

Board of Registration of Optometry

Public Session Minutes

1000 Washington 1st Floor Room 1C, Boston, MA 02118

DATE: June 20, 2018 TIME: 10:00am

Board Members Present:

Everett Sabree, OD
Jeanette Sewell, OD
Rhonda Willinger, OD

DPL Staff:

Michael Hawley, Executive Director
Sheila York, Board Counsel
Thomas Burke, Assoc. Executive Director

Board Members Absent:

Bruce Rakusin, OD
Marianne Sarkis, Ph.D.

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

Evacuation Procedure:

Mr. Hawley discussed safety procedures in the event of emergency.

Review Minutes:

- Minutes of March 21, 2018 meeting reviewed to assure that all amendments requested by the Board at the May 16 meeting were made correctly. The Board agreed that they were. No vote required.
- Minutes of May 16, 2018 meeting – tabled until next meeting.

Report from Executive Director:

- Applications appear to be being processed properly and transmitted by PCS.

Report from Board Counsel:

- Reciprocity/Endorsement evaluations and process – No reciprocal applications to report.
- Legislative update - no news

Discussion:

- Question on Joint accreditation for Continuing education courses – The Board received a question from Amy Watts, OD, who wished to know whether Massachusetts would accept CE course offered at Boston Children’s Hospital under a collaboration between Joint Accreditation and the Council on Optometric Practitioner Education (“COPE”). The Board questioned whether these courses would be considered COPE approved,

despite not having gone through the COPE approval process. Also discussed was the fact that Boston Children's Hospital is a Harvard teaching hospital and Harvard is currently a Massachusetts approved Continuing education provider. The Board directed staff to investigate further.

Compliance Monitoring:

- Probation Termination: J. Maghalaes, OD – The board considered the question of whether to terminate the probation of Dr. Maghalaes. There was concern because Dr. Maghalaes and his attorney never responded to a follow-up letter from Board Counsel regarding Dr. Maghalaes forms and policies. The Board directed Board counsel to contact Dr. Maghalaes and his attorney again.

Open Session for topics not reasonably anticipated: none

Motion to adjourn made by Dr. Sewell. Dr. Sabree seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 10:51a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Hawley, Executive Director

Documents used in the open meeting:

- Agenda for June 20, 2018 board meeting
- Post approval draft of Minutes of March 21, 2018 board meeting
- Email from Amy Watts, OD requesting information on Joint Approval CE courses, dated 6/1/2018
- Letter from Board Counsel to Attorney Sakellarios regarding J. Maghalaes, dated, 12/5/2016