

Vermont Secretary of State
Office of Professional Regulation
BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
89 Main St, 3rd Fl, Montpelier, VT 05620-3402
Approved Minutes
Meeting of October 15, 2014

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:33 A.M.

Board Members Present: Jon Eriksson, OD, Chair; Daniel M. DaPolito, OD, Vice Chair; Bonnie Liberty, Public Member, Secretary; Albert Pristaw, OD; and Jean Peterson, Public Member

OPR Staff present: Larry Novins, Board Counsel and Aprille Morrison, Licensing Board Specialist

Guests: Dr. Dean Barcelow

2. **Approval of Minutes**

The Chair called for approval of the Minutes of the March 19, 2014 meeting. Dr. DaPolito made a motion, seconded by Dr. Eriksson, to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2014 meeting as presented. Motion passed.

3. **Hearing/Stipulations/Reports of Concluded Investigations et al:**

Order Removing Conditions – Michael Taub – 2012-704 & 2013-327 (M2013-85)
Dr. Eriksson made a motion to accept the order as presented. Dr. Pristaw seconded the motion. Dr. DaPolito did not participate in the vote as he was the Investigative Team member. Motion passed.

4. **Election of Officers**

The Board tabled election of officers until their March 2015 meeting as Dr. Eriksson's term is up December 2014 and a replacement member has not been appointed.

5. **Formal Application Approval**

Dr. DaPolito made a motion to formally approve the following applicants for licensure in Vermont. The motion was seconded by Dr. Eriksson. Motion passed.

Kathryn Rozakski

Taye Patterson

Lesley Kwan

Michael Broder is approved pending receipt of a signed certificate.

6. **Continuing Education Approvals:**

Dr. Dean Barcelow requested approval for two (2) hours of continuing education for the course “**Introduction to Cataract Surgery**”. Dr. Eriksson made a motion to approve. Motion was seconded by Dr. DaPolito. Motion passed.

The American Academy of Optometry requested approval for thirty seven (37) hours of continuing education for the meeting “**Scientific Program, Academy 2014 Denver**”, to be held November 12 thru November 15, 2014. Dr. Eriksson made a motion to approve. Motion was seconded by Dr. DaPolito. Motion passed.

7. **Discussion Item(s):**

Budget – Chris Winters. Mr. Winters informed the Board that their budget appears to be on track and after the 2015 fiscal review the Board may be looking at a possible reduction in fees.

The Board reviewed the 2014 continuing education audits. Ms. Morrison will respond to the individuals that were audited letting them know of their status.

8. **Public Comments:**

Dr. Dean Barcelow addressed the Board regarding Optometrist prescribing of schedule 2 drugs. It appears that the Department of Justice allows the DEA to issue numbers to Optometrists only allowing them to prescribe schedule 3, 4 and 5 drugs. With the recent change of hydrocodone moving to a schedule 2 drug this has caused a few patient complaints in Vermont. As Vermont Optometrists no longer prescribe by a formulary they have full prescriptive rights within their scope of practice. Mr. Novins requested Dr. Barcelow provide him with the contact at the Department Justice with whom Mr. Novins can communicate Vermont’s Optometrist prescribing privileges.

Dr. Barcelow also addressed the Board regarding theatrical or cosmetic contact sales. Mr. Novins will work with the Board to recommend whether additional legislation is necessary on this matter.

9. **2015 Meeting Dates:**

The 2015 meeting dates are as follows: Friday, March 6; Friday, June 5 and Friday, October 2.

12. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.