



Board of Optometry

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Approved Meeting Minutes

Virtual meeting

Friday, December 4th 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 2nd, 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 6th, 2021
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