

NH Board of Optometry Public Meeting Minutes March 21, 2023

March 21, 2023 at 9:00 AM EST 7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH

Attendance

Present:

Members: Janet Aug, Scott Krauchunas, Andrea Murphy and Christine Donahue Guests: Attorney Shane Goulet and Board Administrator Shana Warriner

I. Call to Order

A. Murphy called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM

II. Approval of Public Minutes

Motion: to approve the public minutes of 01/24/2023 with changes. Motion moved by A. Murphy and motion seconded by C. Donahue. Passed.

- III. Public Appearances None
- IV. OPLC and/or Board Administration Updates
- V. Old Business
 - A. Optometrists Formula Edits Tabled to May meeting.
- VI. New Business
 - A. Lauren Mangano DO -CE FYI
 - B. Marie Salvas OD-CE FYI
 - C. Tracey Skelly OD-CE FYI
 - D. Janet Aug Prescribing Contacts J. Aug asked the board if all fields on a prescription for contacts need to be filled out as stated in 327:25-A? Had a gentleman ask for a prescription for contacts without a brand name and just with the power of the prescription. The prescription isn't valid without the required information.
 - E. Janet Aug Documentation of BLS (Basic Life Support) J. Aug was asking if it was possible to get the certificate if doing the training through the RQI process. It is possible just need to reach out to have it sent.

VII. Licensure

A. Lyudmila Podberezin

Motion: to accept the application and approve TPA/g licensure due to year of graduation.

Motion moved by A. Murphy and motion seconded by J. Aug. Passed.

B. Kristen Weitzel Turisi

Motion: to accept the application and approve TPA/g licensure due to year of graduation.

Motion moved by A. Murphy and motion seconded by C. Donahue Passed.

The Board spoke about the notifications for CE that are supposed to be sent in annually. They used to get notifications mailed to them and no longer get those. They need to update some rules in the 400s to reflect some changes when they do the 200s in May. RSA 327 states part have to be done annually. A. Murphy made a motion to support the removal of the word "Annually" in 327:33-A. J. Aug seconded the motion passes with a roll call vote.

C. Donahue made a motion to approve A. Murphy to draft up some language for a letter to be sent out via a email blast with reminder of the CE needing to be submitted annually dispite the two year license. S. Krauchunas seconded motion passes with a roll call vote.

The letter will be sent to Shana to be forwarded to Attorney Goulet for review and he inturn will work with licensing to get the email blast out.

VIII. Administrative Rules & Legislative Topics – Attorney Shane Goulet

A. Attorney Goulet discussed HB 655 and HB 2 with the Board. There is really no direct effect to the board at this time.

IX. Non-Public Session

Motion: to enter non-public session at 10:53 AM for the purpose of discussing investigations of alleged licensee misconduct and other confidential Board business. Such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c) & (e), RSA 91-A:5, IV, Lodge v. Knowlton (1978), and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges.

Motion moved by A. Murphy and motion seconded by S. Krauchunas. Passed by roll call vote.

X. Resume Public Session

The Board resumed public session at 10:55AM.

XI. Seal the Minutes of the Non-Public Session

Motion: Motion to seal the minutes of the non-public session to maintain the privacy of the items discussed in non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c), on the grounds that public disclosure may adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a Board member or render the proposed action ineffective.

Motion moved by A. Murphy and motion seconded by J. Aug. Passed.

XII. Adjournment

Andrea Murphy adjourned the meeting at 10:56 AM.