



## **Board of Optometry**

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### **Approved Meeting Minutes Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 8:30am**

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

Board Member(s) Absent:

OPR/SOS Staff Present: Lauren Layman, General Counsel; Emily Tredeau, Staff Attorney; Noura Eltabbakh, Staff Attorney; Dylan Bruce, Policy/Statistics Analyst; Agatha Kessler, OPR Deputy Director; Keving Rushing, OPR Director; Michelle Eno, Financial Director; Gina Hruban, Administrative Services Coordinator; and Corey Young, Licensing Administrator II.

Public:

#### **1. Call to Order**

- Dr. Pinard called the meeting to order at 8:46 am.

#### **2. Changes to the agenda**

#### **3. Approval of September 27<sup>th</sup>, 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. Board Budget Discussion**

- Mr. Rushing, Ms. Kessler, and Mr. Bruce spoke to the Board about their current budget.

##### **2. Telehealth/Telepractice**

- Dr. Bauman initiated discussion regarding the Board's and OPR's policies on telehealth and telepractice as it relates to public protection.
- Attorney Layman provided context for telehealth regulation in Vermont generally and reviewed pending telehealth registration and licensing processes.

#### **6. Adjournment**

- Dr. Shippee moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:39 a.m. Dr. Bauman seconded the

motion. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting Date – March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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