INDIANA BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE INDIANA GOVERNMENT CENTER SOUTH 302 WEST WASHINGTON STREET CONFERENCE ROOM W064 INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 9, 2018

Vincent Coda, D.P.M., Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and declared a quorum in accordance with IC § 25-29-2-5.

Members Present:

Vincent Coda, D.P.M., Chairman

Jane Koch, D.P.M., Secretary

William Oliver, D.P.M. Lisa Lanham, D.P.M. Therese Eutsler, P.T.

Staff Present:

Darren Covington, Board Director

Professional Licensing Agency

Kimberly Letko, Assistant Board Director

Professional Licensing Agency
Jodie Stein, Deputy Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General

The Board voted to adopt the agenda.

Participating Board Members: Vincent Coda, D.P.M., Jane Koch, D.P.M., William Oliver, D.P.M., Lisa Lanham, D.P.M., Therese Eutsler, P.T.

Oliver/Eutsler, 5/0/0
Ayes: Coda, Koch, Oliver, Lanham, Eutsler
Motion carries

The Board voted to adopt the October 20, 2017 minutes.

Participating Board Members: Vincent Coda, D.P.M., Jane Koch, D.P.M., William Oliver, D.P.M., Lisa Lanham, D.P.M., Therese Eutsler, P.T.

Oliver/Eutsler, 5/0/0 Ayes: Coda, Koch, Oliver, Lanham, Eutsler Motion carries

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Participating Board Members: Vincent Coda, D.P.M., Jane Koch, D.P.M., William Oliver, D.P.M., Lisa Lanham, D.P.M., Therese Eutsler, P.T.

The Board voted and elected Vincent Coda, D.P.M. to serve again as Chairman of the Board of Podiatric Medicine.

Oliver/Koch, 5/0/0
Ayes: Coda, Koch, Oliver, Lanham, Eutsler
Motion carries

The Board voted and elected Jane Koch, D.P.M. to serve as Vice Chairman of the Board of Podiatric Medicine.

Oliver/Eutsler, 5/0/0
Ayes: Coda, Koch, Oliver, Lanham, Eutsler
Motion carries

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Robert A. Amazon, D.P.M., License No. 07000976A, Cause No. 2017 PMC 0001

Respondent appeared in person without counsel regarding a Disciplinary Hearing scheduled before Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Patricia Gibson and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherry Rutledge of Rutledge Independent Reporting.

Participating Board Members: Vincent Coda, D.P.M., Jane Koch, D.P.M., William Oliver, D.P.M., Lisa Lanham, D.P.M., Therese Eutsler, P.T.

On June 13, 2017, Dr. Amazon failed to answer yes to question number three (3) on his renewal application, which asks "Since you last renewed, and except for minor violations of traffic laws resulting in fines and arrests or convictions that have been expunged by a court, have you been arrested, entered into a diversion agreement, been convicted of, pled guilty to, or pled nolo contendere to any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state?

On April 22, 2016, Respondent was arrested and on April 26, 2016, Respondent was charged with Battery with Moderate Bodily Injury, a Level 6 Felony, in Marion County, Indiana. The charges alleged that during a fight on April 22, 2016, at the Carvel Club located in Indianapolis, Indiana, Respondent struck a person with a collapsible aluminum baton after exchanging words in the parking lot. Respondent was released under a surety bond and on May 26, 2017, he was found not guilty after a bench trial.

The State admitted the following exhibits into evidence:

Exhibit A: Respondent's certified criminal records and affidavit for probable cause from

April of 2016

Exhibit B: Respondent's criminal court records from mycase.IN.gov

Exhibit C: Respondent's IPLA online renewal application

After discussion the Board moved to find Respondent in violation of Ind. Code § 25-1-9-4(a)(1)(A).

Oliver/Lanham, 4/1/0
Ayes: Coda, Lanham, Koch, Eutsler
Nays: Oliver
Motion carries

After further discussion, the Board moved to ISSUE a CENSURE to the RESPONDENT.

