

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY

CONDENSED MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD **NOVEMBER 13, 2024**

THESE DRAFT MINUTES WERE PREPARED BY THE STAFF OF THE DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING. THEY HAVE NOT BEEN REVIEWED OR APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

Date:	November 13, 2024
Time:	12:00 PM
Location:	Teleconference
Attending:	Members: Kathleen Rice (Chair, OD), Pamela Steffes (OD), Ethan Arndt (OD), Sheryl Lentfer (OD), Charles Rudstrom (Public Member) Staff: Ashley Carabajal (Licensing Examiner), Alison Osborne (Regulations Specialist), Reid Bowman (Program Coordinator)
Absent:	

1a. Call to Order: <u>Ethics Report</u>		
Brief Discussion:	<i>Each board member confirmed they had no ethical conflicts to disclose.</i>	
1b. Call to Order: <u>Review/Approve Agenda</u>		
Brief Discussion:	<i>Dr. Rice wanted to amend the agenda to include a quick discussion on injections at the end of the meeting if time allowed.</i>	
Motion:	<i>Motion to amend the agenda and include the discussion on injections. (First: Dr. Rice; Second: Dr. Arndt)</i>	
Action Items:	<i>The board will include a discussion on injections at the end of the meeting if time allowed.</i>	
2. <u>Regulations Project: HB 309</u>		
Brief Discussion:	<i>The board reviewed the suggested edits to the HB 309 regulations from AAG Dinegar.</i>	
	<i>The board felt the new regulations under (c) (8-10) are redundant and not needed. Ms. Osborne joined the meeting to provide guidance if needed during the regulations project discussion.</i>	
	<i>The board continued to discuss the suggested edits and decided to remove “direction” from (a)(3) and remove (c) (9-10).</i>	
Motion:	<i>Motion to remove “direction” from (a)(3) and remove (c) (8-10). (First: Mr. Rudstrom; Second: Dr. Lentfer)</i> <i>The motion passed unanimously.</i>	
Recorded Votes:	Dr. Rice - Yes	Dr. Lentfer - Yes
	Dr. Steffes - Yes	Dr. Arndt – Yes

	Mr. Rudstrom - Yes	
Action Items:	<i>Ms. Osborne will send Ms. Carabajal the appropriate forms for a board member to sign and Ms. Carabajal to complete to start the regulations project for HB 309.</i>	
3a. New Business: <u>Reinstatements vs. New Licenses</u>		
Brief Discussion:	<p><i>Dr. Lentfer wanted to discuss a statement released by Deputy Director, Glenn Saviers. The statement was for Professional Licensing Boards regarding reinstatements versus new licenses. Dr. Lentfer asked the board if they wanted to come up with recommendations for regulation changes. Dr. Steffes mentioned we already have reinstatement regulations, and the memo just stated the board cannot require licensees to follow the reinstatement regulations if they have been lapsed.</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Bowman explained to the board that the memo states that unless the board’s statutes or regulations require a reinstatement, a licensee who is lapsed may choose to apply for a brand-new license. He pointed out 12 AAC 48.900 (a) stated a licensee who is lapsed must be reinstated by the board and will check with Ms. Saviers on if any licensee can apply for a brand-new license or not. Mr. Bowman will get back to Ms. Carabajal when he hears back from Ms. Saviers.</i></p>	
Action Items:	<i>Mr. Bowman will look into if licensees with lapsed licenses can apply for a brand-new license or not under 12 AAC 900 (a).</i>	
3b. New Business: <u>Injections (Amended Section)</u>		
Brief Discussion:	<p><i>Dr. Rice’s understanding is that if someone applies by examination; they must have passed the ISE. If they apply by credentials, they need to take a 7-hours injections course. When the course came about in the NBEO, there was a lot of inconsistency with the Colleges of Optometry.</i></p> <p><i>If applying by credentials, then you did not graduate recently enough to have a good enough education on injections. Dr. Rice doesn’t think we need to require the courses in school and believes we should discuss it. Dr. Rice pointed out the advisory on our website from 2012. She does not think it needs to be updated at this time but just have the date changed.</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Steffes mentioned looking at the ISE during a future meeting to see if it is equivalent to taking a 7-hour injections course. Dr. Steffes believes the ISE is limited in the number of injection types that are covered. Dr. Lentfer mentioned reaching out to the National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) about the ISE.</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Rice doesn’t feel like this is a priority and that the injections advisory should be updated. Ms. Carabajal agreed.</i></p>	
Action Items:	<i>The board will discuss the ISE/Injections during the next board meeting.</i>	

Next Meeting:	April 03, 2025, at 08:30AM (Tentative)
Adjournment:	1:26PM