

TENNESSEE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY MEETING MINUTES

DATE: January 9, 2018
TIME: 9:00 A.M., CT
LOCATION: Health Related Boards
Poplar Room
665 Mainstream Drive
Nashville, TN

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Torrey J. Carlson, O.D.
Brad S. Lindsey, O.D., Vice Chair
Linda Tharp, O.D.
Jennifer G. Uhl, O.D., Secretary

BOARD MEMBER

ABSENT: Christopher Cooper, O.D.
Consumer Member - Vacant

STAFF

PRESENT: Yvette Hernandez, Board Administrator
Teddy Wilkins, Unit Director
Mark Waters, Deputy General Counsel

Dr. Lindsey, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:06 A.M. A roll call was conducted and a quorum was present.

Mark Waters stated that Stefan Cange resigned and he would be the advisory attorney this meeting and Kaitlin Parham will be the new advisory attorney at the next Board meeting.

Review/Approve October 13, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes

Upon review of the October 13, 2017 Board Meeting minutes Dr. Cooper made a motion, seconded by Dr. Uhl, to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried.

Office of General Counsel

Mark Waters read the Conflict of Interest statement reminding the Board to disclose to him any conflicts of interest that may arise.

Mr. Waters stated currently there are no open cases for discipline in Office of General Counsel and there are rules changes in process.

Mr. Waters stated the rule changes concerning continuing education (modifying the wording of the rule concerning the required prescribing course, as well as to the wording of the rule pertaining to approval of CE from vendors already approved by the Board for such purposes) and one other minor change (updating the web address for license renewal), are currently undergoing internal review.

Administrative Report

Yvette Hernandez stated as of January 5, 2018 there are 1,268 licensed Optometrists.

Ms. Hernandez stated there were four (4) new licenses and fifty-nine (59) renewals in October 2017 with thirty-five (35) renewing online for a percentage of fifty-nine (59) percent.

Ms. Hernandez stated there were two (2) new licenses and forty-seven (47) renewals in November 2017 with thirty-one (31) renewing online for a percentage of sixty-six (66) percent.

Ms. Hernandez stated there were three (3) new licenses and forty (40) renewals in December 2017 with thirty (30) renewing online for a percentage of seventy-five (75) percent.

Ms. Hernandez stated in October, November and December 2017 five (5) practitioners retired their licenses and ten (10) practitioner licenses expired.

Ms. Hernandez reviewed the remaining scheduled Board meeting dates for 2018:

April 4, 2018

July 11, 2018

October 12, 2018 – Gatlinburg, TN (Tentative)

Teddy Wilkins stated that the Optometry Board booth in Gatlinburg at the TAOP conference was successful.

Office of Investigations

Lori Leonard said there are currently one (1) suspended and one (1) is on probation. There are seven (7) new complaints open this year and closed a total of six (6).

FY 2017 Year End Report

Noranda French reviewed the FY 2017 report and said as of June 30, 2017 the Board had total expenditures of \$154,666.18. Ms. French said Board revenue fee totaled \$178,549.13. The current year net is \$23,882.95. LARS improvements were \$8,667.46 for a total cumulative carryover for FY 2017 of \$694,557.79.

Newly Licensed

Upon review Dr. Carlson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Tharp, to approve the following applicants for licensure:

**Ayushi Amin
Yunho Kim
Kimberly Joy Woideck**

**Randy Arthur Birt
Courtney Faatin Morrow**

The motion carried.

Approve/Deny Reinstatement Applicants

Upon review Dr. Uhl made a motion, seconded by Dr. Carlson, to approve the following reinstatement applicants:

Carrie Tobin Irvine

The motion carried.

Receive report regarding Optometric Procedure

Tabled to the next Board meeting.

Correspondence

Upon review of the letter from Dr. Joshua Garrett, Dr. Tharp made a motion, seconded by Dr. Carlson to approve Dr. Garrett's request to change the name of his practice to Integrity Eye Care.

The Motion carried.

Discuss and take action if needed regarding rulemaking, hearings, rule amendments, and policies.

Stefan Cange drafted a policy statement on injectable certification and licensure. Dr. Lindsey made a motion to accept the policy statement on injectable certification and licensure as written with the exception of the addition of blank date 2012, seconded by Dr. Tharp.

Ms. Hernandez received the date from NBEO stating it was August 1, 2012. This policy is effective as of January 9, 2018.

The motion carried.

Mr. Waters stated in a previous meeting Mr. Cange drafted a rule change to increase Continuing Education hours from thirty (30) hours to forty (40) hours. Dr. Carlson stated the only change is the number of hours for continuing education requirements; Dr. Uhl made a motion to approve the rule change, seconded by Dr. Carlson.

An oral vote was made by the Board members; Dr. Lindsey made a motion to start the rule making process.

Dr. Lindsey moved to amend his previous motion to say the changes intended as provided in the draft by the Office of General Counsel.

The motion carried.

Adjourn

With no other Board business to conduct Dr. Carlson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Tharp to adjourn at 10:54 a.m. The motion carried.

Ratified by the Board on April 4, 2018