

## **Board of Registration of Optometry**

### **Public Session Minutes**

1000 Washington 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Room 1C, Boston, MA 02118

DATE: September 19, 2018 TIME: 10:00am

#### **Board Members Present:**

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

#### **DPL Staff Present:**

Michael Hawley, Executive Director  
Sheila York, Board Counsel

#### **Members Absent:**

Bruce Rakusin, OD  
Marianne Sarkis, Ph.D.

Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM by Dr. Sabree

#### **Evacuation Procedure:**

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

#### **Review Minutes:**

- Minutes of August 15, 2018 meeting – **Dr. Sabree moved to accept the minutes as amended. Dr. Willinger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Report from Executive Director:**

- Licensing Update: Mr. Hawley reported the numbers of licenses issued by the board, month by month since January 2018. The total number of licenses issued, so far, for 2018 is 35. Mr. Hawley reported that, while there were technical delays with issuance of some licenses in January and February, there appear to have been no such delays since then. The Board inquired about the numbers of licenses issued in previous years. Mr. Hawley agreed to compile numbers for recent years for his report at the next meeting.

#### **Report from Board Counsel:**

- No update.

#### **Discussion:**

- **Request from Kristen Brown regarding the use of Intense Pulsed Light** – The Board tabled this discussion in order to allow Board Counsel to continue to research whether other states permit the use of the therapy in the practice of optometry and report the results of the research for discussion at a future board meeting.
- **Advertisement for Eye Examinations by LensCrafters** – The Board received a question from an Optometrist who questioned the legality of an advertisement by

LensCrafters in the September issue of AARP magazine. The licensee indicated that LensCrafters is advertising \$55 eye exams. Board Counsel indicated that such advertisements often include a disclaimer indicating that such offers are void in states that prohibit them (or other such language). The Board requested that Board Counsel and staff request a copy of the ad to review and tabled the discussion for a future board meeting.

- **Notification from ARBO of new COPE approver from MA** – The Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry (“ARBO”) sent notification to the Board of the appointment of Massachusetts optometrist as a reviewer for the Council on Optometric Practitioner Education (“COPE”). Read and filed.

#### **Reinstatement Request:**

- **Request from Gerald Selvin for license reinstatement** – The Board reviewed documents submitted by Dr. Selvin in support of his request for reinstatement. The Board was concerned with the question of whether Dr. Selvin met the requirements for continuous licensure and actively practicing in other states. Specifically, the Board wished to know whether there were lapses in Dr. Selvin’s licensure in Washington. Board staff will research and the Board will review the request at a future meeting.

#### **CE Review and Approval:**

- **Request from Worcester Ophthalmology Associates for approval of a two hour Continuing Education course** – The Board received a request for approval of a course entitled “Diagnosis, Treatment Strategies, and Emerging Technologies, of VMT and ERM and Discussion of Common Eyelid Conditions.”  
**Dr. Sabree moved to approve the course for two hours of continuing education credit, as requested. Dr. Sewell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Open Session for topics not reasonably anticipated: none**

11: 36: **Dr. Sabree moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Dr. Willinger. The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,



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Michael Hawley, Executive Director

Documents used in the open meeting:

- Agenda for September 19, 2018 board meeting
- Draft of Minutes of August 15, 2018 board meeting
- Note from Dr. George Montminy, undated.
- Request from Worcester Ophthalmology Associates for approval of a two hour Continuing Education course, dated August 2, 2018
- Notification from ARBO of new COPE approver from MA, dated August 23, 2018
- California License verification for Dr. Gerald Selvin, dated August 9, 2018
- Letter from Dr. Selvin to MA Board answering conditions for reinstatement, dated August 8, 2018
- Mass Board of Optometry letter to Dr. Selvin, dated March 21, 2018
- New Jersey license verification email for Dr. Selvin, dated August 28, 2018
- Link to New Jersey license verification web site, undated.
- Link to New York license verification web site, undated.
- Link to Oregon license verification web site, undated.
- Link to Washington license verification web site, undated.
- Partial CE record for Dr. Selvin (1991-2018), file dated August 27, 2018