



# **Board of Optometry**

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## **Meeting Minutes Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, 8:30am**

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

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

OPR/SOS Staff Present: Jen Colin, General Counsel; Noura Eltabbakh, Staff Attorney; and Corey Young, Licensing Administrator II.

### Public:

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

- Dr. Pinard called the meeting to order at 8:36 am.

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

- Dr. Bauman wanted to add telehealth to the agenda.

#### **3. Approval of December 15<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. Telehealth**

- Dr. Bauman initiated discussion regarding telehealth Optometrists be required to visually showing their license to a patient prior to their first exam.
- Attorney Eltabbakh took Dr. Bauman's request into consideration for the pending telehealth licensing rules.
- Dr. Bauman offered OPR help in creating optometric telehealth rules.

##### **2. Attorney Jennifer Colin Introduction**

- Attorney Colin introduced herself to the Board, regarding her new position as General Counsel.

#### **6. Other**

- Dr. Shippee inquired about Blue Cross Blue Shield Vision coverage

#### **7. Public Comment**

## **8. Adjournment**

- Dr. Shippee moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 a.m. Dr. Bauman seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting Date – September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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