

Vermont Secretary of State
Office of Professional Regulation
BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
89 Main St, 3rd Fl, Montpelier, VT 05620-3402
Approved Minutes
Meeting of October 7, 2016

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:34 A.M.

Board Members Present: Bonnie Liberty, Public Member, Secretary; Albert Pristaw, OD, Chair; Francis Pinard, OD, Vice Chair, and Kenneth Lawenda, OD

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

OPR Staff present: Larry Novins, Board Counsel and Kara Shangraw, Licensing Board Specialist

Guests: Dean Barcelow, OD; Sarah Buxton and Matt Burk

2. **Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Pinard made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 22, 2016 meeting. Dr. Pristaw seconded the motion. Motion passed.

3. **Case Manager's Report:**

Carla Preston, case manager, informed members present that they had two (2) pending cases and they were being presented to the Board at today's meeting in a closing report.

Ms. Preston tabled the discussion with Lauren Hibbert, Prosecuting Attorney, regarding the changes that the prosecution unit are moving forward with regarding the Investigative Team review process.

4. **Hearings/Stipulations/Report of Concluded Investigations.....:**

Report of Concluded Investigation in the matter of docket #'s 2016-231 and 2016-232. Dr. Pinard made a motion to accept the report as presented. Dr. Lawenda seconded the motion. Motion passed. Dr. Pristaw did not participate in the vote as he was the Investigative Team member.

5. **Election of Officers**

Dr. Pinard made a motion to keep the current slate of officers. Dr. Pristaw seconded the motion. Motion passed. The slate of officers are as follows:

Chair – Dr. Albert Pristaw
Vice Chair – Dr. Francis Pinard
Secretary – Bonnie Liberty

6. **Formal Approval of Applications**

Dr. Lawenda made a motion to approve the following applicants for Vermont licensure. Ms. Liberty seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Antonin Hollop
Shawn Morris

Artis Beatty

Craig Volpe

Kayla Brenden

7. **Continuing Education Approvals:**

The Board reviewed a request from the American Academy of Optometry requesting approval of thirty-three (33) credits of continuing education for the conference “**Academy 2016 Anaheim Scientific Program**” which will be held November 9-12., 2016. The Board declined to pre-approve the program as there was insufficient information to evaluate the submission.

8. **Discussion Item(s):**

9:00 am – Dr. Dean Barcelow with the Vermont Optometric Association addressed the Board regarding licensure endorsements and the addition of these endorsements to be added to the Vermont licenses. Dr. Barcelow was looking to add Lasers, Injections and Minor Lid Procedures. Mr. Novins informed Dr. Barcelow that the Board did not have the ability to add these endorsements to the license. It would need to be a Legislative change to the Optometrist scope of practice.

10:15 am – Mr. Novins gave Board members present a copy of their budget for review. At this time the Office is not recommending any changes.

Review of 2016 audits. The Board reviewed the 2016 renewal audits for deficiencies. Ms. Morrison will respond to licensees.

7. The next scheduled meeting of the Board will be Friday, March 3, 2017 at 8:30 am. The additional 2017 meeting dates are June 2nd and October 6th.

8. **Adjournment:** There being no additional business for the Board to discuss Dr. Pinard adjourned the meeting at 11:15 am.