

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY

CONDENSED MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MAY 29, 2025

Date:	May 29, 2025
Time:	12:00 PM
Location:	Teleconference
Members Present:	Members: Kathleen Rice (Chair, OD), Pamela Steffes (OD), Sheryl Lentfer (OD), Charles Rudstrom (Public Member) Staff: Ashley Carabajal (Licensing Examiner), Reid Bowman (Program Coordinator)
Absent:	Ethan Arndt (OD)

1a. Call to order: <u>Ethics Report</u>		
Brief Discussion:	<i>Each member of the board confirmed they had no ethical conflicts to disclose.</i>	
1b. Call to order: <u>Reviewed/Approve Agenda</u>		
Brief Discussion:	<i>No discussion to amend the agenda.</i>	
Motion:	<i>Motion to approve the agenda as written. (First Dr. Steffes; Second: Dr. Lentfer)</i>	
Recorded Votes:	<i>Dr. Rice – Y</i>	<i>Dr. Lentfer – Y</i>
	<i>Dr. Steffes – Y</i>	<i>Dr. Arndt – Absent</i>
	<i>Mr. Rudstrom – Y</i>	
Action Items:	<i>The board will follow the agenda as written unless amended later in the meeting.</i>	
2. <u>Tabled ETP Request Discussion</u>		
Brief Discussin:	<p><i>The board discussed the reasoning for tabling Dr. Anderson’s Request for Expanded Therapeutic Procedures (ETP). Dr. Rice voted no because she was concerned about the laser trabeculoplasty, and they are currently doing selective laser trabeculoplasty (SLT) and argon laser trabeculoplasty (ALT) or micro pulse is not something that is normally practiced anymore. She also stated Dr. Anderson did not need to request permanent epilation. Dr. Steffes brought up a bunch of our licensees have approval for laser trabeculoplasty. Dt. Steffes is not sure how we would address the concern for micro pulse. Dr. Steffes also mentioned licensees do need to request permanent epilation, as it falls under AS 08.72.278(c), which defines ophthalmic surgery.</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Rice suggested having licensees requesting ETP to just put laser trabeculoplasty. Dr. Lentfer agreed due to technology changing fast. Dr. Rice changes her original vote to yes.</i></p>	

	<p><i>The board discussed Dr. Wallace’s ETP Request. Dr. Steffes mentioned the board does not have the authority to approve “laser emulsification of vitreous opacities” as 12 AAC 48.040(L) states “anterior segment laser procedures” and the vitreous is in the posterior segment. Dr. Steffes also stated this procedure is not covered in the approved training course, so it should not be approved.</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Rice asked if the board was able to approve the other procedures but not approved the laser emulsification of vitreous opacities. Dr. Steffes mentioned the board has done this because the licensee will receive a letter regarding their ETP Request. Ms. Carabajal confirmed with the board that the licensee will receive a letter stating what was approved and what was not approved.</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Steffes said the board has not previously approved laser vitreolysis and 12 AAC 48.040 states ETP must be approved by the board.</i></p>	
	<p><i>Dr. Arndt called into the meeting via Zoom but did not participate due to technical difficulties.</i></p>	
Motion:	<p><i>Motion to approved the ETP Request from May 06, 2025, from Dr. Anderson. (First: Dr. Steffes; Second: Dr. Lentfer)</i></p>	
	<p><i>Motion to approved Dr. Wallace’s May 23, 2025, ETP Request to include laser capsulotomy, laser peripheral iridotomy, laser trabeculoplasty, and removal of presumed benign lesions of the ocular adnexa; intentionally not approving laser emulsification of vitreous opacities. (First: Dr. Steffes; Second: Dr. Lentfer)</i></p>	
Recorded Votes:	<i>Dr. Rice – Y</i>	<i>Dr. Lentfer – Y</i>
	<i>Dr. Steffes – Y</i>	<i>Dr. Arndt – Absent</i>
	<i>Mr. Rudstrom – Y</i>	
Action Items:	<p><i>Ms. Carabajal will reach out to Dr. Anderson and Dr. Wallace with an update to their ETP Requests.</i></p>	
<p>3a. New Business: <u>32-hour Course Discussion</u></p>		
Brief Discussion:	<p><i>Ms. Carabajal wanted to discuss with the board if the 16-hour “Surgical Procedures” portion of the 32-hour Advanced Surgical Procedures course through Northeastern State of Oklahoma College of Optometry was sufficient to use as the 7-hour injections requirement to apply by credentials. Ms. Carabajal explained there is a current applicant, Dr. Harrison, who only completed the 16-hour “Surgical Procedures” part of the course.</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Steffes brought up that she could not locate it in previous minutes but that the board had only discussed the 32-hour course in lieu of the 7-hour injections course. The board discussed if they should accept only the 16-hour “Surgical Procedures” course. The board agree this course would be sufficient to use for the 7-hour injections requirement.</i></p>	
	<p><i>Dr. Rice’s concern is if Dr. Harrison applies for ETP in the future, she would need to take the course all together. The board agreed that in the future if she requests ETP, she will need to complete the full 32-hour course.</i></p>	
Motion:	<p><i>Motion to approved Dr. Harrison’s application for licensure. (First: Mr. Rudstrom; Second: Dr. Rice)</i></p>	
Recorded Votes:	<i>Dr. Rice – Y</i>	<i>Dr. Lentfer – Y</i>
	<i>Dr. Steffes – Y</i>	<i>Dr. Arndt – Absent</i>
	<i>Mr. Rudstrom – Y</i>	

