

MINUTES

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN OPTOMETRY

January 28, 2020

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Registration in Optometry was held at 121 South Fruit Street, Concord, New Hampshire 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.; Scott Krauchunas, O.D.; Joel R. Tuite, O.D. and Alan Goode, Public Member. Absent was: N/A

9:00 – 9:20: Non-Meeting with Board Counsel.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Dr. Lessard called the meeting to order at 9:21 A.M.

INTERVIEWS/HEARINGS WITH THE BOARD:

N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

1. DRAFT Minutes from the December 6, 2019 Board meeting. Board Action: 1/28/20 – On motion of Dr. Lessard, seconded by Dr. Tuite, approved. Unanimous.
2. Board of Optometry Preliminary Quarterly Report. Board Action: 1/28/20 – File.
3. News from NBEO. Board Action: 1/28/20 – File.
4. ARBO – OE Tracker Usage Questions:
 - We accept OE TRACKER certificates and transcripts
 - We use OE TRACKER to verify CE hours for some licensees
 - We have automatic data transfer for license renewals
 - We require Licensees to use OE TRACKER
 - We use OE TRACKER in a different way. Please tell us how: _____
 - We do not use OE TRACKERBoard Action: 1/28/20 – Inform ARBO that NH doesn't use OE Tracker.
5. Executive Order to assist the provision of services under the Medicaid-to-Schools Program. Board Action: 1/28/20 – File.
6. Kenneth Clark, O.D. – Requesting an extension to complete his three hours of opioids. Board Action: 1/28/20 – On motion of Dr. Tuite, seconded by Dr. Murphy, approved. Unanimous.

TABLED:

T1. Letter from Sarah Jagatic, O.D. notifying the Board that there is a company providing telehealth CL checks in case they are violating any parts of the new NH state law regarding telehealth. **Board Action: 10/18/19** – Tabled. **Board Action: 12/6/19** – Tabled. **Board Action: 1/28/20** – Tabled.

O.D. LICENSES: Board Action: 1/28/20 – On motion of Dr. Krauchunas, seconded by Dr. Murphy, approve for TPA license. Unanimous.

LOUCOPOULOS, John, O.D.

Motion to commence non-public session:

On motion of Dr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Goode, at 9:53 A.M. the Board voted to conduct a non-public session for the purpose of discussing optometry applications and 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.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION:

[Minutes kept separately]

On motion of Dr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Goode, the Board voted to go into public session at 10:17 A.M.

Motion to keep minutes of non-public session confidential:

Upon the motion of Dr. Murphy and the second of Mr. Goode, at 10:17 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.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:17 A.M.

Next Board Meeting is February 18, 2020 at 9:00 A.M.