

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 26, 2022

By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the provision of AS 44.62, Article 6, a scheduled meeting (teleconference) of the Board of Examiners in Optometry was held on May 26, 2022 at 333 Willoughby Avenue, 9th Floor, Juneau, AK.

Date:	May 26, 2022
Time:	12:00 p.m. (12:05 p.m.)
Location:	Online teleconference ran from 333 Willoughby Avenue, 9 th Floor, Juneau, AK
Board Members Present:	Bradley Cross (Chair, OD), Michael Mavencamp (Secretary, OD) at 12:09 p.m., Pamela Steffes (OD), Kathleen Rice (OD)
Division Staff Present:	Thomas Bay (Occupational Licensing Examiner), Terry Ryals (Records and Licensing Supervisor), Jun Maiquis (Regulations Specialist)
Present from the Public	None

1. Call to Order: Review Agenda		
Brief Discussion:	The board decided to amend the agenda to add discussion on the Council on Optometric Practitioner Education's (COPE's) interim CE recommendations regarding online CE versus in-person CE.	
Motion:	Move to amend the agenda by adding the, "COPE Interim CE Recommendations," discussion after agenda item #2, "Review of Public Comment for Proposed Regulations (First: Steffes; Second: Rice).	
Recorded Votes:	Cross- Y	Mavencamp - Y
	Steffes - Y	Rice - Y
Action Items:	The board will discuss the COPE interim CE recommendations after agenda item #2.	
2. Call to Order: Meeting Minutes Update		
Brief Discussion:	Mr. Bay informed the board that the division changed the way meeting minutes would be done moving forward. He provided the board with an example that he had written up from their previous meeting. With no questions for Mr. Bay, the board moved on to their next agenda item.	
3. Call to Order: Ethics Disclosure		
Brief Discussion:	There were no ethical disclosures by any board members or staff.	

4. Review of Public Comment for Proposed Regulations (Regulation Project – 12 AAC 48.035 Temporary Military Courtesy License)		
Brief Discussion:	The division’s Regulation Specialist, Jun Maiquis, informed the board that there were no public comments during the public comment period. Dr. Steffes left the meeting momentarily. A quorum was still established with three board members, so the board continued reviewing public comment. After acknowledging that no public comments were received and no additional costs to private persons, for the proposed changes to 12 AAC 48.035 dealing with temporary military courtesy license, the board adopted the proposed regulations.	
Motion:	Motion to adopt the proposed regulations, as proposed and publicly noticed (First: Mavencamp; Second: Rice)	
Recorded Votes:	Cross- Y	Mavencamp - Y
	Steffes – Not available for voting (quorum established)	Rice - Y
Action Items:	Mr. Maiquis will get the proposed regulations to the Lt. Governor’s office for signing.	
5. COPE Interim CE Recommendations		
Brief Discussion:	The board reviewed a letter from COPE regarding their position on extending interactive online continuing education. In their letter, COPE extended interactive online CE through 12/31/2022. The board had been waiting to hear what COPE was going to do with interactive online CE before addressing their own CE requirements for interactive online CE. After discussion, it was found that changing Alaska’s CE requirements would require a regulations project, something that would not be finished before the end of the licensing period. Also, as Mr. Maiquis informed the board, the board cannot pass a regulations project regarding changes to CE requirements so close to a renewal because they have to give their licensees ample time to adjust to the changes. Mr. Bay reminded the board that Director Sara Chambers had mentioned in a previous meeting that she thought there might be a way to create a regulation that would allow them flexibility with changing future CE requirements without having to do a regulations project every time they wanted to change their CE requirements. The board decided to have Mr. Bay reach out to Director Chambers, to get her opinion on the matter, and to come back to the discussion at their next meeting.	
Action Items:	The board will discuss options regarding changes to their CE requirements at their next meeting.	
5. Governor Dunleavy’s AO 335 Order		
Brief Discussion:	Mr. Bay informed the board that Governor Dunleavy issued an administrative order to reduce licensing delays, specifically instructing professional licensing boards to identify outdated or ineffective regulations by the end of the summer. After discussion on possible outdated and ineffective regulations in optometry, the board decided to research their statutes and regulations outside of the board meeting and to have each board member provide Mr. Bay with recommendations that the board could discuss at their next meeting.	
Action Items:	Each board member will provide Mr. Bay with outdated and/or ineffective regulations, by October 1 st , 2022, that the board will review at their next meeting.	

Next Meeting:	October 21 st , 2022
Adjournment:	12:49 p.m.