Action Items:	<i>Ms. Carabajal will reach out to Dr. Harrison with an update.</i>	
3b. New Business: <u>Denied Application Discussion/New NBEO Score Reports</u>		
Brief Discussion:	<p><i>The board discussed an application by examination available for review via Onboard. Dr. Steffes pointed out 12 AAC 48.011(a)(2) required that the applicant has passed all parts of the required examinations in 12 AAC 48.015(a)(1) and (2) which includes Part I, II, and III of the written and practical exam. The applicant passed Part III overall but did not pass the PEPS Skills portion of Part III, the clinical skills (practical) portion of Part III. Dr. Steffes looked at the National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) website to review what skills are tested in the PEPS Skills portion of Part III and the clinical skills tested are basic and essential to any practice. Dr. Steffes believe Dr. Glenski did not meet the requirements under 12 AAC 48.011 since she did not pass all parts of the required NBEO exams with a failing score in PEPS Skill of Part III, even though she passed Part III PEPS Overall. The board agreed with Dr. Steffes.</i></p> <p><i>The board discussed how the applicant would be eligible for licensure in the future. The applicant will need to retake Part III and pass all parts of the exam: PEPS Patient Encounters and PEPS Skills.</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Bowman went over the options the board had regarding Dr. Glenski's application for licensure. If denied, a certified letter will be mailed to the applicant, and the applicant has the right to appeal. Dr. Lentfer asked if we could put in the letter that if the applicant meets requirements for licensure in the future, they may reapply.</i></p>	
Motion:	<p><i>Motion to deny applicant, Dr. Glenski, for failure to meet qualifications under 12 AAC 48.015(a)(2).</i></p> <p><i>(First: Dr. Steffes; Second: Dr. Lentfer)</i></p>	
Recorded Votes:	<i>Dr. Rice – Y</i>	<i>Dr. Lentfer – Y</i>
	<i>Dr. Steffes – Y</i>	<i>Dr. Arndt – Absent</i>
	<i>Mr. Rudstrom – Y</i>	
Action Items:	<i>Ms. Carabajal will compose a denial letter with a statement of issues and send it via certified mail to the applicant in a timely manner.</i>	
3c. New Business: <u>Quick ALT Discussion</u>		
Brief Discussion:	<p><i>Ms. Carabajal brought up one licensee is approved for Argon Laser Trabeculoplasty (ALT). After the ETP request discussion earlier in the meeting, Dr. Steffes mentioned ALT does qualify. No further discussion or action was necessary.</i></p>	
4. Set Next Meeting Date		
Brief Discussion:	<p><i>The board agreed to keep the meeting date set during the 04/03/2025 meeting for 09/25/2025 at 9AM.</i></p> <p><i>Before adjourning, Dr. Steffes brought up the list of ETP that was part of the meeting book. Dr. Steffes suggested adding the regulations to an ETP checklist and state that the education and training must support the request. The board continued discussing a checklist/application for future ETP requests.</i></p>	
Next Meeting:	September 25, 2025, at 09:00AM	
Adjournment:	12:54PM	