



Board of Optometry

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UnApproved Meeting Minutes

Virtual Meeting

September 3, 2021

Board Members Present: Albert Pristaw, OD, Chair (via web); Francis Pinard, OD, Vice Chair (via web); and Kenneth Lawenda, OD, Secretary (via web).

OPR Staff Present: Lauren Layman, Staff Attorney (via web); Kara Shangraw, Licensing Administrator I (via web).

1. **Call to Order.** Dr. Pristaw called the meeting to order at 8:37 am.
2. **Approval of April 7, 2021 meeting minutes:** Dr. Pinard motioned to approve the minutes as written. Dr. Lawenda seconded the motion. Approved.
3. **Discussion:**
 - **COPE CE Questions**
To inform an on-going discussion within ARBO, Dr. Lawenda sought feedback from the Board about shifts in the regulation of continuing education after the demands of COVID-19.
 - **Telehealth Working Group Update**
Dr. Lawenda updated the Board about the work of the Interstate Telehealth Working Group.
 - **Other Business**
Dr. Pristaw inquired whether there has been any VT legislative activities regarding advanced procedures in optometry. Attorney Layman reported that there does not appear to be any pending legislative proposals.
4. The meeting adjourned at 9:49 am.

2021 Meeting Date –December 17th, 2021

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