

MINUTES

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN OPTOMETRY

May 26, 2020

The regularly scheduled meeting of the New Hampshire Board of Optometry was held electronically via Zoom on the above date, beginning at 9:00 A.M. Unless otherwise indicated, the members present and participating were: Guy R. Lessard, O.D., President; Andrea L. Murphy, O.D.; Joel R. Tuite, O.D.; Scott Krauchunas, O.D. and Alan Goode, Public Member. Absent was: N/A

PUBLIC SESSION:

Dr. Lessard called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. (Please see attached script read prior to the start of the meeting.)

INTERVIEWS/HEARINGS WITH THE BOARD:

N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

1. DRAFT Minutes from the April 4, 2020 Board meeting. Board Action: 5/26/20 – On motion of Dr. Tuite, seconded by Dr. Krauchunas, approved. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous poll vote of all members present.

Dr. Lessard	Yes	Dr. Murphy	Yes
Dr. Tuite	Yes	Dr. Krauchunas	Yes
Mr. Goode	Yes		

2. Office of Professional Licensure and Certification, Board of Optometry 2nd Qtr FY2020 Preliminary Quarterly Report. Board Action: 5/26/20 – File.

3. Request from Shruti Ravula, O.D. for an approval of live CE. Board Action: 5/26/20 – On motion of Dr. Murphy, seconded by Dr. Krauchunas, approved. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous poll vote of all members present.

Dr. Lessard	Yes	Dr. Murphy	Yes
Dr. Tuite	Yes	Dr. Krauchunas	Yes
Mr. Goode	Yes		

4. Request from David Mackay, O.D. to use the 1 hour of opioid on Identifying Drug Dependence Completed on February 16, 2020 towards this year's renewal. Board Action: 5/26/20 – On motion of Dr. Murphy, seconded by Dr. Krauchunas, approved. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous poll vote of all members present.

Dr. Lessard	Yes	Dr. Murphy	Yes
Dr. Tuite	Yes	Dr. Krauchunas	Yes
Mr. Goode	Yes		

5. Request from Sheri Cronin, O.D. to use the 3 hour of opioid on Pain Management and Opioids completed on April 4, 2020 towards this year's renewal.

Board Action: 5/26/20 – On motion of Dr. Lessard, seconded by Dr. Murphy, approved. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous poll vote of all members present.

Dr. Lessard	Yes	Dr. Murphy	Yes
Dr. Tuite	Yes	Dr. Krauchunas	Yes
Mr. Goode	Yes		

6. Request from Emily Nangle, O.D. to use the 3 hour of opioid on Safer/Competent Opioid Prescribing Education for 2.5 hours on April 7, 2020 and New Opioids Prescribing Guidelines in Practice completed on April 14, 2020 towards this year's renewal. Board Action: 5/26/20 – On motion of Dr. Tuite, seconded by Dr. Krauchunas, approved. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous poll vote of all members present.

Dr. Lessard	Yes	Dr. Murphy	Yes
Dr. Tuite	Yes	Dr. Krauchunas	Yes
Mr. Goode	Yes		

7. Request from Lance Ough, O.D. to use the 2 hour of opioid on Basic of Chronic Pain and Chronic Pain Evaluation for 1 hour and Pathways to Safer Opioid Use both completed on January 17, 2020 towards this year's renewal. Board Action: 5/26/20 – On motion of Dr. Krauchunas, seconded by Dr. Tuite, approved. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous poll vote of all members present.

Dr. Lessard	Yes	Dr. Murphy	Yes
Dr. Tuite	Yes	Dr. Krauchunas	Yes
Mr. Goode	Yes		

8. Request from Amy Michaud, O.D. to use the 3 hour of opioid on Navigating the Challenges in an Era of Opioid Deprescribing for 1 hour, Buprenorphine Prescribing in Primary Care for 1 hour and Responding to the Epidemic of Opioid Overdose and Addiction all completed on April 30, 2020 towards this year's renewal. Board Action: 5/26/20 – On motion of Dr. Murphy, seconded by Dr. Lessard, approved. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous poll vote of all members present.

Dr. Lessard	Yes	Dr. Murphy	Yes
Dr. Tuite	Yes	Dr. Krauchunas	Yes
Mr. Goode	Yes		

9. Request from Jeffrey Michaud, O.D. to use the 3 hour of opioid on Navigating the Challenges in an Era of Opioid Deprescribing for 1 hour completed on April 24, 2020, Buprenorphine Prescribing in Primary Care for 1 hour completed on April 23, 2020 and Responding to the Epidemic of Opioid Overdose and Addiction completed on May 1, 2020 towards this year's renewal. Board Action: 5/26/20 – On motion of Dr. Murphy, seconded by Dr. Lessard, approved. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous poll vote of all members present.

