

BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

JANUARY 20, 2022

9:30AM

OPEN SESSION

MEETING MINUTES

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| BOARD MEMBER | |
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| Dr. Lisa Johnson, OD - Chairperson | EXCUSED ABSENT |
| 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 | PRESENT |
| Kathleen Ibeh (Mbanefo), Health Licensing Specialist | PRESENT |
| Thelma Ofosu- Mensah, Health Licensing Specialist | PRESENT |
| GREGORY SCURLOCK | PRESENT |
| LEGAL STAFF: | |
| Ajay Gohil, Board Attorney | PRESENT |

BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

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OCTOBER 21, 2021

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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| OS-0120-01 | <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 – Present <p>Board Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ericka Walker, Executive Director – Present • Mark Donatelli, Investigator – Present • Thelma Ofosu-Mensah, Health Licensing Specialist- Present • Kathleen Ibeh, Health Licensing Specialist - Present • Gregory Scurlock- Compliance Officer <p>Legal Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ajay Gohil, Attorney- Present |
| OS-0120-02 | <p><u>Acceptance of Meeting Agenda</u></p> <p>Board Action:</p> <p>Acceptance of the January 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 January 20, 2022 Open session agenda by Dr. Reed, seconded by Dr. Jones. • Dr. Reed, Dr. Johnson, Dr. Jones and Mr. Hammond all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously. |

MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS

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| OS-0120-03 | <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 meeting attendees about upcoming Board meeting dates and current census reports which are located below on the Open Session Agenda. Mrs. Walker also reminded attendees about https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine, the District of Columbia’s primary and up-to-date source for all information regarding COVID-19 and vaccinations within the District. Mrs. Walker informed attendees that effective December 27, 2021, DC Health has implemented an adjustment to its telework schedule where employees are in the office for two days and teleworking for three days of the week until January 31, 2022. She also stated that the walk-in hours for the Processing Center are from 9am to 1pm, Monday through Friday.</p> |
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| | <p>Mrs. Walker also notified meeting attendees that the Board of Optometry renewal period began on January 3, 2022. Renewal notices were sent out to licensees via email regarding Continuing Education credit information, COVID-19 vaccination attestations, requests for exemptions as well as Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) registration requirement. The deadline for license renewals is March 31, 2022. Late renewals begin on April 1, 2022. This concludes Mrs. Walker’s report.</p> <p>Board Meeting Schedule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 21, 2022 • July 21, 2022 • October 20, 2022 • Renewals are ongoing for the Board of Optometry . <p>Licensed Optometrists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 221 | |
| OS-0120-04 | <p><u>Board Attorney’s Report</u></p> <p>Mr. Gohil gave update on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no updates on the Scope of Practice Amendments relative to the HORA • There are no update on the Occupational Licensing for Returning Citizens Amendment Act of 2020. • The Board Attorney reported on the final rulemaking implementing the Health Care Reporting Amendment Act of 2020 (D.C. Law 23-116). This will require a health professional to submit to the Board within 10 business days' notice of a malpractice judgment, confidential settlement, or that the health professional has been convicted of a crime, and also to require a health professional employer to submit notice to the Board sanctions imposed on an employee within 10 business days after the sanction. He also provided an update on the COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement, the need to report COVID-19 Vaccination Status, and the COVID-19 Continuing Education (CE) Requirement. | |
| OS-0120-05 | <p><u>Board Chair’s Report:</u></p> <p>No Report</p> | |
| OS-0120-06 | <p><u>Open Session Meeting Minutes:</u></p> <p>Board Action:</p> | |

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| | <p>Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the October 21, 2021 meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> A motion was made to accept the October 21, 2021 open session minutes by Dr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Hammond.</p> <p>Dr. Reed, Dr. Jones and Mr. Hammond all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> | |
| OS-0120-07 | <p><u>Presentation by Erica Loadman, PharmD, RPh: District Addiction Consultation Service</u></p> <p>District Addition Consultation Service (DACS) launched on July 1, 2021, and serves as a resource to primary care and specialty prescribers across the District of Columbia. DACS provides support in the identification and treatment of substance abuse disorders and chronic pain management.</p> <p>Dr. Erica Loadman gave a brief background and expectations regarding the DACS program and how it will benefit District residents. She also gave a presentation on the registration process for the Practitioner Drug Monitoring Program. No action was required by the Board.</p> | |
| DISCUSSION AND AGENDA ITEMS | | |
| CLOSING | | |
| OS-0120-08 | <p><u>MOTION TO COSE</u></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 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. Jones.</p> <p>Dr. Reed, Dr. Jones 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 April 21, 2022.