

**BOARD OF OPTOMETRY**

**899 NORTH CAPITOL ST. NE – 2<sup>ND</sup> FL.**

**WASHINGTON, DC 20002**

**April 30, 2020**

**09:30 am to 12:00 pm**

**MEETING AGENDA**

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**MEETING ATTENDANCE FOR APRIL 30, 2020**

<b>Board Members:</b>	Dr. Jeffrey Kraskin, Chairperson	<b>Present</b>
	Dr. Lisa Johnson, Board Member	<b>Present</b>
	Dr. David Reed, Board Member	<b>Present</b>
	Dr. LaMia Jones, Board Member	<b>Present</b>
	Mr. Tracy Hammond, Board Member	<b>Present</b>
<b>Staff:</b>		
	Aisha Nixon, Executive Director	<b>Present</b>
	David Walker, Licensing Specialist	<b>Present</b>
	Ajay Gohil, Board Attorney	<b>Present</b>
	Mark Donatelli, Board Investigator	<b>Present</b>

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**OPEN SESSION APRIL 30, 2020**

OS-0420-01	<p><b>CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL</b></p> <p>The meeting was called to order at 9:34am. A quorum was established with one board member not present. After quorum was established, the last board member arrived.</p>	
OS-0420-02	<p><b>APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA</b></p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Dr. Jones made a motion to accept the April 30, 2020 Open Session Agenda. Seconded by Dr. Johnson.</p> <p>Dr. Johnson, Dr. Jones, Dr. Reed, Mr. Hammond, and Dr. Kraskin voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0420-03	<p><b>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</b></p> <p>Currently, the Board has 189 active Optometrists in the District of Columbia. There are 167 with an active DPA and 173 with an active TPA. Currently, 188 licensees have renewed while one moved to the “paid-inactive” status. The last day to renew with a late fee is May 31, 2020. The system will close at mid-night.</p> <p>The ARBO Annual Meeting was cancelled for 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. ARBO is planning on having a virtual meeting on June 21, 2020. Information about the meeting will be made available by ARBO. ARBO is also hold elections for positions on their board. Submission must be sent to ARBO by May 22, 2020. COPE previously announced a temporary modification to their rules which allowed COPE Administrators and Providers to present CE activities through interactive online format and provide live COPE CE credit from March 7, 2020 to May 31, 2020. Due to ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the temporary modification has been extended to June 30, 2020.</p> <p>Board Staff continue to process and review applications while working remotely. All members of the Board and the public are encouraged to review information pertaining to COVID-19 by visiting coronavirus.dc.gov. All notices for health care providers are available under Resources tab.</p>	

OS-0420-04	<p><b>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</b>          The Board’s former attorney, Van Brathwaite, passed away April 16, 2020. Mr. Brathwaite served as the only Attorney for all HRLA for multiple years. He will be dearly missed.</p>	
OS-0420-05	<p><b>CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</b>          No Report</p>	
OS-0420-06	<p><b>MINUTES</b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b>          Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the January 16, 2020 meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b>          Dr. Johnson made a motion to accept the January 16, 2020 Open Session Minutes with a correction to Mr. Hammond’s meeting attendance. Seconded by Dr. Jones.</p> <p>Dr. Johnson, Dr. Jones, Dr. Reed, Mr. Hammond, and Dr. Kraskin voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0420-07	<p><b>COVID-19 PANDEMIC</b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b>          Discuss and decide actions to address licensee concerns around licensure renewal, CE completion, and standards of care during pandemic.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b>          Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Mayor issued an Administrative Order that waived licensure requirements and for the allowance of telehealth.</p> <p><b><u>Discussion:</u></b>          On March 13, 2020 the Mayor put into effect a Licensure Waiver and Tele-health Guidelines. Board Staff reported that licensees have asked questions pertaining to how to accumulate CE and how to provide services during the pandemic. The Board felt that due to the pandemic and the availability of online CE, licensees should take online CE.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b></p>	

	<p>Dr. Reed made a motion that extends the 2020 renewal CE deadline from March 31, 2020 to May 31, 2020. These CE cannot be used for the 2022 renewal. Seconded by Dr. Jones.</p> <p>Dr. Johnson, Dr. Jones, Dr. Reed, Mr. Hammond, and Dr. Kraskin voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0420-08	<p><b>MOTION TO ADJOURN OPEN SESSION</b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> 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> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Dr. Jones made a motion to adjourn the Open Session. Seconded by Dr. Johnson.</p> <p>Dr. Johnson, Dr. Jones, Dr. Reed, Mr. Hammond, and Dr. Kraskin voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0420-09	<p><b>MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING</b></p> <p>Open Session was reopened at 11:35am to adjourn the meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Mr. Hammond made a motion to adjourn the April 30, 2020 meeting at 11:35am. Seconded by Dr. Jones.</p> <p>Dr. Johnson, Dr. Jones, Mr. Hammond, and Dr. Kraskin voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

The next meeting is scheduled for **July 16, 2020** at 9:30am.

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