Dr. Lessard	Yes	Dr. Murphy	Yes
Dr. Tuite	Yes	Dr. Krauchunas	Yes
Mr. Goode	Yes		

10. Request from Naila Aslam, O.D. to use the 3 hour of opioid on Pain Does Not Mean Pills for 1 hour, Treating Chronic Low Back Pain for .50 hours, Treating Osteoarthritic Pain for .50 hours and Patient-Centered Urine Drug Testing for 1 hour all completed on May 7, 2020 towards this year's renewal. Board Action: 5/26/20 – On motion of Dr. Tuite, seconded by Dr. Murphy, approved. Each

member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous poll vote of all members present.

Dr. Lessard	Yes	Dr. Murphy	Yes
Dr. Tuite	Yes	Dr. Krauchunas	Yes
Mr. Goode	Yes		

11. Board discussed sending the state examination to applicants to complete and return to the Board. The Board will then review the application, with the exam results, for licensure during the emergency stay at home order. Board Action: 5/26/20 – On motion of Dr. Lessard, seconded by Dr. Tuite, approved. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous poll vote of all members present.

Dr. Lessard	Yes	Dr. Murphy	Yes
Dr. Tuite	Yes	Dr. Krauchunas	Yes
Mr. Goode	Yes		

O.D. LICENSES:

N/A

Motion to commence non-public session:

On motion of Dr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Goode, at 9:40 A.M. the Board voted to conduct a non-public session for the purpose of discussing investigations of alleged licensee misconduct and noting that such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c), RSA 91-A:3, II (e), RSA 91-A:5, IV, Lodge v. Knowlton, 119 N.H. 574 (1978), and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous poll vote of all members present.

Dr. Lessard	Yes	Dr. Murphy	Yes
Dr. Tuite	Yes	Dr. Krauchunas	Yes
Mr. Goode	Yes		

NON-PUBLIC SESSION:

[Minutes kept separately]

Motion to keep minutes of non-public session confidential:

Upon the motion of Dr. Murphy and the second of Mr. Goode, at 9:45 A.M. the Board voted to withhold the minutes of the preceding non-public session from public disclosure pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, III. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous poll vote of all members present.

Dr. Lessard	Yes	Dr. Murphy	Yes
Dr. Tuite	Yes	Dr. Krauchunas	Yes
Mr. Goode	Yes		

Meeting Adjourned at 9:45 A.M.

Next Board Meeting is July 7, 2020 at 9:00 A.M.

**A Checklist To Ensure Meetings Are Compliant With The
Right-to-Know Law During The State Of Emergency
(Read at the May 26, 2020 Meeting of the Board of
Optometry)**

As President of the Board of Optometry, I, Guy Lessard, O.D., find that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically.

Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with his Emergency Order, I am confirming that we are:

a) Providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video or other electronic means:

We are utilizing Zoom for this electronic meeting.¹ All members of the NH Board of Optometry have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through this platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and, if necessary, participate in this meeting through dialing the following: Meeting ID: 943 4301 3525; Password: 443685, or by clicking on the following website address:
<https://zoom.us/j/94343013525?pwd=UUE0R3NIU3JFV0RLaVlueFpTMGVadz09>.

b) Providing public notice of the necessary information for accessing the meeting:

We previously gave notice to the public of the necessary information for accessing the meeting, including how to access the meeting using Zoom or telephonically. Instructions have also been provided on the website of the NH Board of Optometry (<https://www.oplc.nh.gov/optometry/about.htm>).

c) Providing a mechanism for the public to alert the NH Board of Optometry during the meeting if there are problems with access:

If anybody has a problem, please email Sharon Canney at Sharon.Canney@oplc.nh.gov.

d) Adjourning the meeting if the public is unable to access the meeting:

In the event the public is unable to access the meeting, the meeting will be adjourned and either the problem corrected or the meeting will be rescheduled.

Please note that **all votes** that are taken during this meeting shall be done by **roll call vote**. We will start the meeting by taking a roll call of attendees. When each member states their name, please also state whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-to-Know law, also known as 91-A. Sharon, please do the roll call vote.

¹ Many public bodies are utilizing video teleconferencing technology, such as Zoom, to ensure the electronic meeting comply with the Right-to-Know law and any applicable due process requirements. In certain circumstances, a regular business meeting of a public body may be conducted utilizing audio-only technology. If you have any questions about the appropriateness of the technology utilized to conduct your meeting, please consult your agency counsel or the Attorney General's Office.