

BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

OCTOBER 21, 2021

9:30AM

OPEN SESSION

MEETING MINUTES

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OCTOBER 21, 2021 ATTENDANCE & ROLL CALL**

BOARD MEMBER	
Dr. Lisa Johnson, OD – Chairperson (Interim)	PRESENT
Dr. David Reed, OD - Board Member	PRESENT
Dr. LaMia Jones, OD- Board Member	PRESENT
Mr. Tracy Hammond- Board Member	PRESENT
Vacant- Board Member	PRESENT
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, Supervisory Investigator	PRESENT
LEGAL STAFF:	
Ajay Gohil, Board Attorney	PRESENT

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

OS-1021-01	<p>Board Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. David Reed, OD- Present • Dr. Lisa Johnson, OD- Present(Interim Chair) • 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 <p>Legal Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ajay Gohil, Attorney- Present
OS-1021-02	<p><u>Acceptance of Meeting Agenda</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Acceptance of the October 21, 2021 Open Session Meeting Agenda.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A motion was made to approve the October 21, 2021 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

OS-1021-03	<p><u>Executive Directors Report:</u></p> <p>DC Health Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID-19 Vaccine Requirement • COVID-19 Vaccine Continuing Education (CE) Requirement • Notice of Emergency Rulemaking for Healthcare Providers • Declaration of the Director of the District of Columbia Department of Health • DC Health’s COVID-19 Health and Healthcare Recovery Report <p>Board Meeting Schedule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 21, 2021 • January 20, 2022
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 21, 2022 • July 21, 2022 <p>Licensed Optometrists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 219 	
OS-1021-04	<p><u>Board Attorney's Report:</u> Mr. Gohil gave an update on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ There are no updates on the CBC Review Law from the Mayor's office regarding an amendment to the current/existing law. ➤ Optometrists should register for the Prescription drug monitoring programs (PDMPs) during the upcoming 2022 renewals. ➤ The Board should consider reviewing its current regulation to determine if it needs to be amended ➤ There are no updates on the HORA regulations. 	
OS-1021-05	<p><u>Board Chair's Report:</u> Dr. Lisa Johnson gave an update on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments (MOTA) has not confirmed her appointment as the Board Chair. ➤ Patricia Bennet, DPM is the liaison for the Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry (ARBO) and the Board. ➤ She met with the DC Health Director, Dr. LaQuandra Nesbitt and other Board Chairs' regarding 90-day temporary licenses. 	
OS-1021-06	<p><u>Open Session Meeting Minutes:</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the July 15, 2021 meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> A motion was made to accept the July 15, 2021 Executive Meeting Minutes by Dr. Reed, seconded by Dr. Jones.</p> <p>Dr. Reed, Dr. Johnson, Dr. Jones and Mr. Hammond all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
DISCUSSION AND AGENDA ITEMS		
OS-1021-07	<p><u>Board of Optometry Health Occupations Revision Act (HORA)</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Board to review.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> A member of the public submitted recommendations for changes to the HORA.</p>	

	<p><u>Motion:</u> A motion was made to close the matter and remove the item from the agenda for further discussions by Dr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Hammond.</p> <p>Dr. Reed, Dr. Johnson, Dr. Jones and Mr. Hammond all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
ADDENDUM	<p><u>NOMINATION OF VICE CHAIR</u></p> <p><u>Motion:</u> A motion was made to consider Dr. Reed as the vice chair for the Board of Optometry by Dr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Hammond.</p> <p>Dr. Reed, Dr. Johnson, Dr. Jones and Mr. Hammond all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously</p>	
CLOSING		
OS-1021-08	<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 Dr. Reed, seconded by Mr. Hammond.</p> <p>Dr. Reed, Dr. Johnson, 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 January 20, 2022