

Board of Registration of Optometry

Public Session Minutes

Meeting Held by Phone/Video Conference

DATE: June 12, 2024 TIME: 10:00am

A public meeting of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Optometry (“the Board”) was held via Videoconference and Conference Call pursuant to section 40 of chapter 2 of the acts of 2023, signed into law on March 29, 2023.

Board Members Present by Phone/Video:

Rhonda Willinger, OD

Everett Sabree, OD

Jeanette Sewell, OD

Julie Hiura, OD

DPH Staff Present by Phone/Video:

Jaqueline Petrillo, Board Counsel

Thomas F. Burke, Executive Director

Lauren McShane, Chief Investigator

Margaret McKenna, Board Staff

Christian Carl, Board Intern

Board Members Not Present by Phone/Video:

Marianne Sarkis, Ph.D.

Meeting called to order at 10:05 AM by Dr. Sabree

Meeting called to order:

- Teleconference Procedures

Tabled.

- Roll Call Vote for Attendance

Board chair Dr. Sabree established a quorum via calling attendance: Everett Sabree, Jeanette Sewell, Rhonda Willinger, and Julie Hiura. All members participated remotely via Webex by Cisco.

Board Business:

- Review of Public Session Agenda: June 12, 2024

Dr. Sewell moved to accept the public session agenda as written. Dr. Willinger seconded. The motion passed on a roll call vote: Dr. Willinger – “yes”; Dr. Sabree – “yes”; Dr. Sarkis – “Not Present”; Dr. Sewell – “yes”; Dr. Hiura – “Abstain”.

- Review of Public Session Minutes: May 15, 2024

Dr. Sewell moved to accept the public session minutes as written. Dr. Willinger seconded. The motion passed on a roll call vote: Dr. Willinger – “yes”; Dr. Sabree – “yes”; Dr. Sarkis – “Not Present”; Dr. Sewell – “yes”; Dr. Hiura – “Abstain”.

Correspondence:

- Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry (ARBO) Proposed Bylaws Changes 2024

Board reviewed announcement of new bylaws to be voted on at the ARBO 2024 annual meeting. Read and filed.

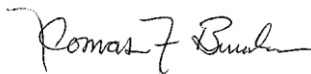
Mr. Burke reminded the board members and public that the next meeting will be held on August 21st at 10:00 a.m.

Dr. Hiura introduced herself to the other members of the Board.

Adjournment:

At 10:14 a.m., Dr. Sewell moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Willinger seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Dr. Willinger – “yes”; Dr. Sabree – “yes”; Dr. Sarkis – “Not Present”; Dr. Sewell – “yes”; Dr. Hiura – “yes”.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas Burke, Executive Director

Documents used in the open meeting:

- Agenda for June 12, 2024 board meeting
- Public session minutes for May 15, 2024
- Letter from the Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry (ARBO) with proposed bylaw changes