



Ohio Vision Professionals Board

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77 South High Street, 16th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Board Meeting Minutes of Thursday, September 13, 2018

The Regular Business Meeting of the Ohio Vision Professionals Board was called to order at 9:33 a.m., held at the Vern Riffe Center, 77 South High St., 31st Floor, Columbus, OH 43215.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Present: Cheryl Archer, O.D., Thomas E. Nye, O.D., Darrell Dye, O.D., Brian J Miller, Thomas Barracato, Kimberly A. Mermis, Jacqueline Davis, O.D.

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Present: Kathleen Eagan, Executive Director; David Bailey, Investigator, Emily Pelphrey, AAG, Adela Lopez-Wellman, Administrative Professional, Wilma Simmons Administrative Professional

ALSO PRESENT: Keith Kerns, Lisa Rankin, Judith Martin and John Bruening.

Ordering of the Agenda:

Thomas Barracato moved to accept the agenda for the September 13, 2018 meeting as written. Dr. Jacqueline Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Dr. Jacqueline Davis moved to accept into record as is the draft minutes of the May 24, 2018 Ohio Vision Professionals Board meeting. Kimberly Mermis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report:

Director Eagan presented the financial report from the first quarter of FY 19. After discussion, Dr. Cheryl Archer moved to accept the Fiscal Year 2019 Q1 Financial Report of the Ohio Vision Professionals Board. Dr. Darrell Dye seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

President's Report:

President Miller welcomed the guests and then informed the Board that since our last meeting, he had been in regular contact with Director Eagan and Investigator Bailey regarding the on-going issues and investigations of the Vision Professionals Board. Even on an unannounced visit, I found Director Eagan and Secretaries Simmons & Lopez-Wellman hard at work. Investigator Bailey was out of the office on assignment.

Investigator Eric Spence has taken on new responsibilities and we wish him well with his new endeavors.



On a sad note, you may have heard about the two pleasure boats that collided on the Colorado River during the Labor Day Holiday Weekend. Thirteen were injured and 3 died. One of the deceased was an Ocularist colleague from California.

As we begin to wrap up our first year together as the newly created Vision Professionals Board. It appears the transition has progressed smoothly. I welcome any suggestions that you may have to improve on the Board's function, our meeting time together, and/or my style of chairing the meetings.

Again, I am honored to serve as your chair.

Executive Director's Report:

Executive Director Eagan thanked the Board for sending Dr. Archer and herself to the ARBO Convention and stated that she had learned a lot by attending.

The Budget submission was turned in this week and the appropriation for each year of the next biennium (FY20-21) is the same as was appropriated for the Board in FY19- \$650,607. This is approximately \$60,000 less than the combined ODB and OPT appropriations for FY18 if totaled separately. The Board will be absorbing this cost by increasing efficiencies and cutting duplicative costs. It is estimated that this budget will cover the anticipated needs of the Board and allows us a cushion in case of unseen costs.

The topic of vocational optical education continues to come before the Board. Director Eagan informed the Board that she had met with a representative of the Southern Hills Career Technical Center located in Georgetown, Ohio. They are interested in starting an optical program and are working with their superintendent to start the process and build out their curriculum. The Medina County High School Vocational Program is also interested in presenting to the Board for approval of their program.

Director Eagan informed the Board that she had also met with regional managers from Wal-Mart who are interested in providing additional training for their supervising opticians in order to increase the number of apprentices entering the field and progressing through their 2 years to successfully pass the ABO exam and obtain their license. While some of this is incumbent upon the employer, the Board can also examine their career awareness/marketing efforts and applicable laws in regards to apprenticeship (i.e. no infinite apprentices).

The Board office is preparing for renewals. Initial communications have been sent and QA has been completed to ensure the documents that are auto-sent via eLicense are correct and queued for the appropriate time.

Director Eagan informed the Board that notices of CE completion are rolling in at a steady pace and we have completed nearly 800 CE audits so far. The Board office is completing these audits, on average, within 2 hours of the request.

