



Board of Optometry

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UnApproved Minutes **Friday, October 4, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.**

- 1. Call to Order.** Dr. Pristaw called the meeting to order at 8:35 am.

Board Members Present: Albert Pristaw, OD, Chair; Francis Pinard, OD, Vice Chair (by phone); Jean Peterson, Public Member; Bonnie Liberty, Public Member, Secretary, and Kenneth Lawenda, OD (by phone).

OPR Staff present: Aprille Morrison, Licensing Administrator III, and Lauren Layman, Staff Attorney

- 2. Approval of minutes from the March 1, 2019 meeting.** Dr. Pinard made a motion to approve the March 1, 2019 minutes as written. Ms. Liberty seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- 3. Budget Discussion.** Marlene Betit, SEC Administration, and Dylan Bruce, OPR, reviewed the projected 2020 budget with the Board. At this time the Administration recommends no changes to licensing fees. Mr. Pristaw wanted it on record that a reduction in the Optometrist renewal fee has been requested and would like this to be reviewed by Administration and the Board again.
- 4. Election of Officers.** The following nominations for 2020 officers were made and accepted: Al Pristaw for Chair, Francis Pinard for Vice-Chair and Bonnie Liberty for Secretary. Dr. Lawenda moved to elect the slate of nominations. Ms. Peterson seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- 5. Discussion Topics**
 - 2019 ARBO Annual Meeting.** Dr. Lawenda informed Board members of the discussion items at the 2019 Annual ARBO meeting he attended from June 16-18, 2019. The 202 meeting will be held June 21-23, 2020 in Alexandria, Virginia. Dr. Pristaw moved that Dr. Lawenda be the Vermont Board 2020 delegate to the ARBO Annual meeting. Dr. Pinard seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- **Study of Optometric Procedures – stakeholder group updates.** Ms. Lauren Layman informed Board members of the meetings that have been and will be held with various stakeholders regarding the expansion of the scope of practice for Optometrists. She has requested the Board members to contact her directly with their thought and any research data they might be able to provide.

6. Other Business

- Ms. Morrison informed Board members that her role with the Board will be changing in the near future. She has accepted a supervisory position with the Office of Professional Regulation and will no longer be the Board's licensing administrator. Her replacement for licensing administrator will hopefully be announced in November.

- 7. Adjournment.** There being no additional business Dr. Pristaw motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 am. Dr. Pinard seconded the motion. Motion passed.

2020 Tentative Meeting Dates – March 6th, June 5th and October 2nd
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