Lanham/Koch, 5/0/0
Ayes: Coda, Koch, Lanham, Oliver, Eutsler
Motion carries

Frederick Fedorchak, D.P.M., License No. 07000528A, Cause No. 2016 PMC 0002

Respondent appeared in person without counsel regarding a Modification of Probation Order scheduled before Board. The court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherry Rutledge of Rutledge Independent Reporting.

Participating Board Members: Vincent Coda, D.P.M., Jane Koch, D.P.M., William Oliver, D.P.M., Lisa Lanham, D.P.M., Therese Eutsler, P.T.

At the October 5, 2017 meeting, the Board discussed the terms and conditions of the Final Order that stated PSI should submit quarterly reports for the length of his three year probation, but since PSI discharged Dr. Fedorchak after one year, the Final Order would need to be amended to allow continued quarterly reports regarding Dr. Fedorchak's sobriety and report any failed drug tests within forty-eight (48) hours.

The Board discussed modifying the final order's terms and conditions to include random quarterly drug screenings; and the submission of quarterly results for the full length of his probation; a signed contract with a physician who would provide monitoring for the full length of his probation; and to provide a copy of Respondent's contract with the monitoring physician to the Board within thirty (30) days of the Order for Board review.

After discussion the Board moved to MODIFY Respondent's PROBATION TERMS and CONDITIONS.

Koch/Eutsler, 5/0/0
Ayes: Coda, Koch, Lanham, Oliver, Eutsler
Motion carries

Yev Gray, D.P.M., License No. 07000848A, Cause No. 2018 PMC 0001

Respondent failed to appear in person or with counsel regarding a Disciplinary Hearing scheduled before Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Patricia Gibson and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherry Rutledge of Rutledge Independent Reporting.

Participating Board Members: Vincent Coda, D.P.M., Jane Koch, D.P.M., William Oliver, D.P.M., Lisa Lanham, D.P.M., Therese Eutsler, P.T.

On November 7, 2016, the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) placed Respondent's Illinois podiatry license on indefinite suspension due to incorrect coding of services which included Medicare Fraud.

Respondent was convicted of Conspiracy to Commit Offenses Against the United States and False Statements Relating to Healthcare on August 15, 2017 and was sentenced to ninety (90) months in federal prison and ordered to pay over six million (\$6,000,000.00) in restitution. Respondent's wife was also convicted and sentenced to prison. Respondent will begin his prison sentence after his wife completes hers, which is expected to occur in June of 2018. Respondent is not incarcerated at this time.

The State requests that the Board issue a Notice of Proposed Default due to Respondent not appearing before the Board for this hearing.

After discussion, the Board moved to ISSUE the Respondent a NOTICE of PROPOSED DEFAULT.

Koch/Eutsler, 5/0/0
Ayes: Coda, Koch, Lanham, Oliver, Eutsler
Motion carries

Russell C. Harms, D.P.M., License No. 070001065A, Cause No. 2011 PMC 0001

Respondent appeared in person and with counsel, John Ittenbach, regarding a Petition for Reinstatement scheduled before Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Patricia Gibson and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherry Rutledge of Rutledge Independent Reporting.

Participating Board Members: Vincent Coda, D.P.M., Jane Koch, D.P.M., William Oliver, D.P.M., Lisa Lanham, D.P.M., Therese Eutsler, P.T.

Respondent is requesting reinstatement of his license due to compliance with all terms and conditions of suspension from July 2016.

Respondent signed a contract with Soberlink and a monitoring program in December of 2016. He attends one AA meeting and a Church group weekly.

Respondent admitted the following exhibits:

Exhibit 1: Letter from Dr. Paul Ryan Moe, M.D.

After discussion the Board moved to REINSTATE Respondent's LICENSE on INDEFINITE PROBATION with terms and conditions without the ability to petition to modify probation for a minimum of one (1) year.

Oliver/Eutsler, 5/0/0
Ayes: Coda, Koch, Lanham, Oliver, Eutsler
Motion carries

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

Vincent Coda, D.P.M., Chairman

Jane Koch, D.P.M., Secretary