

Vermont Secretary of State  
Office of Professional Regulation  
**BOARD OF OPTOMETRY**  
89 Main St, 3<sup>rd</sup> Fl, Montpelier, VT 05620-3402  
**Approved Minutes**  
Meeting of April 22, 2016

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 A.M.

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

OPR Staff present: Larry Novins, Board Counsel; Aprille Morrison, Licensing Board Specialist and Tara Grenier, Licensing Administrator

Ms. Grenier introduced herself to the Board members present. She joined the Office of Professional Regulation team as licensing administrator, for all professions except nursing, on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Pristaw welcomed Dr. Lawenda to the Vermont Board as the new member replacing Dr. DaPolito.

2. **Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Pristaw called for approval of the Minutes of the October 2, 2015 meeting. Dr. Pinard made a motion, seconded by Dr. Pristaw, to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2015 meeting as presented. Dr. Lawenda did not participate in the vote as he was not a member as of the last meeting. Motion passed.

3. **Case Manager's Report:**

Aprille Morrison reported to the Board that they have five cases, three are being presented as a closing report at today's meeting and two are under investigation.

Report of concluded investigation in the matter of 2015-505 and 2015-506. Dr. Pristaw made a motion to accept the report as presented. Dr. Lawenda seconded the motion. Motion passed. Dr. Pinard did not participate in the vote as he was the Investigative Team member.

Report of concluded investigation in the matter of 2015-268. Dr. Pinard made a motion to accept the report as presented. Dr. Pristaw seconded the motion. Motion passed. Dr. DaPolito was the Investigative Team member.

4. **Election of Officers**

As Dr. DaPolito is no longer a member of the Board, Dr. Pristaw has taken over the position of Board Chair. Ms. Liberty will also remain Secretary. Dr. Pristaw made a motion for Dr. Pinard to become Vice Chair of the board. Ms. Peterson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

5. **Continuing Education Approvals:**

Dr. Pinard made a motion to approve SECO International's request for the ASECO 2016 meeting for four (4) hours of continuing education. Dr. Pristaw seconded the motion. Motion passed. The meeting was held February 24-28, 2016.

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

9:00 am – Dr. Daniel DaPolito requested to discuss passage of the injectable examination and whether this was a separate requirement for licensure and should be looked at separately by Board members when considering licensure. Dr. DaPolito spoke with an administrator of the examination service and found that the injectable questions are only a portion of the third part of the examination and are not required for passage. Dr. Pinard made a motion that the Board reviews passage of parts 1, 2 and 3 of the examination when reviewing whether an applicant meets the requirements for licensure. Dr. Lawenda seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Dr. Pinard informed the members present that the Office and/or the Board would likely be hearing from the Vermont Optometrist Association regarding the Board changing scope of practice.

Dr. Lawenda informed the Board that he would like to attend the ARBO meeting in June. Dr. Pinard made a motion to make Dr. Lawenda the Vermont delegate at the ARBO meeting. Ms. Peterson seconded the motion. Dr. Pristaw opposed the motion. Motion passed.

7. The next scheduled meeting of the Board will be Friday, June 3, 2016 at 8:30 am.

8. **Adjournment:** There being no additional business for the Board to discuss Dr. Pristaw adjourned the meeting at 10:02 am.