



# **Board of Optometry**

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## **Approved Meeting Minutes**

### **Virtual meeting**

**Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.**

- 1. Call to Order.** Dr. Pristaw called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

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

Board Members Not Present: Bonnie Liberty, Public Member, Secretary

OPR Staff Present: Lauren Layman, Staff Attorney (via web); Corey Young, Licensing Administrator I (via web).

- 2. Approval of last meetings minutes: October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020**

- Dr. Pinard motioned to approve the minutes as written. Dr. Lawenda seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- 3. Discussion:**

- Ms. Layman informed the Board that, per the Board's request at its October 2, 2020 meeting, OPR sent an email to Vermont-licensed optometrists regarding OPR's continuing education policies during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Annual officer election:
  - **Chair:** Dr. Pinard moved to have Dr. Pristaw remain as board chair. Dr. Lawenda seconded the motion. Motion passed.
  - **Vice Chair:** Dr. Pristaw moved to have Dr. Pinard remain as vice chair. Dr. Lawenda seconded the motion. Motion passed.
  - **Secretary:** Dr. Lawenda nominated himself as board secretary. Dr. Pinard seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- 2021 Legislative Session
  - Ms. Layman informed the Board that OPR anticipates there will be legislation introduced during the 2021 legislative session to expand the optometric scope of practice to include advanced procedures.

- 4.** Dr. Pristaw moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 am. Dr. Lawenda seconded the motion. Motion passed.

2021 Meeting Date –January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
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