

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 5, 2019
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9 *The staff of the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing prepared these*
10 *draft minutes. They have not been reviewed or approved by the Board.*
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12 By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the provision of AS 44.62,
13 Article 6, a scheduled teleconference of the Board of Examiners in Optometry was held on
14 August 5, 2019, at 333 Willoughby Avenue, 9th Floor, Juneau AK
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17 **Agenda Item 1 – Call Meeting to Order / Roll Call**
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19 **Dr. Damien Delzer calls the meeting to order at 12:05pm**
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21 Roll call:

22 Dr. Pam Steffes, Sitka – Present
23 Dr. Bradley Cross, Soldotna – Present
24 Mr. Eric Lingle, Juneau – Present
25 Dr. Damien Delzer, Fairbanks – Present
26 Dr. Erik Christianson, Ketchikan – Absent
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28 Juneau staff:

29 Renee Hoffard – Present
30 Emily Mesch – Present
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32 Dr. Michael Vernon and Dr. Jaqueline Lamigo are present as members of the public.
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34 **Agenda Item 2 – Approve Meeting Agenda**
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36 Dr. Cross asks if ongoing investigation should be added to agenda. Dr. Delzer clarifies that the
37 investigations department is solely responsible for the investigation at this point.
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39 **Dr. Steffes moves to approve the agenda. Dr. Cross seconds.**
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Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse
Dr. Pam Steffes	X		
Dr. Bradley Cross	X		
Mr. Eric Lingle	X		
Dr. Damien Delzer	X		

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The agenda is approved unanimously

Dr. Steffes proposes changing the order post-vote, withdraws proposal after clarification from Renee.

Dr. Christianson joins meeting at 12:08

Agenda Item 3 – Regulations Project

Dr. Delzer confirms that everyone has reviewed the public comments, and opens floor for discussion.

Dr. Delzer cites input given by Dr. Karpik that suggested adding the word “known” to regulations, asks if that change would require a separate review. Renee says that only substantial changes require further review, leaves at 12:12pm to determine if the cited addition is considered substantial.

Dr. Cross supports keeping the current wording.

Dr. Steffes supports keeping the current wording.

Dr. Christianson agrees. It is determined not to adopt Dr. Karpik’s suggestions.

Mr. Lingle cites several comments from non-optometry medical professionals who oppose the new regulations, asks that those concerns be addressed.

Dr. Delzer cites examples of concerns that are already addressed

Renee returns at 12:17

Dr. Cross states that this regulation follows precedent for all expansion of scope laws.

Renee reports that addition of the word “known” would be considered clarifying what is already there, and not a change in the regulation.

Dr. Steffes re-emphasizes places where the commentary appears to criticize issues addressed elsewhere.

Dr. Steffes makes a motion to move the proposed regulation 12 AAC 48.040 forward after consideration of public comment and expense to the private individual and resident of Alaska. Dr. Christianson seconds.

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse
Dr. Pam Steffes	X		
Dr. Bradley Cross	X		
Mr. Eric Lingle	X		
Dr. Damien Delzer	X		
Dr. Erik Christianson	X		

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The board adopts the regulations with no changes. Dr. Delzer signs certification order.

Agenda Item 4 – Tabled Applications

Dr. Delzer asks how best to proceed with discussion on tabled applications in order to preserve confidentiality. Renee suggests an executive session followed by addressing each applicant if necessary, clarifies general procedures on how that would work.

Dr. Cross moves to enter executive session. Dr. Steffes seconds.

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse
Dr. Pam Steffes	X		
Dr. Bradley Cross	X		
Mr. Eric Lingle	X		
Dr. Damien Delzer	X		
Dr. Erik Christianson	X		

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Board enters executive session, is off the record at 12:30pm

Board exits executive session at 1:05pm

Dr. Steffes moves that M. Vernon’s application be tabled pending an updated verification of clinical practice hours to include the correct dates, starting three years prior to application date, along with clarification on how clinical practice hours in Washington can be verified by someone primarily practicing in Tennessee. Dr. Christianson seconds

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse
Dr. Pam Steffes	X		
Dr. Bradley Cross	X		
Mr. Eric Lingle	X		
Dr. Damien Delzer	X		
Dr. Erik Christianson	X		

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Motion passes unanimously.

Dr. Steffes moves that J. Lamigo’s application be tabled pending one of two actions: 1) pass the ISE, 2) amend the application to be by credentials and complete the verification of clinical hours requirement. Mr. Lingle seconds.

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Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse
Dr. Pam Steffes	X		
Dr. Bradley Cross	X		
Mr. Eric Lingle	X		
Dr. Damien Delzer	X		
Dr. Erik Christianson	X		

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Motion passes unanimously.

Mr. Lingle suggests inviting public members back into session. Renee states that there is no public commentary on the agenda, and that putting something in writing is preferable. Renee commits to emailing both candidates after meeting adjourns.

Dr. Christianson moves to adjourn meeting, Mr. Lingle seconds.

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse
Dr. Pam Steffes	X		
Dr. Bradley Cross	X		
Mr. Eric Lingle	X		
Dr. Damien Delzer	X		
Dr. Erik Christianson	X		

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Meeting adjourns at 1:08pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Emily Mesch, Licensing Examiner

Date

Dr. Damien Delzer, Chairperson
Alaska Board of Optometry

Date