

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 MAY 29, 2025

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:	May 29, 2025
Time:	12:00 PM
Location:	Teleconference
Board 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>Review/Approve Agenda</u>		
Brief Discussion:	<i>No discussion to amend the agenda.</i>	
Motion:	<i>Motion to approved the agenda as written. (Frist: Dr. Steffes; Second: Dr. Lentfer) The motion passed unanimously.</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 Discussion:	<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 we 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. Dr. Steffes is not sure how we would address the concern for micro pulse. Dr Steffes also</i>	

	<i>mentioned they do need to request permanent epilation, as it falls under AS 08.72.278 (c) which defines ophthalmic surgery.</i> <i>Dr. Rice suggested having licensees requesting ETP to just put laser trabeculoplasty. Dr. Lentfer agreed due to technology changing fast. Dr. Rice changed her original vote to yes.</i>	
	The board discussed Dr. Wallace’s ETP Request. Dr. Steffes mentioned the board does not have the authority to approved “laser emulsification of vitreous opacities” and that it isn’t in our scope of practice or training and that these procedures cannot be approved. Dr. Rice asked if we were able to approve the other procedures requested but not approved the laser emulsification of vitreous opacities. Dr. Steffes mentioned the board has done this because they 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. Dr. Steffes said the board had not approved laser vitreolysis, 12 AAC 48.040 which states it must be approved by the board. Dr. Steffes did not think this was a procedure that the board would expand to in the interest of public safety.	
	Dr. Arndt called into the meeting but did not participate due to technical issues.	
Motion:	Motion to approve the ETP Request from May 06, 2025, from Dr. Anderson. (First: Dr. Steffes; Dr. Lentfer)	
	Motion to approve 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)	
Recorded Votes:	<i>Dr. Rice - Y</i>	<i>Dr. Lentfer - Y</i>
	<i>Dr. Steffes – Y</i>	<i>Dr. Arndt – absent</i>
	Mr. Rudstrom - Y	
Action Items:	<i>Ms. Carabajal will reach out to Dr. Anderson with an update on his ETP Request.</i>	
3a. New Business: <u>32-hour Course Discussion</u>		
Brief Discussion:	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. 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 agreed this course would be sufficient to use for the 7-hour injections requirement.	
	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 request’s ETP, she will need to complete the full 32-hour course.	
Motion:	Motion to approve Dr. Harrison’s application for licensure. (First: Mr. Rudstrom; Second: Dr. Rice)	
Recorded Votes:	<i>Dr. Rice – Y</i>	<i>Dr. Lentfer – Y</i>

	<i>Dr. Steffes – Y</i>	<i>Dr. Arndt – absent</i>
	Mr. Rudstrom – Y	
Action Items:	Ms. Carabajal will reach out to Dr. Harrison with an update.	

3b. New Business: Denied Application Discussion/New NBEO Score Reports

Brief Discussion:	<p>The board discussed an application by examination available for review via OnBoard Dr. Steffes pointed out 12 AAC 48.015 requires that all parts of the National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) are passed. The applicant passed part 3, but not the clinical skills portion of part 3. Dr. Steffes looked into the NBEO's PEPS Exam outline and what is covered under the PEPS Skills portion of part 3 available on their website and the NBEO defines part 3 as a required exam. Dr. Steffes believed Dr. Gleneski did not meet the requirements under 12 AAC 48.015 and did not pass all part of the NBEO exams, regardless of the overall passage of part 3. The board agreed with Dr. Steffes.</p> <p>The board discussed how the applicant would be eligible for licensure in the future. The applicant will need to retake part 3 and pass all parts of the exam: PEPS Patient Encounters and PEPS Skills.</p> <p>Mr. Bowman went over the options the board has regarding Dr. Gleneski'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 in the future, they may reapply.</p>	
Motion:	<p>Motion to deny applicant, Dr. Gleneski, for failure to meet qualifications under 12 AAC 48.015(a)(2).</p> <p>(First: Dr. Steffes; Second: Dr. Lentfer)</p>	
Recorded Votes:	<i>Dr. Rice – Y</i>	<i>Dr. Lentfer – Y</i>
	<i>Dr. Steffes – Y</i>	<i>Dr. Arndt – Absent</i>
	Mr. Rudstrom – Y	
Action Items:	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.	

3c. New Business: Quick ALT Discussion

Brief Discussion:	Ms. Carabajal brought up one licensee is approved for Argon Laser Trabeculoplasty (ALT). After the ETP Request discussions earlier in the meeting, Dr. Steffes mentioned ALT does qualify. No further discussion or action is necessary.
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4. Set Next Meeting Date

Brief Discussion:	The board agreed to keep the meeting date set during the 04/03/2025 meeting for 09/05/2025 at 9AM.
	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.

Next Meeting:	September 25, 2025, at 09:00 AM
Adjournment:	12:54 PM