



Board of Optometry

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Approved Meeting Minutes Friday, December 15th, 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 27th, 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 15th, 2024

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