Ratification of Licenses:

It was moved by Thomas Barracato and seconded by Dr. Darrell Dye that the Board ratify for licensure the Optician applicants listed on Addendum 1.0. The motion was adopted.

It was moved by Kimberly Mermis and seconded by Dr. Cheryl Archer that the applications for licensure by exam as an Optometrists be approved. The motion was adopted.

It was moved by Dr. Jacqueline Davis and seconded by Dr. Cheryl Archer that the applications for licensure by endorsement as an Optometrists be approved. The motion was adopted.

It was moved by Kimberly Mermis and seconded by Dr. Jacqueline Davis that the applications for licensure by endorsement as an Optometrist be approved pending the receipt of missing information. The motion was adopted.

It was moved by Dr. Darrell Dye and seconded by Kimberly Mermis that the applications for reinstatement as an Optometrists be approved. The motion was adopted.

Approval of Continuing Education:

After review of the course content, it was moved by Dr. Thomas Nye and seconded by Dr. Jacqueline Davis continuing education courses 2018-177P to 2018-202P and 2019-001P to 2019-022P be approved. The motion passed.

After review of the course content, it was moved by Thomas Barracato and seconded by Dr. Cheryl Archer that the classroom program “It’s All Rods and Unicones” to be presented on January 26, 2019 and February 24, 2019, for 2 spectacle hours and 2 contact lens hours be approved. The motion passed.

After review of the course content, it was moved by Thomas Barracato and seconded by Dr. Darrell Dye that the classroom program “Relevant Information for the Ohio Spectacle Optician” to be presented in In Perrysburg and Fairfield on January 27, 2019 and February 24, 2019, for 2 contact lens and 2 SCD hours be approved. The motion passed.

After review of the course content, it was moved by Thomas Barracato and seconded by Dr. Jacqueline Davis that the classroom program “Contact Dispensing Guidelines and SCD Requirements for the Licensed Optician” to be presented in Cleveland on October 6, 2018, for 2 SCD hours be approved. The motion passed.

Investigator Report:

Board investigator Bailey delivered the Investigator Report.

Therapeutic Optometry Matters:

Dr. Archer discussed a matter regarding a pending Medical Board rule and informed the Board that she does not feel that the Board needs to respond to the Medical Board.



AAG Report:

Assistant Attorney General Emily Pelphrey informed the Board that she wanted to provide information regarding the Sunshine Law and a handout was provided to the Board members and staff.

AAG Pelphrey further informed the Board that the lack of complaints regarding the Board merger further showed proof of the smooth transition.

New Business:

Waiver of CE Request:

Thomas Barracato moved and Dr. Darrell Dye seconded to grant the requested CE waiver. The motion passed.

After review, Dr. Thomas Nye moved and Dr. Cheryl Archer seconded that the Board accept the new language regarding volunteer CE Hours as amended. The motion passed.

Other Business:

President Miller opened the floor. Representatives from OOA and OAO addressed the Board.

Executive Session on Matters Pertaining to Personnel:

It was moved by Dr. Cheryl Archer and seconded by Dr. Jacqueline Davis that the Board enter into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing pending disciplinary matters and one staff matter. The motion passed by a roll call vote. Motion adopted. President Miller asked AAG Pelphrey, Executive Director Eagan and Board staff to remain in the meeting room.

At 11:16 a.m. the Board went into Executive Session. At 11:29 a.m. Dr. Cheryl Archer moved and Dr. Darrell Dye seconded that the Board come out of Executive Session.

It was moved by Dr. Cheryl Archer and seconded by Dr. Jacqueline Davis that the Board accept Dr. DB's updated consent agreement terms. The motion passed.

It was moved by Dr. Thomas Nye and seconded by Dr. Jacqueline Davis that the Board approve the Notice of Opportunity for a hearing. The motion passed.

It was moved by Dr. Jacqueline Davis and seconded by Thomas Barracato that the Board ratify the parity salary increase approval.

Hearing no other issues for discussion, President Miller requested a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting.



