

MINUTES

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN OPTOMETRY**

April 14, 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 March 10, 2020 Board meeting. Board Action: 4/14/20 – On motion of Dr. Tuite, seconded by Mr. Goode, 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. Request from Ryan Fuller, O.D. for an extension to complete 3 hours of opioid requirements for renewal. Board Action: 4/14/20 – 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		

3. Request from Charles LaFreniere, O.D. for an extension to complete 3 hours of opioid requirements for renewal. Board Action: 4/14/20 – 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		

4. Request from Monisha Rajinikanth, O.D. for an extension to complete 3 hours of opioid requirements for renewal. Board Action: 4/14/20 – 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		

5. Request from Deborah Vallieres, O.D. for an extension to complete 3 hours of opioid requirements for renewal. Board Action: 4/14/20 – 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		

6. Robert Yarosh, O.D. wanted to submit for your review the most recent co-management of glaucoma cases with a highly respected glaucoma specialist. Board Action: 4/14/20 – On motion of Dr. Murphy, seconded by Dr. Tuite, file. 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. Accreditation Council on Optometric Education Report of Actions March 24, 2020. Board Action: 4/14/20 – On motion of Dr. Murphy, seconded by Dr. Tuite, file. 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 Ioanis Panagiotopoulos, O.D. for an extension to complete 2 hours of opioid requirements for renewal. Board Action: 4/14/20 – 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		

9. Request from Jacqueline Rheault, O.D. for an extension to complete 3 hours of opioid requirements for renewal. Board Action: 4/14/20 – 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		

10. Request from Shruti Ravula, O.D. for an extension to complete 3 hours of opioid requirements for renewal. Board Action: 4/14/20 – 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
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Dr. Tuite	Yes	Dr. Krauchunas	Yes
Mr. Goode	Yes		

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. **Board Action: 3/10/20** – Tabled. **Board Action: 4/14/20** – On motion of Dr. Murphy, seconded by Dr. Tuite, Board discussed - file. 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

On motion of Dr. Murphy, seconded by Dr. Tuite, meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m. 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		

Next Board Meeting is May 26, 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 April 14, 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: 967 2690 5479; Password: 967547, or by clicking on the following website address: <https://zoom.us/j/96726905479?pwd=STZEMnhjd3VVUC9iN2tScGNzMzhndz09>.

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.