



Board of Optometry

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Unapproved Meeting Minutes Friday, June 21st, 2024, 8:30am

Board Members Present: Francis Pinard, OD, Chair; Karena Shippee, OD; and Robert Bauman, OD.

Board Member(s) Absent: Jean Peterson, Public Member

OPR/SOS Staff Present: Jen Colin, General Counsel; Noura Eltabbakh, Staff Attorney; and Corey Young, Licensing Administrator II.

Public:

1. Call to Order

- Dr. Pinard called the meeting to order at 8:36 am.

2. Changes to the agenda

- Dr. Bauman wanted to add telehealth to the agenda.

3. Approval of December 15th, 2023, meeting minutes

- Dr. Shippee made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Dr. Bauman seconded the motion. Approved.

4. Discipline

5. Discussion

1. Telehealth

- Dr. Bauman initiated discussion regarding telehealth. Optometrists be required to visually show their license to a patient prior to their first exam.
- Attorney Eltabbakh took Dr. Bauman's request into consideration for the pending telehealth licensing rules.
- Dr. Bauman offered OPR help in creating optometric telehealth rules.

2. Attorney Jennifer Colin Introduction

- Attorney Colin introduced herself to the Board, regarding her new position as General Counsel.

6. Other

- Dr. Shippee inquired about Blue Cross Blue Shield Vision coverage

7. Public Comment

8. Adjournment

- Dr. Shippee moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 a.m. Dr. Bauman seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting Date – September 20th, 2024

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