

**INDIANA BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE
INDIANA GOVERNMENT CENTER SOUTH
402 WEST WASHINGTON STREET
CONFERENCE CENTER ROOM 1
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204**

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 2019

Vincent Coda, D.P.M., Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and declared a quorum in accordance with IC § 25-29-2-5.

Members Present: Vincent Coda, D.P.M., Chairman
Lisa Lanham, D.P.M., Vice Chairman
Therese Eutsler, P.T.
William Oliver, D.P.M., by telephone
Jane Koch, D.P.M., by telephone

Staff Present: Darren Covington, Board Director
Professional Licensing Agency

Jodi Stein, Deputy Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General

The Board voted to adopt the agenda.

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

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

The Board voted to adopt the October 10, 2019 minutes.

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

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

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Erin Engel, D.P.M. – initial application

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

Dr. Engel disclosed that her Ohio license was suspended for 5 months in June 2018 and then placed on probation for one year for self-prescribing controlled substances. She currently has an active Ohio license and does not intend to prescribe controlled substances in Indiana, or apply for a controlled substance registration.

After discussion the Board moved to APPROVE Dr. Engel's application.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Larry Best, D.P.M., 07000564A, 2019 BPM 0001

Respondent appeared in person and with counsel, Mark Baeverstad, regarding a Final Hearing scheduled before Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Patricia Gibson and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Bobbi Meis of Circle City Reporting.

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

Dr. Best had self-prescribed controlled substances to both himself and family members and surrendered his DEA. He was evaluated for a substance abuse disorder and did not have a diagnosis.

The parties presented a settlement for a LETTER OF REPRIMAND and a \$1,000 FINE.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE the settlement.

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

Russell Harms, D.P.M., License No. 07001065A – 2019 BPM 0002

Respondent failed to appear in person and without counsel regarding an Extension of Summary Suspension scheduled before Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Patricia Gibson and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Bobbi Meis of Circle City Reporting.

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

Dr. Harms was previously summarily suspended due to alcohol abuse issues and a DUI conviction.

The State admitted the following exhibit into evidence:

G – criminal court records

After discussion, the Board moved to EXTEND the SUMMARY SUSPENSION of Dr. Harm's license for an additional ninety (90) days.

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

The next meeting will be held on March 13, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Vincent Coda, D.P.M., Chairman

Lisa Lanham, D.P.M., Vice Chairman