

BOARD FOR HEARING AID SPECIALISTS AND OPTICIANS

CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING

The Board for Hearing Aid Specialists and Opticians Continuing Education Committee met on Wednesday, October 7, 2020, at the Offices of the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor, Board Room 1, Richmond, Virginia. The following board committee members were present:

Judith Canty
Alan Krishnan
David Lambert
June Rogers
Laura Thompson

DPOR staff present for all or part of the meeting included:

Stephen Kirschner, Regulatory Operations Administrator

Ms. Rogers called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

Call to Order

Mr. Kirschner asked for public comment. There was none.

Public Comment

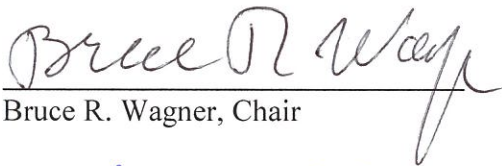
Mr. Kirschner introduced the topic of continuing education and the purpose of the committee. The committee discussed whether there was a health, safety, and welfare risk to the public by licensed opticians that is going unaddressed. The committee determined that it did not have firm data available to answer this question, and developed a plan to contact other state licensing agencies in an effort to acquire data on how continuing education for opticians is being used and whether it is having an impact on the volume of complaints the agencies receive.

Discussion

The committee decided to meet again immediately following its Dec. 15, 2020 meeting to discuss the results of their research.

There being no further discussion, Ms. Rogers adjourned the committee meeting at 11:38 a.m.

Adjourn


Bruce R. Wagner, Chair


Mary Broz-Vaughan, Secretary