



Board of Optometry

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Approved Meeting Minutes

Virtual Meeting

March 11th, 2022

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).

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 8:31 am.
- 2. Approval of December 17th, 2021 meeting minutes:** Dr. Pinard motioned to approve the minutes as written. Dr. Lawenda seconded the motion. Approved.
- 3. Discussion:**
 - Dr. Pinard asked OPR to send an email to all Vermont licensed Optometrists. This email would notify licensees of policy changes including NBEO requirements, online CPR recertification, and online CE.
 - Attorney Layman updated the Board on the status of S.158: An Act Relating to Optometrist's Scope of Practice.
 - Attorney Layman explained to the Board OPR's new registrations and licenses for telehealth.
 - (a) Short Term Registration – March 31st, 2022 – July 2023.
 - (b) Telehealth Registration – Covers 10 patients and up to 120 days.
 - (c) Telehealth License – Covers 20 patients and up to two years.
 - (d) More patients would require full optometrist licensure.

Next Meeting Date – June 24th, 2022

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