

BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

July 21, 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
Vacant- Board Member	-
BOARD STAFF:	
Ericka L. Walker, MSW - Executive Director	PRESENT
Mark Donatelli, Board Investigator	ABSENT
Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer	PRESENT
Keyana Goodwin, Health Licensing Specialist	PRESENT
LEGAL STAFF:	
Ajay Gohil, Board Attorney	PRESENT

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

OS-0721-01	<p><u>Introductions</u></p> <p>Board Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Lisa Johnson, OD- Present • Dr. LaMia Jones, OD – Present • Dr. David Reed, OD – Present • Mr. Tracy Hammond-Present <p>Board Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ericka Walker, Executive Director – Present • Mark Donatelli, Investigator – Absent • Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer- Present • Keyana Goodwin, Health Licensing Specialist - Present <p>Legal Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ajay Gohil, Attorney- Present
OS-0721-02	<p><u>Acceptance of Meeting Agenda</u></p> <p>Board Action: Acceptance of the July 21, 2022 Open Session Meeting Agenda.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A motion was made to approve the July 21, 2022 Open session agenda by Mr. Hammond, seconded by Dr. Reed. • Dr. Reed, Dr. Johnson, and Mr. Hammond all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS

OS-0721-03	<p>Executive Directors Report:</p> <p>Mrs. Ericka Walker, Executive Director updated the Board on Dc Health information regarding Moneypox: https://dchealth.dc.gov/page/monkeypox. Which includes frequently asked questions as well as vaccination. In addition, updated information on the COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement Fact Sheet: https://dchealth.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/doh/page_content/attachments/COVID-19%20VACCINATION%20REQUIREMENTS%20FACTSHEET%206-3-2022_0.pdf</p> <p>Mrs. Ericka Walker kept the board informed of the DC Health Processing Center hours of operation Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri 9am-1pm and Wed 9am-</p>
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	<p>3:30pm (except holidays). Mrs Walker also informed the Board that a part 3 exam called Patient Encounters and Performance Skills (PEPS) is giving further consideration. The purpose for this matter is for candidates to enter the independency of the practice of Optometry.</p> <p>Dr. Laquandra Nesbitt director of DC Health has elected to resign, there will be new a Interim Director as of August 1, 2022.</p> <p>Board Meeting Schedule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 20, 2022 <p>Licensed Optometrists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 194 	
OS-0721-04	<p><u>Board Attorney’s Report</u></p> <p>Mr. Gohil gave update on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updating Legislation on prescribing controlled substances for prescribing Optometrist. • Regulation to implement the prescribing ability as well as telehealth. • Criminal Background Check is being reviewed to allow the boards to have more ability to utilize the criminal background checks when deciding to grant licenses or take disciplinary actions. • The criminal background check legislation passed the Council in June and is currently under review by Mayor Bowser., and will then go through a Congressional review period. The Office of Government Relations expects it to go into effect by January. • Vacancy for Board of Optometry Member 	
OS-0721-05	<p><u>Board Chair’s Report:</u></p> <p>Dr. Johnson informed the attendees that Dr. Jones and Dr. Johnson have been reviewing and approving applications.</p> <p>Dr. Johnson informed the attendees of Council on Endorse Licensure Mobility for Optmetrist (CELMO). Created to assist ARBO member Optometry boards in reviewing applications for licensure from established practitioners from other jurisdictions.</p> <p>Dr. Johnson mentioned Counsel on Optometric Practitioners Education (COPE). ARBO is evaluating courses that are being offered that the content is valid and trying to prevent any commercial bias and marketing.</p>	

OS-0721-06	<p><u>Open Session Meeting Minutes:</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the April 21, 2021 meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> A motion was made to accept the April 21, 2021 open session minutes by Dr. Reed, seconded by Mr. Hammond.</p> <p>Dr. Reed, Dr. Jones Dr. Johnson and Mr. Hammond all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0721-07	<p><u>Therapeutic Pharmacy Agent/ Diagnostic Pharmacy Agent</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Sub committee of the board, Dr. Johnson and Dr. Reed will review the policy and regulations on the additional authorities and report back to the board by the next board meeting in October.</p> <p><u>MOTION:</u> A motion was made to accept the sub committee by Mr. Hammond, 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>	
DISCUSSION AND AGENDA ITEMS		
CLOSING		
OS-0721-08	<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 Mr. Hammond seconded by Dr. Reed.</p> <p>Dr. Reed, Dr. Jones, Dr. Johnson and Mr. Hammond all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

This ends the Board of Optometry Open Session Meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled on October 20, 2022.

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