

MINUTES OF THE CONFERENCE CALL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
April 1, 2022

ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Optometry was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Dr. Robert Vandervort, Chairman, at Hampton Inn, 7343 Husker Circle, Husker Room, Lincoln, NE. The agenda was sent to the Board members and other interested parties prior to the meeting. The following members answered the roll call:

Robert Vandervort, O.D., Chairperson
Creston Myers, O.D. (via WebEx)
Jeremiah Baumfalk, O.D.

Absent: Linda Heiden, Secretary

A quorum was present and the meeting convened. Also present were: Jesse Cushman, Program Manager; and Vonda Apking, Health Licensing Coordinator; and Lisa Anderson, Assistant Attorney General.

Dr. Vandervort announced that there is a copy of all the public documents being reviewed at this meeting available in the meeting room pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Myers moved, seconded by Baumfalk, to adopt the agenda with the Chairman having the ability to rearrange as necessary. Voting aye: Baumfalk, Myers, Vandervort. Voting nay: none. Absent: Heiden. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 29, 2021

Page 1: Under ROLL CALL, make Ted Vorhies, absent from the meeting; INVESTIGATIONAL REPORTS, DISCIPLINARY REPORTS, APPLICATION REVIEW – CLOSED SESSION, change "No" to "None".
Page 2: Under Review Hearing Summary and Adoption of Regulations, line 2, change "Cushman" to "Cushman's" and in the title CONTINUING EDUCATION QUESTION – FIEDLER EYE CLINIC ON CAP ASSESSMENTS, delete the extra "A" in "EDUCAATION".

Myers moved, seconded by Vandervort, to approve the October 29, 2021, minutes as corrected. Voting aye: Myers, Vandervort. Voting nay: none. Abstain: Baumfalk. Absent: Heiden. Motion carried.

INVESTIGATIONAL REPORTS, DISCIPLINARY REPORTS, APPLICATION REVIEW – CLOSED SESSION

Vandervort moved, seconded by Myers, to go into closed session at 2:07 p.m. for the purpose of review and discussion of investigative reports, licensure applications, and other confidential information, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals. Voting aye: Baumfalk, Myers, Vandervort. Voting nay: none. Absent: Heiden. Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 2:12 p.m.

APPLICATION REVIEW

Baumfalk moved, seconded by Myers, to recommend issuing an optometrist license to Kristen Green. Voting aye: Baumfalk, Myers, Vandervort. Voting nay: none. Absent: Heiden. Motion carried.

RATIFY EMAIL BALLOTS SINCE THE LAST MEETING

Nothing to discuss at this time.

LEGISLATION UPDATE

Nothing to discuss at this time.

REGULATIONS UPDATE

Cushman explained that the current regulations went into effect on March 31, 2022. The Board thanked Mr. Cushman

401 CREDENTIALING REVIEW - OPTOMETRY

Vandervort presented the Board with a draft letter supporting the 407 Credentialing review for a separate certification in order to perform selective laser trabeculoplasty for the treatment of glaucoma. The Board reviewed the draft letter and suggested a few changes. Dr. Vandervort will make the changes and forward the final draft to Department staff to place on Board letterhead and send out to the Board members for final approval. Once final approval is obtained, Department staff will forward on the 407 Credentialing Review Department staff. Baumfalk moved, seconded by Myers, to support the 407 Credentialing Review draft letter with suggested changes. Voting aye: Baumfalk, Myers, Vandervort. Voting nay: none. Absent: Heiden. Motion carried.

ASSOCIATION OF REGULATORY BOARDS OF OPTOMETRY (ARBO) ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting will be offered as a virtual or in-person meeting. Baumfalk will check his scheduled. If Dr. Baumfalk is not available then Dr. Vandervort and Dr. Myers will share responsibility for attending.

The next meeting is TBA when there are applications and/or discussion topics available.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourn at 2:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signature on file with the Department)

Creston Myers, O.D., Secretary
Board of Optometry