

BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

April 20, 2023

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

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

OS-0420-01	<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 – Absent • 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- Present • Kathleen Ibeh, Health Licensing Specialist – Present <p>Legal Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ajay Gohil, Attorney- Present
OS-0420-02	<p><u>Acceptance of Meeting Agenda</u></p> <p>Board Action: Acceptance of the April 20,2023, Open Session Meeting Agenda.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A motion was made to approve the April 20, 2023, Open session agenda by Dr. Reed, seconded by Dr. Jones. • Dr. Reed, Dr. Johnson, and Dr. Jones, all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS

OS-4020-03	<p><u>Executive Directors Report:</u></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 presented the DC Health updates and announced Dr. Sharon Lewis is currently our Interim Director and Arian Gibson has been promoted as the permanent Senior Deputy Director, Health Regulations Licensing Administration.</p> <p>Mrs. Walker also briefly discussed the Performance & Oversight Hearing that took place on March 2nd, 2023. Dr. Lewis discussed DC Health modernization efforts and response to monkeypox outbreak, healthcare, workforce development, licensure, and strategic planning process. The hearing can be viewed on DC Council website. The Health Licensing oversight hearing was</p>
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	<p>on February 28, 2023, which is also listed on DC Council website. The new Committee Chairperson, Christine Henderson met with 5 Board Charis, to include Board of Medicine, Board of Nursing, Board of Pharmacy, Board of Psychology, and Board of Social Work. Councilmember Henderson focused the discussion on workforce strategies, Board membership, education, and trainings.</p> <p>DC Health is currently preparing one newsletter for all 19 licensing Boards, which is expected to be available in 30 days. The newsletter will be emailed to all Health Licensed professionals in The District of Columbia.</p> <p>Mrs. Walker also informed The Board of the upcoming ARBO 2023 Annual Meeting. Dr. Johnson agreed to attend, Dr. Reed is unsure of his attendance, while Dr. Jones is unable to attend the meeting,</p> <p>Although numbers have decreased significantly for COVID-19 and Monkeypox, information and resources are still listed on DC Health website.</p> <p>Hybrid Board Meeting Schedule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 20, 2023, In-Person • October 19, 2023 <p>Licensed Optometrists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 216 	
OS-0420-04	<p><u>Board Attorney’s Report</u></p> <p>Mr. Gohil gave update on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DC Health no longer requires one to complete COVID-19 vaccinations to issue licensures. • All DC Optometrists Continuing Education credits can be completed online. • The HORA/Scope of Practice language for Controlled Substance authority for Optometrists has been submitted to the interim director for review and approval. 	
OS-4020-05	<p><u>Board Chair’s Report:</u></p> <p>No Report.</p>	
OS-4020-06	<p><u>Open Session Meeting Minutes:</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the October 20, 2022, meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> A motion was made to accept the October 20, 2022, open session minutes by Dr. Reed, seconded by Dr. Jones.</p>	

	<p>Dr. Reed, Dr. Jones, and Dr. Johnson all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-4020-07	<p><u>Policy Statement on Diagnostic Pharmaceutical Agent Authority and Therapeutic Pharmaceutical Agent Authority:</u></p> <p>The Board of Optometry voted to no longer grant singular authorities. TPA will be the only authority required to attach to one’s Optometrist license, per the Board’s rules.</p> <p><u>MOTION:</u> A motion was made to accept by Dr. Reed and seconded by Dr. Jones.</p> <p>Dr. Johnson, Dr. Jones, and Dr. Reed all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-4020-08	<p><u>CONSENT AGENDA:</u></p> <p>Acceptance of consideration of the applications approved and the items for purposes of review and/or ratification of Board Actions taken since the last meeting.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nicole Nguyen 2. Stefan Young 3. Shuayb Akhtar 4. Adel Ibrahim 5. Alethia Love Harris 6. Azim Raja 7. Isayas Tekie 8. Teresa Grillo 9. Anu Chawla 10. Alizzi Stanchel <p><u>MOTION:</u> A motion was made to approve the items by Dr. Reed and second by Dr. Jones.</p> <p>Dr. Johnson, Dr. Jones, and Dr. Reed all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
DISCUSSION AND AGENDA ITEMS		
CLOSING		
OS-4020-09	<p><u>AMMENDMENT: BOARD OF OPTOMETRY NEXT RENEWAL CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS ACCEPTANCE</u></p> <p>Board Action: The Board needs to vote if one can complete some of their Continuing Education credits online or in person. Dr. Reed moved to discuss the matter when there’s a full board present. Dr. Jones, second the matter.</p>	

	<p><u>MOTION:</u> A motion was made to table CE discussion to when a full board is present to vote.</p> <p>Dr. Johnson, Dr. Jones, and Dr. Redd all voted in favor of the motion. The Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code §</p> <p><u>Background:</u> 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, and Dr. Johnson all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-4020-10	<p><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></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 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> <p>Dr. Johnson, Dr. Jones, and Dr. Reed 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 July 20, 2023 In-Person