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## **MICHIGAN BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE AND SURGERY DISCIPLINARY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING OF APRIL 27, 2011**

### **APPROVED MINUTES**

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery Disciplinary Subcommittee met in regular session on April 27, 2011 at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Christine Blackledge, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

**Members Present:** Christine Blackledge, Public Member, Chairperson  
Howard Lazar, DPM  
Scott Hughes, DPM  
Harry A. Kezelian, DPM  
Charles Morris, Public Member

**Members Absent:** Louis Geller, DPM

**Staff Present:** Starla Walter, Secretary, Health Regulatory Division  
Rae Ramsdell, Director, Health Regulatory Division  
Lidia McGee, Analyst, Health Regulatory Division

**Others Present:** Tara Scott, DPM

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Lazar, seconded by Morris, to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2011 meeting as presented.

**MOTION PREVAILED**

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION** by Hughes, seconded by Kezelian, to approve the agenda as presented.

**MOTION PREVAILED**

## ***REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS***

### **Dennis W. Leveille, DPM – Consent Order and Stipulation**

*MOTION* by Hughes, seconded by Kezelian, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation in the matter of Dennis W. Leveille, DPM.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Kezelian, Morris, Hughes, Blackledge, Lazar

*MOTION PREVAILED*

### **Rondy D. Groins, DPM – Consent Order and Stipulation**

*MOTION* by Hughes, seconded by Kezelian, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation in the matter of Rondy D. Groins, DPM.

Discussion was held. Motion withdrawn.

*MOTION* by Hughes, seconded by Kezelian to reject the Consent Order and Stipulation and make a counteroffer of the following, in the matter of Rondy D. Groins, DPM.

1. Suspend Respondent's license for one (1) year;
2. Respondent must pay a fine in the amount of \$10,000.00;
3. Prior to applying for reinstatement, Respondent must complete ten (10) hours of Board-approved continuing education hours in the areas of pain management and/or pharmacology.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Kezelian, Morris, Hughes, Blackledge, Lazar

*MOTION PREVAILED*

### **Golden G. Higgwe, DPM – Consent Order and Stipulation**

*MOTION* by Hughes, seconded by Kezelian, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation in the matter of Golden G. Higgwe, DPM.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Kezelian, Morris, Hughes, Blackledge, Lazar

*MOTION PREVAILED*

### **Judi M. Ecker, DPM – Recommendation and Order of Dismissal**

*MOTION* by Lazar, seconded by Hughes, to accept the Recommendation and Order of Dismissal in the matter of Judi M. Ecker, DPM.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Kezelian, Morris, Hughes, Blackledge, Lazar

*MOTION PREVAILED*

**Kenneth D. Mitchell, DPM – Request for Reconsideration**

*MOTION* by Hughes, seconded by Lazar, to accept the Request for Reconsideration, Vacating Final Order dated 2/14/11 and Remand for Further Proceedings in the matter of Kenneth D. Mitchell, DPM.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Morris, Kezelian, Hughes, Blackledge, Lazar

*MOTION PREVAILED*

***PUBLIC COMMENT***

None

***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held July 27, 2011 immediately following the full board meeting scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan.

***ADJOURNMENT***

*MOTION* by Geller, seconded by Lazar, to adjourn the meeting at 10:51 a.m.

*for Christy M. Morris*  
Christine Blackledge, Chairperson

*7/27/11*  
Date Minutes Approved

*Starla Walter*  
Starla Walter, Board Secretary

*April 29 2011*  
Date Minutes Prepared