



# **Board of Optometry**

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## **Approved Minutes** **Friday, March 1, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.**

- 1. Call to Order.** Dr. Pristaw called the meeting to order at 8:37 am.

Board Members Present: Albert Pristaw, OD, Chair; Francis Pinard, OD, Vice Chair (by phone); Jean Peterson, Public Member; Bonnie Liberty, Public Member, Secretary, and Kenneth Lawenda, OD.

OPR Staff present: Aprille Morrison, Licensing Administrator I

- 2. Approval of minutes from October 5, 2018 meeting and November 13, 2018 special meeting.** Dr. Lawenda made a motion to approve the October 5, 2018 meeting minutes as well as the November 13, 2018 special meeting minutes as written. Dr. Pinard seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- 3. Disciplinary Matters:**

- Carla Preston spoke to the Board regarding cases in NGLP and took questions from members that needed assistance.

- 4. Education Course Review.** The Board reviewed seventeen (17) courses submitted by the National Glaucoma Society and the New England College of Optometry. Fifteen (15) courses were approved and two (2) were denied as they were practice management courses. A list of approved courses can now be found at <https://secure.professionals.vermont.gov>

- 5. Discussion Topics**

- **Approval of Continuing Education Courses.** Ms. Morrison requested the Board review courses and respond to Ms. Morrison directly within a week of receiving the e-mail confirmation, on whether the courses can be approved or not. With the Board meeting only two to three times a year this will not hold up course approvals. The Board would like to have a discussion at their June meeting regarding the possibility of charging for the education requests.
- **2019 ARBO Annual Meeting.** Dr. Pinard made a motion that Dr. Lawenda be the Vermont delegate for the 2019 ARBO Annual meeting. Dr. Pristaw seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- **OPR Bill update/budget discussion – Lauren Hibbert.** Lauren Hibbert, director of OPR, addressed the Board regarding the proposed language that was in the OPR Bill for the advanced procedures endorsement. There was lots of push back in the Government Operations Committee and OPR decided to create a study group for the additional of the advanced procedures endorsement in lieu or the addition of the actual endorsement this legislative period. The study group will start in the summer of 2019 and go through the winter then make the recommendation to the Board prior to the 2020 OPR bill. Lauren request a minimum of one Board member to participate in each meeting that will occur between July and December. Ms. Hibbert also informed Board members that the current budget is in the black and the Board is in a good place financially.

**6. Public Comment:** None

**7. Other Business**

- 8. Adjournment.** There being no additional business Dr. Pristaw motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 am. Dr. Pinard seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Next Scheduled Meeting – Friday, June 7, 2019  
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