

BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

October 20, 2022

9:30AM

OPEN SESSION

MEETING MINUTES

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BOARD MEMBER	
Dr. Lisa Johnson, OD - Chairperson	PRESENT
Dr. David Reed, OD - Board Member	PRESENT
Dr. LaMia Jones, OD- Board Member	PRESENT
Mr. Tracy Hammond- Board Member	PRESENT
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BOARD STAFF:	
Ericka L. Walker, MSW - Executive Director	PRESENT
Mark Donatelli, Board Investigator	PRESENT
Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer	PRESENT
Keyana Goodwin, Health Licensing Specialist	ABSENT
Thelma Ofosu-Mensah, Health Licensing Specialist	PRESENT
LEGAL STAFF:	
Ajay Gohil, Board Attorney	PRESENT

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

<p>OS-1020-01</p>	<p><u>Introductions</u></p> <p>Board Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. David Reed, OD- Present • Dr. LaMia Jones, OD – Present • Mr. Tracy Hammond – Present • Dr. Lisa Johnson, OD- Present <p>Board Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ericka Walker, Executive Director – Present • Mark Donatelli, Investigator – Present • Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer- Absent • Keyana Goodwin, Health Licensing Specialist – Absent • Thelma Ofosu-Mensah-Present <p>Legal Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ajay Gohil, Attorney- Present
<p>OS-1020-02</p>	<p><u>Acceptance of Meeting Agenda</u></p> <p>Board Action: Acceptance of the October 20, 2022, Open Session Meeting Agenda.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A motion was made to approve the October 20, 2022, Open session agenda by Tracy Hammond, seconded by Dr. Reed. • Dr. Reed, Dr. Johnson, Dr. Jones, and Mr. Hammond all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
<p>MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS</p>	
<p>OS-1020-03</p>	<p>Executive Directors Report:</p> <p>Mrs. Ericka Walker, Executive Director for the Board of Optometry, welcomed all Board Members, Staff and Guests to the Open Session meeting. Mrs. Walker informed the Board this is the first meeting of the fiscal year. Board members are required to be at a secured location during Board meetings in order to ensure confidentiality for the issues that are being discussed.</p> <p>Covid-19 vaccination is available at 8 vaccination centers in the District of Columbia.</p>

	<p>White House applauded DC Health for their efforts in the prevention of Monkeypox.</p> <p>Ms. Walker also informed the Board of the new changes at DC Health. Dr. Sharon Lewis- Interim Director Arian Gibson- New Interim Senior Deputy Director for HRLA Ms. Aisha Nixon- Associate Director</p> <p>Hybrid Board Meeting Schedule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 19, 2023, In-Person • April 20, 2023 • July 20, 2023, In-Person • October 19, 2023 <p>Licensed Optometrists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 207 	
OS-1020-04	<p><u>Board Attorney’s Report</u></p> <p>Mr. Gohil gave update on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DC Council passed the CBC laws. • The mayor has rescinded the existing travel ban to the following states: North Carolina, Mississippi, and Tennessee • The HORA/Scope of Practice language for Optometry has been submitted to the interim director for review and approval. • Mr. Gohil attended the FARB Conference for Attorneys. The use of interstate compact was discussed at the conference. 	
OS-1020-05	<p><u>Board Chair’s Report:</u></p> <p>Dr. Johnson informed Board members and staff that she has attended two sub-committee meetings and has approved several applications in between meetings.</p>	
OS-1020-06	<p><u>Open Session Meeting Minutes:</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the July 21, 2022, meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> A motion was made to accept the July 21, 2022, open session minutes by Dr. Reed, seconded by Dr. Jones</p> <p>Dr. Reed, Dr. Jones Dr. Johnson and Mr. Hammond all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-1020-07	<p><u>Therapeutic Pharmacy Agent/Diagnostic Pharmacy Agent</u></p>	

	<p>The sub-committee recommendations to remove DPA and accept TPA authority which would include DPA authority.</p> <p><u>MOTION:</u> A motion was made to accept the recommendations by the sub-committee by Tracy Hammond and seconded by Dr. Johnson.</p> <p>Dr. Johnson, Dr. Jones, Dr. Reed, and Mr. Hammond all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-1020-08	<p><u>COPE (COUNCIL ON OPTOMETRIC PRACTITIONER EDUCATION)</u></p> <p>The Board is willing to accept all online courses for the 2022-2024 renewal cycle.</p> <p>The matter will be discussed into detail during the next Board meeting.</p>	
DISCUSSION AND AGENDA ITEMS		
CLOSING		
OS-1020-09	<p><u>MOTION TO COSE</u></p> <p>Board Action: To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p>Background: Upon conclusion of the open session meeting and 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><u>Motion:</u> A motion was made to close the open session meeting by Dr. Reed seconded by Dr. Johnson.</p> <p>Dr. Reed, Dr. Jones, Dr. Johnson and Mr. Hammond all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-1020-10	<p><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></p> <p>Board Action: To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p>Background: At the end of every meeting, a motion to adjourn must be made in an open session to close out the business of the Boards.</p> <p><u>MOTION:</u> A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Dr. Reed and seconded by Dr. Johnson.</p>	

	Dr. Johnson, Dr. Jones, Dr. Reed, and Mr. Hammond all voted in favor of the motion. The Motion passed unanimously.	
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This ends the Board of Optometry Open Session Meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled on January 19, 2023 In-Person

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