, 2025. Johnson seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

FY Financial Update: Tellinghuisen Geddes reported fiscal year-to-date figures as of January 31, 2026: revenue of \$2,936.69; expenditures of \$14,418.56 and cash balance of \$28,413.50.

Election of Officers: Nichols made a motion to keep the current slate of officers with Torness as President and Johnston as Secretary-Treasurer. Torness seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

Per Diem Policy (Update)- Tellinghuisen Geddes advised that the Board had previously adopted a policy to pay Board members for only one meeting per year due to the financial health of the Board. With the update to fees, the Board can pay Board members for all meetings attended. The board discussed whether or not to update the existing policy of paying members for one meeting per year and decided to keep the policy the same and only take pay for one meeting per year. Nichols made a motion to keep the current policy with taking payment for one board meeting per year. Torness seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

Temporary DPM License- Sanford Health: Representatives from Sanford Health advised the board that they would like to have the opportunity to send residents from North Dakota to Sioux Falls in their 3rd year residency for rotations. Tellinghuisen Geddes advised that it would take a legislative change to either add an additional licensure type to license residents or exempt them from licensure. The board agreed it may be best for Sanford Health and the Podiatry Association to pursue legislative changes desired. The board would likely be supportive, but more information is needed for review.

Public Comment: Bellezza joined the meeting and asked to address the Board for public comment. Bellezza questioned whether or not the Board believed transverse tibial transport is within the scope-of-practice for Podiatrists. Tellinghuisen Geddes advised that the subject was not noticed on the agenda and therefore cannot be discussed at this time. If Bellezza wishes to petition the Board for a declaratory ruling, he may follow the process outlined in SDCL 36-1C-14.

Schedule Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. MDT/12:00 p.m. CDT via Microsoft Teams.

Any other Business: None.

Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2: Johnston made a motion to enter executive session at 11:27 a.m. MDT. Johnson seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote. President Torness declared an end to executive session at 12:05 p.m. MDT.

Executive Secretary Contract Renewal: Torness made a motion to renew the FY27 contract with Professional Licensing at the same rate as the FY26 contract. Nichols seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

Torness made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:06 p.m. MDT. Nichols seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Brooke Tellinghuisen Geddes
Executive Secretary

unapproved, draft minutes of any public meeting held pursuant to § 1-25-1 that are required to be kept by law shall be available for inspection by any person within ten business days after the meeting. However, this section does not apply if an audio or video recording of the meeting is available to the public on the governing body's website within five business days after the meeting. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor. However, the provisions of this section do not apply to draft minutes of contested case proceedings held in accordance with the provisions of chapter 1-26.