



Board of Optometry

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Approved Minutes

Friday, October 5, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

1. **Call to Order.** Dr. Pristaw called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

Board Members Present: Albert Pristaw, OD, Chair; Francis Pinard, OD, Vice Chair (by phone); Jean Peterson, Public Member; Bonnie Liberty, Public Member, Secretary, and Kenneth Lawenda, OD.

OPR Staff present: Gabriel, General Counsel, and Aprille Morrison, Licensing Administrator I

Guests: Dean Barcelow and Tess Kennedy

2. **Approval of minutes from March 30, 2018 meeting.** Dr. Pristaw made a motion to approve the March 30, 2018 minutes as written. Dr. Pinard seconded the motion. Motion passed.

3. **Disciplinary Matters:** None

4. **Education Course Review.** The Board reviewed six (6) courses submitted by the National Glaucoma Society. Dr. Lawenda made a motion to approve the below courses for online use, for one (1) credit each, as they are currently approved by COPE for live continuing education credit. Dr. Pristaw seconded the motion. Motion passed. The course titles are as follows:

- **New Technology in Glaucoma**
- **Detecting Progression in Glaucoma**
- **Systemic Vascular Issues and their Role in Optometry**
- **Lab Testing: The Basics**
- **Changing the Paradigm in Diabetic Retinopathy Management**
- **Laser Therapy for the Open Angle Glaucomas: ALT & SLT**

5. **Discussion Topics**

- **9:00 am – Barbara Groff – Vermont Program for Quality in Health Care presentation.** Ms. Groff was unable to attend the meeting.
- **9:30 am – Dean Barcelow and Tess Kennedy regarding scope of practice updates.** Dr. Barcelow met with the Board to discuss language updates to the definition of Optometry as currently defined in Statute. Dr.

Pinard made a motion to accept Dr. Barcelow's proposal. Dr. Pristaw seconded the motion. Motion passed. The Board also wanted to express their approval in the recommendations made by Dr. Barcelow. Mr. Gilman and the office will reach out to the Vermont Department of Health and the Vermont Medical Board.

6. Public Comment: None

7. Other Business

- With proposed changes going into the OPR Bill the Board will need to meet again prior to year end. The next meeting date will be Tuesday, November 13th, at 8:30 am.

8. Adjournment. There being no additional business Dr. Pristaw adjourned the meeting at 10:25 am.

Next Scheduled Meeting – Tuesday, November 13, 2018
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