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It was moved by Thomas Barracato and seconded by Dr. Cheryl Archer that the September 13, 2018, meeting of the Ohio Vision Professionals Board be adjourned. Motion adopted.

President Miller adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting at 11:33 a.m. September 13, 2018.

ATTESTED:

PRESIDENT, BRIAN J MILLER

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, KATHLEEN EAGAN

Future Board Meeting Dates:

December 13, 2018



Number	Applicant: Full Name	Applicant Street Address	Applicant City	Applicant State	Applicant Zip Code
OP.017044-S	April Allen	4593 Summerside Rd Apt 34	Cincinnati	OH	45244-1461
OP.017050-S	Sandra Arthur	1705 Ray St	Ashland	KY	41101-4145
OP.017041-SC	Bonnie Ashley	610 Runnymede Rd	Oakwood	OH	45419-3322
OP.017042-S	Cathy Bigley	5505 Bayshore Rd	Oregon	OH	43616-4409
OP.017021-S	Gilbert S. Blazek III	14763 Stoltz Road	Diamond	OH	44412
OP.017038-S	Abygale Brickner	328 Ella St	Tiffin	OH	44883-2927
OP.017047-S	Alexis Browne	3910 Oak St Apt 14	Cincinnati	OH	45227-3161
OP.017029-S	Amber Bryant	4341 Walnut St	Oxford	OH	45056-9398
OP.017048-S	Leah Childers	1163 McDonogh Drive	Batavia	OH	45103
OP.017033-S	Douglas Dorsey	2857 Colony Wood Cir. SW	Canton	OH	44706
OP.017026-S	Alyssa Ebert	1344 Baccarat Drive	Columbus	OH	43228
OP.017030-S	Nikki Gallimore	6871 Walnut Creek Ct	Dayton	OH	45459
OP.017034-S	Nate Hofacre	1931 50th St SE	Canton	OH	44709-1105
OP.017046-S	Deanna Hubbard	4341 Walnut St	Oxford	OH	45056-9398
OP.017025-S	Derrick Kneisley	636 S Miami St Apt 3N	West Milton	OH	45383
OP.017023-S	Kimberly Manter	6948 Camden Dr	New Albany	OH	43054-9288
OP.017035-S	Brody McCreary	14915 Lake Ave Apt 3	Lakewood	OH	44107-1343
OP.017043-S	Amy Mills	89 Plymouth St	Lexington	OH	44904-1138
OP.017037-S	Frederic Myers	152 Brookfield St	Louisville	OH	44641-2510
OP.017036-SC	Victoria Nemergut	921 Glen Way NE	Brookhaven	GA	30319-3049
OP.017024-S	Gianna Olinger	885 W Pine Lake Rd	Salem	OH	44460
OP.017032-SC	Daniela Orsborn	24802 Fawn Dr	North Olmsted	OH	44070
OP.017031-S	Tiffany Paimi	2423 S Holland-Sylvania Rd Apt 193	Maumee	OH	43537
OP.017027-S	Janice Phipps	4322 Beck St	Maumee	OH	43537
OP.017028-S	Melissa Powers	17724 Hilliard Rd	Lakewood	OH	44107
OP.017039-S	Bonnie Reinke	11467 Greenwich Rd	Homerville	OH	44235
OP.017040-S	Eric Risk	623 Fleming Rd	Cincinnati	OH	45231
OP.017051-S	Christopher Robinson	12035 Greencastle Dr	Cincinnati	OH	45246
OP.017052-C	Samantha Schwarzell	5196 Dahltry Ln	Columbus	OH	43220-2198
OP.017045-S	Tyler Shreves	907 2nd St	Lancaster	OH	43130-4605
OP.013667-SC	Melissa Stenger	5659 Old Blue Rock Rd	Cincinnati	OH	45247
OP.017049-S	Berdy Wagnac	101 E Corry St Unit 420	Cincinnati	OH	45219-2590
OP.009913-SC	Kim Weaver	3117 Heatherdowns Blvd	Toledo	OH	43614
OP.017022-S	Deborah Zimnoch	4808 Farley Dr	Mentor	OH	44060

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