

**BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
FULL BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2016**

TIME AND PLACE: The Board of Optometry (Board) meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions (DHP), Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor, Room 1, Henrico, Virginia 23233.

PRESIDING OFFICER: Joseph E. Droter, O.D., Chair

MEMBERS PRESENT: Helene Clayton-Jeter, O.D.
Steven A. Linas, O.D.
Lisa Wallace-Davis, O.D.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Devon Cabot, Citizen Member
Douglas Weberling, O.D.

STAFF PRESENT: David E. Brown, D.C., Director
Lisa R. Hahn, MPA, Chief Deputy Director
Leslie L. Knachel, Executive Director
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst
Carol Stamey, Operations Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: Bruce Keeney, Virginia Optometric Association (VOA)
Bo Keeney, VOA
Jonathan R. Noble, O.D.

QUORUM: With four members of the Board present, a quorum was established.

ORDERING OF AGENDA No changes were made to the agenda.

PRESENTATION OF BOARD PLAQUE: Dr. Noble was presented with a plaque in recognition of his service to the Commonwealth as a board member for eight years.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Keeney thanked Ms. Yeatts for her assistance with HB564 that involved changes to continuing education requirements.

Mr. Keeney requested that the board consider posting full agenda packages to the Board's and the Town Hall's websites.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Dr. Brown introduced Lisa R. Hahn, MPA, as the agency's new chief deputy director. In addition, he provided an update on the Department's recent activities related to the Task Force on Prescription Drug Abuse and the Prescription Monitoring Program.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Dr. Droter commented that the copy of the minutes in the agenda package contained an error that had been previously corrected. Leslie Knachel and Carol Stamey confirmed that draft had been corrected and posted to the website; however, the uncorrected draft had inadvertently been included in the agenda package.

Dr. Linas moved to approve the minutes with the correction to the officer election process. The motion was seconded and carried.

**REGULATORY/
LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:**

2016 Legislation Update

Ms. Yeatts provided an overview of the 2016 legislation that affects the boards within the Department of Health Professions.

Regulatory Update

- **Changes to Continuing Education (comment period closed 12/30/2015)**

Ms. Yeatts reported on the comments from the Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) related to continuing education (CE) changes. She commented that legislation (HB564) regarding CE for optometrists that was introduced during the 2016 General Assembly session would supersede the changes identified in the NOIRA. Therefore, she recommended that the Board withdraw the NOIRA.

Ms. Yeatts indicated that after July 1, 2016, when the requirements of HB564 become effective, the Board would adopt regulations that reflect the CE changes outlined in the legislation. At that time, the Board could consider the inclusion of additional regulatory changes such as acceptance of the Continued Professional Development Examination in Optometry (CPDO) to meet CE requirements.

Ms. Knachel stated that she will provide updated information on the CPDO for the Board members.

Dr. Linas moved to withdraw the NOIRA due to pending legislation related to CE requirement. The motion was seconded and carried.

- **Conforming TPA list to law (effective on 9/23/15)**

Ms. Yeatts reported the update to the regulations related to the rescheduling of hydrocodone combination products became effective on September 23, 2015.

- **Periodic Review Discussion**

Ms. Yeatts reported that although the Board has taken a number of regulatory actions in the past few years it was time to do a complete review. She recommended that the Board start a periodic review of its regulations in the fall. For the next meeting, Ms. Yeatts indicated that she will provide a review of all regulatory actions taken since the last periodic review.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Attendance at Annual Meeting for Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry (ARBO)

Dr. Droter reported that the attendees for the upcoming Boston meeting included Drs. Linas and Clayton-Jeter and Ms. Knachel.

Dr. Clayton-Jeter reported that she will be attending the upcoming regional meeting for the Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry in Atlanta following the South Eastern Congress of Ophthalmologists (SECO) meeting. In addition, Dr. Droter indicated that he would be attending the regional meeting. Dr. Clayton-Jeter was authorized to represent Virginia if any voting was required.

Report on Continuing Education Audit Process

Ms. Knachel reported on the process followed for conducting a CE audit. In addition, she provided statistics on the audit sample and outcome. The Board requested that Ms. Knachel send an email notification to licensees regarding the audit process to include the use of transcripts from OE Tracker.

Policy Issues

- **Telemedicine**

As requested at the previous board meeting, Ms. Knachel included guidance documents on the subject of telemedicine from the Boards of Medicine and Nursing in the agenda package for the Boards review.

- **Kiosks Performing Refractions**

Dr. Droter requested guidance from board counsel regarding telemedicine, kiosks performing refraction and possible conflict with §54.1-3204 of the Code of Virginia. Follow-up information will be provided at the next board meeting.

- **Developing Technology**

Dr. Droter noted that the board will continue to monitor the issue of technology as it develops.

BOARD OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS REPORT:

Dr. Clayton-Jeter provided an overview of her meeting as a member of the Board of Health Professions meeting which included the following topics:

- Healthcare Workforce Data's survey results reflected an aging population of healthcare professionals;
- Optometry professional survey question regarding the optometrist's degree required revision;
- Possible addition to the Department's website regarding career development with notification to schools and colleges of optometry;
- Dr. Carter will be presenting at ARBO's annual meeting on the Healthcare Workforce Data survey process; and
- Dr. Clayton-Jeter was appointed as Vice-Chair of the Board of Health Professions.

Dr. Droter reported that the Virginia Department of Health was collecting "Meaningful Use" data. He requested that Dr. Clayton-Jeter research what information is being collected and whether it pertains to optometry and report back at the next board meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Droter reported that he will be at the SECO meeting and the regional ARBO meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Statistics

Ms. Knachel reported on licensure and case statistics.

Budget

Ms. Knachel reported on the budget.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business was identified.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Joseph E. Droter, O.D.
Chair

Leslie L. Knachel, M.P.H.
Executive Director

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