



Board of Optometry

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Approved Minutes Friday, January 27th, 2023, 8:30am

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

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

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

1. Call to Order

- Dr. Pristaw called the meeting to order at 8:31 am.

2. Changes to the agenda

3. Approval of September 23rd, 2022, meeting minutes

- Dr. Pinard made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Dr. Lawenda seconded the motion. Approved.

4. Discussion

1. Telemedicine & Patient Care

- The Board discussed telemedicine and the provider-patient relationship. The Board decided to continue this discussion at the March 17th Board meeting.

2. Officer Elections

- Dr. Pristaw moved to appoint Dr. Pinard as Board Chair and, contingent on his reappointment, Dr. Lawenda as Vice Chair. Dr. Lawenda seconded the motion. Motion Passed.
 - **Chair** – Dr. Francis Pinard
 - **Vice Chair** – Dr. Kenneth Lawenda

5. Adjournment

- Dr. Pristaw moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:24am. Dr. Lawenda seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting Date –March 17th, 2023

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