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**Maine Board of Licensure of Podiatric Medicine
October 12, 2023 Board Meeting**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Shannon Meredith, D.P.M., Board Chair
Todd O'Brien, D.P.M., Complaint Officer
Christopher Sacco, D.P.M.
Richard Angotti, Public Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Brad Samojla, D.P.M.

STAFF PRESENT

Samantha Morgan, Assistant Attorney General
Kristina Halvorsen, Board Administrator
Jessica Cirello, Professional Licensing Supervisor

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Shannon Meredith, called the meeting to order at 1:16 p.m.

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Review and approval of the May 11, 2023 minutes.

A motion was made by Todd O'Brien and seconded by Richard Angotti to approve the minutes as written.

Vote: 4 in favor.

RULEMAKING

Licensure by Endorsement

A motion was made by Richard Angotti and seconded by Christopher Sacco to adopt the proposed rule.

Vote: 4 in favor.

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Chapter 21 “Use of Controlled Substances for Treatment of Pain”

A motion was made by Todd O’Brien and seconded by Richard Angotti to adopt the basis statement, response to comments and Chapter 21 rule.

Vote: 4 in favor.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Board Administrator, Kristina Halvorsen, discussed recent Board staff turnover and current staff shortages. These changes haven’t slowed the application processing time for this Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public member, Dr. Andrew Smith, asked for more details about the scope of practice for Maine Podiatrists and a letter of guidance on what Maine Podiatrists can and can’t do in Maine. Assistant Attorney General, Samantha Morgan, discussed that scope of practices are created by legislators. Board Administrator, Kristina Halvorsen, confirmed receiving Dr. Smith’s letter regarding this issue and discussed this issue will be added to the next meeting’s agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Richard Angotti and seconded by Todd O’Brien to adjourn the meeting at 1:34 p.m.

Vote: 4 in favor.