



Board of Optometry

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Approved Minutes Friday, June 16th, 2023, 8:30am

Board Members Present: Francis Pinard, OD, Chair; Karena Shippee, OD; Daniel Coane, Ad-Hoc; and Robert Wernecke, Ad-Hoc.

Board Member(s) Absent:

OPR Staff Present: Lauren Layman, General Counsel; Noura Eltabbakh, Staff Attorney; Julie Bowen, Docket Clerk; Emily Tredeau, Staff Attorney; Rachel Heath, Prosecuting Attorney; and Corey Young, Licensing Administrator II

Public: Bill Van Zyverden

1. Call to Order

- Dr. Pinard called the meeting to order at 8:36 am.

2. Changes to the agenda

3. Approval of March 17th, 2023, meeting minutes

- Dr. Shippee made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Coane seconded the motion. Approved.

4. Discipline:

- 8:45 a.m. – *In re: Nicholas Pittman*, Docket no. 2023-6 to 2023-15; Stipulation and Consent Order
 - Dr. Shippee moved to accept the stipulation order as presented. Mr. Wernecke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. Discussion

1. Remembrance of Dr. Kenneth Lawenda

- The Board and OPR shared thoughts and memories of Dr. Lawenda. A moment of silence was held for Dr. Lawenda.

2. Legislative Report

- Attorney Layman informed the Board of the upcoming report requested by Vermont legislation on recommendations for the practice of optometry.
- Mr. Young will schedule an August Board meeting to review items.

3. New Staff Introductions

- Attorney Tredeau introduced herself to the Board.

6. Adjournment

- Dr. Shippee moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:56 a.m. Mr. Coane seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting Date – TBD

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