

BOARD OF OPTOMETRY OPEN SESSION MEETING AGENDA

July 16, 2020

9:30 am to 12:00 pm

Virtual Meeting Notice

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all board meetings will be held virtually during the declared public health emergency.

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GOVERNMENT OF THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

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OS-0720-01	CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL	
OS-0720-02	APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA	
OS-0720-03	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT	
OS-0720-04	BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT	
OS-0720-05	CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT	
OS-0720-06	MINUTES <u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the April 30, 2020 meeting.	
OS-0720-07	DISCUSSION – RESPONSE TO SCOPE OF PRACTICE INQUIRY <u>Board Action:</u> Discuss and determine whether to issue a policy statement or individual response to inquiry concerning appropriate therapeutic products that optometrists can prescribe to patients. <u>Background:</u> The following is the scope of practice inquiry: The DC Municipal Regulations provide that a certified optometrist may prescribe “therapeutic pharmaceutical agents”, meaning “appropriate topical drugs and oral systemic drugs, including antibiotics, appropriate analgesics, antihistamines, non-steroidal anti-inflammatories, and anti-glaucoma medications. The term ‘therapeutic pharmaceutical agents’ includes topical steroidal anti-inflammatories and antivirals, or oral medications for the emergency treatment of angle closure glaucoma. The term ‘therapeutic pharmaceutical agents’ does not include oral and injectable antiviral and antifungal agents and other oral and injectable agents not authorized in this section, except for an injectable to counter an anaphylactic reaction.” 17 D.C. Mun. Reg. 6413.1.	

OS-0720-08	<p>FYI – COPE EXTENDS RULES MODIFICATION FOR INTERACTIVE ONLINE CE THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Due to continued state restrictions and CDC guidelines related to COVID-19, COPE has made the decision to extend the temporary rules modification to allow COPE Administrators and Providers to present CE activities through an INTERACTIVE ONLINE format and give LIVE COPE CE credit through December 31, 2020. COPE previously announced a temporary modification to the rules through June 30, 2020. No Action is needed from the Board.</p>	
OS-0720-09	<p>MOTION TO CLOSE</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Upon conclusion of the open session meeting pursuant to the DC Official Code 2-575(b) and for the purposes set forth therein, the Board will move into the closed executive session portion of the meeting to consult with the Board attorney, discuss disciplinary matters and hear reports concerning violations of the law or regulations.</p>	
OS-0720-09	<p>MOTION TO ADJOURN</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> At the end of every meeting, a motion to adjourn must be made in open session to close out the business of the Boards.</p>	

The next open session meeting scheduled for October 16, 2020 at 10:00am.

The Open Meetings Act governs this meeting. Please address any questions or complaints arising under this meeting to the Office of Open Government at opengovoffice@dc.gov.