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A meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners was held on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at the Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex, 25 Market Street, 4th Floor Conference Center, Trenton, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order by President Paul T. Jordan, M.D.

PRESENT

Board Member Ciechanowski, Cheema, Jordan, Krauss, Lambert, Lomazow, Paul, Rajput, Stanley, and Walsh.

EXCUSED

Board Members Baker, Berkowitz, Howard, Mendelowitz, Scott, Tedeschi and Weiss.

ALSO PRESENT

Assistant Attorney General Joyce, Senior Deputy Attorney's General Dick, Deputy Attorney's General Warhaftig, Ehrenkrantz, Flanzman, and Ringler; Executive Director William V. Roeder.

STATEMENT CONCERNING THE ANNUAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

The requirements of the "Open Public Meetings Act" were satisfied by notice of this meeting given in the annual notice adopted by the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners on October 13, 2010 which was transmitted to the ATLANTIC CITY PRESS, STAR LEDGER, CAMDEN COURIER POST, ASBURY PARK PRESS, BERGEN RECORD and the TRENTON TIMES, all on the 20th day of October 2010.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

MINUTES THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE AND SECONDED,

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VOTED TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 9, 2011 OPEN
BOARD MINUTES.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing Scheduled.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing Scheduled.

OFF AGENDA ITEM

HYPERBARIC OXYGEN TREATMENT

Over the past several months, the Board has been dealing with a request for a clarification as to the Board's position of whether a podiatrist may supervise his/her own patient in a hyperbaric oxygen treatment center. The Board had determined that it was not a permissible practice and further determined that it needed additional information for a continued review of the issues.

Specifically, the Board requested information from a number of interested parties, such as hospitals, the New Jersey Podiatric Society, the Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society, the American Board of Internal Medicine, the American Board of Preventive Medicine and the American College of Preventive Medicine, as to the qualifications, training and experience which would make such a practice permissible, for additional study. Some information on the issue had been received and reviewed by the Board.

**THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE AND SECONDED, VOTED TO
MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR ADVICE OF COUNSEL AND
DISCUSSION OF PENDING LEGAL MATTERS ON THE ISSUE.**

The Motion made by Ms. Criss and seconded by Rajput to go into closed session for advice of counsel carried unanimously, and all parties, except administrative and counseling staff, left the room. Returning to open session, the Board announced the following.

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THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE AND SECONDED, VOTED TO PROCEED BY FORMAL RULE MAKING TO PROPOSE AND ENACT A REGULATION ADDRESSING THE ISSUE WHETHER PODIATRISTS MAY SUPERVISE THE PROVISION OF FULL BODY HYPERBARIC OXYGEN TREATMENT FOR THEIR PATIENTS, AND DELEGATED TO ITS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE THE CHARGE TO PREPARE A PROPOSED REGULATION ADDRESSING THE ISSUE. UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE RULEMAKING PROCESS IS COMPLETED, THE BOARD TAKES THE POSITION THAT A LICENSED PODIATRIST MAY SUPERVISE HIS OR HER PATIENT RECEIVING FULL BODY HYPERBARIC OXYGEN TREATMENT, PROVIDED THAT:

- 1) THE PODIATRIST HAS BEEN CREDENTIALLED BY A LICENSED HOSPITAL TO SUPERVISE THE TREATMENT;**

- 2) ALL TREATMENT IS PROVIDED WITHIN THE CONFINES OF A HOSPITAL;**

- 3) THERE IS A PLENARY LICENSED PHYSICIAN WITH KNOWLEDGE OF HYPERBARIC MEDICINE PHYSICALLY PRESENT ON SITE WHO IS READILY AVAILABLE TO MANAGE ANY COMPLICATIONS THAT MAY OCCUR; AND**

- 4) PRIOR TO INITIATION OF TREATMENT, THE PATIENT HAS BEEN CLEARED TO RECEIVE FULL BODY HYPERBARIC OXYGEN TREATMENT BY A PLENARY LICENSED PHYSICIAN.**

Motion made by Dr. Rajput and seconded by Dr. Cheema. It carried unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL

Nothing Provided.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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Respectfully submitted,

Paul Jordan, M.D.
Board President