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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF OPTOMETRY  
September 6, 2024

ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Optometry was called to order at 2:02 p.m. on September 6, 2024, by Dr. Robert Vandervort, Chairperson, at Hampton Inn, 7343 Husker Circle, Husker Room, Lincoln, NE. The meeting was conducted In-Person and by WebEx. The following members answered the roll call:

Robert Vandervort, O.D., Chairperson  
Linda Heiden Vice-Chairperson  
Creston Myers, O.D. Secretary  
Jeremiah Baumfalk, O.D.

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened. Also present were: Vonda Apking, Program Manager; Heather Ord; Abigail Hoy Nissen, Attorney General Office (via WebEx), and Suzanna Glover-Ettrich, Department Attorney (via WebEx).

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.

In accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1411 of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, copies of the agenda were e-mailed to the Board members and other interested parties, posted on the DHHS web site at <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx> and posted in the Licensure Unit on April 15, 2024.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 19, 2024

Page 1: No Changes

Page 2: Correction under the topic "DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CANADIAN EXAMINATION". To say "...to provide clarification that the individuals are required to pass the National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) including all parts of the board exam".

Myers moved, seconded by Baumfalk, to approve the April 19, 2024, minutes as corrected. Voting aye: Baumfalk, Heiden, Myers, Vandervort. Voting nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

INVESTIGATIONAL REPORTS, DISCIPLINARY REPORTS, APPLICATION REVIEW – CLOSED SESSION

There was nothing to discuss during closed session at this time.

APPLICATION REVIEW

No applications to review at this time.

RATIFY EMAIL BALLOTS SINCE THE LAST MEETING

Nothing to ratify at this time.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

There were no updates at this time.

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REGULATIONS UPDATE

There were no updates at this time.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO AMEND LB 390 RECIPROCITY STATUTES

Baumfalk Moved, seconded by Meyers, to forward recommends to the Board of Medicine on the requests to make changes to LB390 statutes to state the length of time an applicant is to live in Nebraska. Nebraska Revised Statute 38-129.02 currently states "(4) An applicant who obtains a credential upon compliance with subsections (2) and (3) of this section shall establish residency in Nebraska within one hundred eighty days after the issuance of the credential and shall provide proof of residency in a manner and within the time period required by the department..." Voting aye: Baumfalk, Heiden, Myers, Vandervort. Voting nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

ACCREDITATION COUNCIL ON OPTOMETRIC EDUCATION (ACOE) MEMORANDUM

The board acknowledged the accreditation council on optometric education (ACOE) memorandum.

NATIONAL BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY (NBEO) PART III PATIENT ENCOUNTERS AND PERFORMANCE SKILLS (PEPS) CLARIFYING INFORMATION

The board acknowledged the National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) Part III Patient Encounters and Performance Skills (PEPS) clarifying information.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

The next meeting is to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Vandervort, Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 2:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signature on file with the Department)

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