

Board of Registration of Dispensing Opticians

Public Session Minutes

Date: April 6, 2022 Time: 10:00 a.m.

A public meeting of the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Dispensing Opticians (“the Board”) was held via Videoconference and Conference Call pursuant to Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, signed into law on February 12, 2022.

Board Members Present:

David Fogg
Deanna Kurlowecz, Board Chair
Gary Peters

Staff Present:

Lynn Read, Board Counsel
Thomas F. Burke, Executive Director

Board Members Not Present:

Marty Bregman

Meeting called To Order:

- Ms. Kurlowecz called the meeting to order at 10:12 am and established a quorum via calling attendance: Gary Peters, Deanna Kurlowecz, David Fogg participating via video, and Marty Bregman participating via audio.
- Exit and Evacuation procedures were tabled.

Board Business:

- **Report from Executive Director, Thomas Burke**

Mr. Burke reported that the open meeting law permitting the Board to continue to meet remotely was extended by Governor Baker until July 15, 2022. Mr. Burke provided the following update on the status of apprentice opticians granted extensions by the Board:

Keri Bosi Apprenticeship Update: Apprenticeship re-instated 5.6.2020 expired 5.6.2021.

Jimmie Melton Apprenticeship Update: Apprenticeship began 7.19.19 and expired 7.29.20

Albert Odei-Boateng Apprenticeship Update: Apprenticeship began 9.11.14 through 9.1.19 and canceled on 9.11.20

Benjamine LeMaine Apprenticeship Update: Apprenticeship began 01.26.15 and extended until 5.12.22. Board staff will follow up with Mr. LeMaine.

Application Review:

At 10:19 a.m., the Board was scheduled to meet with applicants for licensure and reviewed applications and additional documentation. Below is a list of the candidates for review and the motion and roll call vote for each:

Soleil Curylo– After review of Ms. Curylo’s application, Mr. Fogg moved to approve her for licensure. Mr. Peters seconded. Motion passed by a roll call vote: Ms. Kurlowecz: “Yes”, Mr. Fogg: “Yes”, Mr. Peters: “Yes.”

Neribel Gomez– After review of Ms. Gomez’s application, Ms. Kurlowecz moved to approve her for licensure. Mr. Peters seconded. Motion passed by a roll call vote: Ms. Kurlowecz: “Yes”, Mr. Fogg: “Yes”, Mr. Peters: “Yes.”

Sherrest Gilbert – After review of Ms. Gilbert’s application, Ms. Kurlowecz moved to approve her for licensure. Mr. Peters seconded. Motion passed by a roll call vote: Ms. Kurlowecz: “Yes”, Mr. Fogg: “Abstain”, Mr. Peters: “Yes.”

Abolhassan Sadr – After review of Mr. Sadr’s application, Mr. Fogg moved to approve him for licensure. Mr. Peters seconded. Motion passed by a roll call vote: Ms. Kurlowecz: “Yes”, Mr. Fogg: “Yes”, Mr. Peters: “Yes.”

Dalena Pham – After review of Ms. Pham’s application, Mr. Fogg moved to direct applicant to submit additional hours to make up for discounted hours worked during her apprenticeship and direct supervisor to re-register apprenticeship with the Division of Apprenticeship Standards (“DAS”). Ms. Pham may resubmit her hours of supervision after a period of six months. Ms. Kurlowecz seconded. Motion passed by a roll call vote: Ms. Kurlowecz: “Yes”, Mr. Peters: “Yes.” Mr. Fogg: “Yes.”

Discussion:

- **Verification of Hours Form** – The Board confirmed that the form posted on website is correct.
- **Advertisement for unlicensed assistance** – Tabled.
- **Full Curriculum versus Test Prep** – The Board discussed the test requirements utilized by corporate entities in comparison with current apprentice training material. There was no vote taken, but the Board instructed Mr. Peters to include the review of testing requirements in his ongoing work with corporate entities.
- **Corporate Updates** –The Warby Parker apprenticeship program will be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.
- **Patient Record Retention** – Tabled.
- **Licensed Managers** – Tabled.
- **Neutralization of Eyeglass lenses** – Mr. Fogg will send the Director and Board counsel additional rules regarding dispensing opticians and neutralization of lenses. There was no vote taken.

Open session for topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance meeting:

None.

At 12:38 p.m., Ms. Kurlowecz, made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fogg to adjourn the public meeting and to enter into closed session to conduct investigatory conferences, pursuant to

G.L. c. 112, §65C, and at the conclusion of the closed session, not return to the public meeting. Motion passed by a roll call vote: Ms. Kurlowecz: “Yes”, Mr. Fogg: “Yes”, Mr. Peters: “Yes.”

Cases, Investigative Conference, Settlement Offers [Closed session pursuant to G.L. c. 112 §65C]:

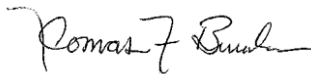
During the closed session, the Board took the following action:

2020-000528-IT-ENF – provided guidance on settlement terms to the prosecutor.

Adjournment:

- **At 1:03 p.m. Ms. Kurlowecz moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Peters seconded. Motion passed by a roll call vote: Ms. Kurlowecz: “Yes”, Mr. Fogg: “Yes”, Mr. Peters: “Yes.”**

Respectfully Submitted,



Thomas F. Burke
Executive Director

Documents used in the open meeting:

- Agenda for DO Board Meeting of April 6, 2022
- Report on Apprenticeship Extensions
- Applications for S. Curylo, N. Gomez, S. Gilbert, A. Sadr, D. Pham (protected personal data redacted)
- Verification of Hours Form
- Optician Apprentice Training Program