

Vermont Secretary of State
Office of Professional Regulation
BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
89 Main St, 3rd Fl, Montpelier, VT 05620-3402
Approved Minutes
Meeting of March 3, 2017

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:33 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: Lauren Hibbert, General Counsel and Aprille Morrison, Licensing Board Specialist

2. **Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Pinard made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 7, 2016 meeting. Dr. Lawenda seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

Carla Preston, case manager, informed members present that they had two (2) pending cases and they are both under investigation.

Ms. Preston informed members of the new Investigative Team procedure for initial review.

4. **Hearings/Stipulations/Report of Concluded Investigations.....: None**

5. **Formal Approval of Applications: None**

6. **Continuing Education Approvals:**

The Board reviewed a request from SECO International, LLC requesting approval of thirty (30) credits of continuing education for the conference "**SECO 2017**" which was held March 1-5, 2017. Dr. Lawenda made a motion to approve the request as submitted. Dr. Pinard seconded the motion. Ms. Peterson, Ms. Liberty, Dr. Pinard and Dr. Lawenda voted in favor or approval. Dr. Pristaw voted against approval. Motion passed.

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

The Board held a discussion with general counsel, Lauren Hibbert, regarding approval of continuing education requests that are not COPE approved. Ms. Hibbert requested continuing education approvals be added as an agenda item for the June meeting as she wanted to research the topic a little further.

Attendance at the ARBO meeting. Dr. Pristaw informed members that while he is interested in attending he may have a couple personal barriers and he was willing to refrain from being delegate as he was unsure of his ability to attend. Dr. Pinard made a motion to make Dr. Pristaw the Board delegate should he be able to attend and if not Ms. Liberty would the Board delegate. Ms. Peterson seconded the motion. Motion passed. Dr. Pristaw will inform Ms. Morrison no later than Monday, March 6th as to whether he will be able to attend.

8. The next scheduled meeting of the Board will be Friday, June 2, 2017 at 8:30 am. The additional 2017 meeting date is October 6th.
9. **Adjournment:** Dr. Pristaw made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:54 am. Dr. Pinard seconded the motion. Motion passed.