



Board of Optometry

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Approved Minutes Friday, August 5th, 2022, 8:30am

Board Members Present: Albert Pristaw, OD, Chair (via web); Francis Pinard, OD, Vice Chair (via web), and Kenneth Lawenda, OD, Secretary (via web)

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

OPR Staff Present: Lauren Layman, General Counsel (via web), and Corey Young, Licensing Administrator I (via web)

- 1. Call to Order.** Dr. Pristaw called the meeting to order at 8:31 am.
- 2. Changes to the agenda:**
 - Dr. Lawenda requested a discussion of a recent ACOE memorandum.
 - Attorney Layman asked to speak about the legislature's request that OPR provide a report about a proposed expansion of optometric scope of practice by October 2023.
 - The Board agreed to move the ACOE memorandum to discussion topic 1, and the optometry scope of practice report discussion to topic 2.
- 3. Approval of March 11th, 2022 meeting minutes:** Dr. Pinard made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Dr. Lawenda seconded the motion. Approved.
- 4. Discussion:**
 - Dr. Lawenda provided background on the ACOE memorandum to the Board.
 - Attorney Layman reported that OPR has been asked by the VT Senate Committee on Government Operations to conduct an additional review of the proposal to expand the Optometric scope of practice. The Committee's request asks OPR to review 5 specific topics and to submit a report in October 2023. Attorney Layman also explained what the Board's role is pertaining to the Optometry report.
 - Attorney Layman spoke to the Board about Act 107, telehealth licensure and registration. The Board then worked to compile details on rule content for draft telehealth license and registration rules. Attorney Layman will draft a rule based on the Board's input and present the draft rule to the Board at their next meeting.
- 5. Adjournment:**

The Board meeting adjourned at 10:25am.

Next Meeting Date –September 23rd, 2022

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