



Board of Optometry

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Approved Meeting Minutes

Virtual meeting

Wednesday, January 6th at 8:30 a.m.

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 Secretary (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).

1. **Call to Order.** Dr. Pristaw called the meeting to order at 8:33 am. Ms. Peterson seconded the motion.
2. **Approval of last meetings minutes: December 4th, 2020.** Dr. Pinard motioned to approve the minutes as written. Dr. Lawenda seconded the motion. Motion passed.
3. **Discussion:**
 - 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.
 - Ms. Layman updated the board on their request for wall certificates.
 - Dr. Lawenda notified the board about alternative CE policies being used in other states during the COVID outbreak.
 - Dr. Lawenda spoke to the board about telehealth and its impact on optometry.
4. Dr. Pristaw moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 am. Dr. Lawenda seconded the motion. Motion passed.

2021 Meeting Date –April 7th, 2021
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