

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 February 3, 2020
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9 By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the provision of AS 44.62,
10 Article 6, a scheduled teleconference of the Board of Examiners in Optometry was held on
11 February 3, 2020, at 333 Willoughby Avenue, 9th Floor, Juneau AK
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14 **Agenda Item 1 – Call Meeting to Order / Roll Call**
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16 Dr. Damien Delzer called the meeting to order at 12:05pm
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18 Roll call:

19 Dr. Damien Delzer, Fairbanks – Present

20 Dr. Bradley Cross, Soldotna – Present

21 Mr. Eric Lingle, Juneau – Present

22 Dr. Erik Christianson, Ketchikan – Present

23 Dr. Pam Stefes, Sitka – Joined at 12:16pm
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25 Juneau staff:

26 Sher Zinn, Regulations Specialist

27 Rebecca Powers, Records and Licensing Supervisor

28 Connie Petz, Occupational Licensing Examiner

29 Emily Mesch, Occupational Licensing Examiner
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31 **Agenda Item 2 – Approve Meeting Agenda**
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33 Dr. Delzer discusses agenda, possible changes to agenda. No changes are proposed.
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35 Dr. Christianson moves to approve agenda as drafted. Dr. Cross seconds.
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Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse
Dr. Damien Delzer	X		
Dr. Bradley Cross	X		
Mr. Eric Lingle	X		
Dr. Erik Christianson	X		

The agenda is approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 3 – Approval of Minutes

Board opts to discuss minutes, rather than vote on approval. Dr. Delzer notes that the minutes are missing details from Mr. Lingle’s contributions on line 100. Staff commits to expanding minutes, before submitting to board for approval.

Sher Zinn enters conference room, 12:14pm.

Dr. Pam Steffes joins via video, 12:16pm.

Agenda Item 4 – Regulation Project

Dr. Delzer outlines discrepancy between board intention to update law exam delivery, and 12 AAC 48.015(b), which specifies “materials will be mailed directly to each applicant.”

Regulations specialist recommends adding the word “electronically” to cover all possible digital options.

On a motion duly made by Dr. Steffes, seconded by Dr. Cross, and approved, it was:

RESOLVED to amend 12AAC 48.015(b) to allow for electronic law exams and electronic confirmation of exams.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Agenda Item 5 – Audit Review

On a motion duly made by Dr. Steffes, seconded by Dr. Christianson, and approved, it was:

RESOLVED to approve audit submissions for licenses OPTT119, OPTT146, OPTT171, OPT195, OPTT212, OPTT215, OPTT238, and OPTT322 for renewal period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse
Dr. Damien Delzer	X		
Dr. Bradley Cross	X		
Mr. Eric Lingle	X		

Dr. Eric Christianson	X		
Dr. Pam Steffes	X		

On a motion duly made by Dr. Steffes, seconded by Dr. Cross, and approved, it was:
RESOLVED to approve audit submissions for licenses OPTT156 for renewal period of
January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Staff will double-check information for license OPTT365 to ensure regulations are accurate with regards to military licensing.

Agenda Item 6 – Correspondence: Request for Advanced Therapeutic Procedure Authority

Dr. Steffes notes that as this is the first application for advanced therapeutic procedure authority, it is precedent-setting and must be examined closely. As per 12 AAC 48.040(d)(1), there are specific requirements listed that aren't directly attested to in the course lists provided. Dr. Steffes suggests that the applicant be asked to provide more details to support the application. Dr. Steffes will draft a letter to be sent to board members for review before being sent to the applicant. Final approval will be made via OnBoard ballot.

Agenda Item 7 – Confirm Next Board Meeting

Staff reminds board that next board meeting is tentatively scheduled to be in-person in Juneau on April 17th. All board members confirm that this date is acceptable. Staff will begin preparations.

Connie Petz congratulates Dr. Steffes on her re-appointment to board.

Dr. Delzer adjourns meeting at 1:05.

Respectfully Submitted:

Emily Mesch, Licensing Examiner

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Dr. Damien Delzer, Chairperson
Alaska Board of Optometry

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