



# **Board of Optometry**

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## **UnApproved Minutes** **Friday, October 6, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.**

- 1. Call to Order.** Dr. Pristaw called the meeting to order at 8:37 am.

Board Members Present: Albert Pristaw, OD, Chair; Francis Pinard, OD, Vice Chair; Jean Peterson, Public Member, and Kenneth Lawenda, OD.

Board Members Absent: Bonnie Liberty, Public Member, Secretary

OPR Staff present: Lauren Hibbert, General Counsel; Colin Benjamin, OPR Director and Aprille Morrison, Licensing Administrator I

- 2. Changes to the agenda.** Dr. Lawenda requested a discussion be held regarding online refractions.
- 3. Approval of minutes from June 2, 2017 meeting.** Dr. Pinard made a motion to approve the June 2, 2017 minutes as written. Dr. Lawenda seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- 4. Disciplinary Matters**

- a. Closing Reports / Enforcement Report
  - i. Carla Preston, Case Manager, report of current cases. There is once (1) case currently under investigation and one (1) case that has charges pending.

- 5. Education Course Review.** Dr. Pinard made a motion to approve the below three continuing education requests. Dr. Pristaw seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- a. New England College of Optometry requesting approval of one (1) credit of continuing education for the lecture **“Introduction to Clinical Precepting”** which will be held November 4, 2017.
- b. New England College of Optometry requesting approval of two (2) credits of continuing education for the lecture **“Evaluating Optometric Practice Opportunities, Part I: Strategies on Finding Employment”** which will be held November 4, 2017.
- c. New England College of Optometry requesting approval of two (2) credits of continuing education for the lecture **“Effective Coding”** which will be held November 4, 2017.

## 6. Other Business

- a. **2018 Meeting Dates:** March 2, June 1 and October 5. This was just an information note for the Board members.
- b. **Election of Officers.** Dr. Pinard made a motion to keep the current slate of officers. Dr. Lawenda seconded the motion. Motion passed. The current slate is as follows: Chair – Dr. Albert Pristaw, Vice-Chair – Dr. Francis Pinard and Secretary – Ms. Bonnie Liberty.
- c. **ARBO Delegate for June 2018 meeting.** Dr. Pinard made a motion that Dr. Lawenda be the Optometry Board Delegate for the National ARBO meeting in 2018. Dr. Pristaw seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- d. **Online Refractions.** Dr. Lawenda spoke to the Board, Ms. Hibbert and Mr. Benjamin regarding informing the public of online refractions. Ms. Hibbert and Mr. Benjamin would like to hold additional discussion on this topic and scope of practice for Optometrists at the March 2018 meeting.

## 7. Public Comment

- 8. **Adjournment.** Dr. Pristaw made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 am. Dr. Lawenda seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Next Scheduled Meeting – Friday, March 2, 2018  
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