

1 STATE OF ALASKA
2 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
3 DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
4 BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY
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6 TELECONFERENCE
7 August 23, 2017
8 Juneau, Alaska
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10 By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the provision of AS 44.62,
11 Article 6, a scheduled teleconference of the Board of Examiners in Optometry was held on
12 August 23, 2017 at 333 Willoughby Avenue, 9th Floor, Juneau, AK
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15 **Agenda Item 1 – Call Meeting to Order**
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17 Dr. Barney called the meeting to order on Wednesday, August 23, 2017 for the Board of
18 Examiners in Optometry at 12:02 p.m. This meeting was public noticed on July 14, 2017 in the
19 Anchorage Dispatch News and the Alaska Online Public Notice system.
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21 To comply with the voice roll call vote of the administrative procedures act, Dr. Barney
22 requested a Voice Roll call asking that each board member state their name.
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24 **Voice Roll Call**, constituting a quorum of the board, were:
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26 **Dr. Damien Delzer: present**
27 **Dr. Erik Christianson: present**
28 **Dr. Pamela Steffes: present**
29 **Dr. Paul Barney: present**
30 **Public Member: Eric Lingle, not present**
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32 **Staff: Patricia Lonergan, present**
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34 **Review/Approve Meeting Agenda**
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36 The board reviewed the agenda and made no changes.
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38 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Pamela Steffes, seconded by Dr. Damien Delzer and**
39 **approved unanimously, it was:**
40 **RESOLVED to accept the agenda as drafted.**
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42 **ROLL CALL VOTE:**
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Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse
Dr. Damien Delzer	X		
Dr. Pamela Steffes	X		
Dr. Erik Christianson	X		
Dr. Paul Barney	X		

48 **Agenda Item 2 - Review Public Written Comment**

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50 The Board of Examiners in Optometry began these regulation projects during the April 8, 2016
51 board meeting and continued the projects through the August 2, 2016 teleconference, October
52 28, 2016, and the April 7, 2017 board meetings.

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54 Public notice for written comment for proposing to update regulations regarding licensure by
55 examination, examinations, and renewal requirements were published on June 27, 2017. Written
56 public comment was to be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 31, 2017. The board
57 received one written comment.

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59 **License by Examination (12 AAC 48.011(a)(2))**

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61 This regulation will clarify requirements for license by examination in relations to the date of
62 graduation. This regulation will allow well-qualified recent graduates to be licensed without
63 redundant educational requirements and protects public safety by continuing to regulate
64 continued education for applicants having graduated two or more years prior to applying for a
65 license by examination. The board acknowledged there are no costs to a private person. This
66 regulation reduces the expenses of a well-qualified applicant to obtain a license by eliminating
67 the additional cost of taking continuing education classes.

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69 **Examinations (12 AAC 48.15(a)(1))**

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71 This regulation will clarify requirements by examination in relation to the passage of the Injections
72 Skills Examination (ISE) administered by the National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO). It is
73 necessary that ISE passage be documented prior to initial issuance of an unrestricted license to
74 fulfill the mandate of AS 08.72.050, AS 08.72.010, for public protection. This regulation will allow
75 the board to issue an unrestricted license to applicants that have successfully passed sections of
76 the NBEO that safeguard the public and assure safety with new licensees performing injections.
77 All optometry candidates completing their college curriculum pay to take the NBEO
78 examination, the ISE is a subsection of that examination, however, if a candidate fails, they will
79 have the additional expense to repeat the examination. The Board acknowledged there is no
80 cost to a private person associated with this regulation change.

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82 **Continuing Education Requirements (12 AAC 48.210(d))**

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84 This regulation will streamline the renewal process and reduce administrative costs to the
85 department through improved efficiencies while continuing to ensure public safety. The Board
86 acknowledged there is no cost to a private person associated with this regulation change.

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88 Dr. Barney briefly reviewed the regulations project and opened discussion on the public
89 comment. The board reviewed the written public comment. Discussion addressed the need to
90 have a specific deadline date to receive comments to ensure the board has sufficient time to
91 thoughtfully review public comments. Dr. Barney prompted the board to provide further
92 discussion, seeing there was none, and upon review and consideration of the public comment
93 with acknowledgement of no additional cost to a private person, Chairman Barney called for a
94 motion.

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99 On a motion duly made by Dr. Damien Delzer, seconded by Dr. Erik Christianson, and
100 approved unanimously, it was:

101 RESOLVED having addressed written public comment and having considered cost
102 to a private person, I move to accept the proposed regulations 12 AAC 48.011(2),
103 12 AAC 48.15(a)(1), and 12 AAC 48.210(d) as they have been drafted by the
104 regulations specialist.
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106 ROLL CALL VOTE:
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Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse
Dr. Damien Delzer	X		
Dr. Pamela Steffes	X		
Dr. Erik Christianson	X		
Dr. Paul Barney	X		

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110 **Agenda Item 2 – Other board business if time allows**
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112 Dr. Barney noted that with HB103 and HB159 being signed into law in July the board has a very
113 large regulation project that needs to be completed. He briefly commented on forming
114 subcommittees to start the preliminary work, however, with busy professional schedules, he
115 expressed that it does not seem practical at this preliminary stage. Dr. Barney asked if there
116 would be any objections to being assigned specific sections for review of the new law. The
117 board had no objections and members were assigned to sections of HB103 to begin the
118 preliminary review of regulations needed.
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120 Dr. Barney also addressed the fact that the board will only be able to have one in-person
121 meeting during FY2018. During the April 7, 2017 board meeting it had been determined that the
122 October 27, 2017 meeting would tentatively be in Anchorage. Due to the costs associated with
123 the travel, Dr. Barney asked if there was any objection to the location of the October 27, 2017
124 and April 6, 2018 board meetings being held in Juneau. To which the board did not object.
125 The board briefly discussed that having meetings in the most cost effective location was sound
126 judgement and that crafting regulation language in person is more productive than
127 communicating via teleconference. Dr. Barney reiterated that at this present time, the board
128 would only be allowed one in-person meeting. Travel from Ketchikan and Sitka to Juneau and
129 Fairbanks to Anchorage for a video teleconference would not be approved. The board will
130 submit another travel request for the April 2018 board meeting, knowing that it will possibly be
131 denied and the meeting could be teleconference only.
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133 **TASK:** Staff will forward draft guide listing out the sections of HB103 and each board member
134 assigned to start the preliminary work to bring to the October board meeting.
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136 **TASK:** Board to bring preliminary review of regulations needed to October 27, 2017 meeting for
137 board consideration.
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139 **Agenda Item 3 - Adjourn Meeting**

140 Dr. Barney called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
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142 On a motion duly made by Dr. Erick Christianson, seconded by Dr. Damien Delzer and
143 approved unanimously, it was:

144 RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting
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146 ROLL CALL VOTE:

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Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse
Dr. Damien Delzer	X		
Dr. Pamela Steffes	X		
Dr. Erik Christianson	X		
Dr. Paul Barney	X		

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149 The meeting adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

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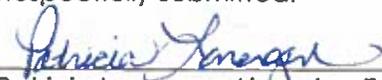
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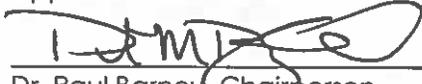
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Respectfully Submitted:


Patricia Lonergan, Licensing Examiner

Approved:


Dr. Paul Barney, Chairperson
Alaska Board of Optometry

10-27-2017
Date