

THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY
Professional & Vocational Licensing Division
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
State of Hawaii

MINUTES OF MEETING

The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, as required by Section 92-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS").

Date: Monday, July 28, 2014

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, 1st Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Present: Geoffrey Reynolds, O.D., Chair
Gayle Chang, Public Member
Jere Loo, O.D.
Kevin K. Lui, O.D.
Peter J. Shoji, O.D.
Daniel Jacob, Deputy Attorney General ("DAG")
Sandra Matsushima, Executive Officer ("EO")
Jennifer Fong, Secretary

Excused: Reid Saito, O.D., Vice Chair

Guests: None.

Agenda: The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, as required by section 92-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS").

1. Call to Order: There being a quorum present, Chair Reynolds called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

2. Additions/
Revisions to
Agenda: None.

3. Approval of
Board Meeting
Minutes
of May
12, 2014:

Chair Reynolds asked if there were any questions or comments on the minutes.

Dr. Lui requested the following changes to the minutes for clarification purposes (underlined material added, while bracketed material is to be deleted):

- On Page 2, under “Old Business”, the second paragraph should read “Dr. Lui reminded the Board that at their May 14, 2012 meeting, the Board adopted a policy on advertising post-licensure certifications. He recommended that item 7 of that policy be amended to read: “The Board does not deem passage of written examinations given by the NBEO prior to [Hawaii state licensure] graduation from a school of optometry as approved by the Board to be a post-licensure certification. Rather, it is viewed as a [typical] means of meeting state licensing [licensure] requirements. [Indeed, 1998 NBEO Board policy states that “*Passing any current National Board examination, including the TMOD examination, or any combination of current National Board examinations, is not equivalent to 'board certification'.*”]” (underlined material added, while bracketed material is to be deleted).”
- On Page 4, the first paragraph should read “7. The Board does not deem passage of written examinations given by the NBEO prior to graduation from a school of optometry as approved by the Board [Hawaii state licensure] to be a post-licensure certification. Rather, it is viewed as a means of meeting state licensing requirements.”

Chair Reynolds asked if there were any other corrections to the minutes.

There being no further discussion or amendments to the minutes, Ms. Chang voted to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2014 meeting as amended. It was seconded by Dr. Loo, voted on and unanimously carried.

4. Executive
Officer’s
Report:

- a. Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry (“ARBO”) Annual Meeting – Executive Officer’s Report

A copy of the EO’s report and the Chair’s report were distributed to the Board.

Dr. Lui noted that the EO’s report noted that she attended “The Role of Optometry Boards in Board Certification” presentation by Dale Atkinson, Esq. He disagreed with the statement that said “In addition, the Board’s counsel has determined that advertising post-licensure certification(s) is a violation of the optometry laws, pursuant to §16-92-52(3) and (6), HAR and §459-9(3) and (6), HRS.”

After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that the use of post-licensure certifications is okay as long as the credentialing body is also identified.

This is an informal interpretation for informational and explanatory purposes only and is not an official opinion or decision and therefore is not to be viewed as binding on the Board.

b. SB2682 SD1 HD2 CD1, Act 230 – Relating to Financial Disclosure Statements

EO Matsushima gave a brief synopsis of the Act and informed the Board that the Act does not apply to any of the Professional and Vocational Licensing (“PVL”) Division’s boards or programs.

c. National Board of Examiners in Optometry (“NBEO”) – Examination Equivalency

EO Matsushima provided the Board with an updated examination equivalency sheet from the NBEO.

5. Old Business:

a. ARBO OE Tracker – Upcoming Beta Test

EO Matsushima reported that she and Chair Reynolds were able to speak briefly to Sierra Rice of ARBO at the Annual Meeting. She said that ARBO is willing to do an OE Tracker beta test for up to four ODs. She noted that she has also been told that the PVL Division is also planning to update their licensing system in approximately 2-3 years which may allow them to do something similar, however, the discussion is still in the preliminary stage.

Chair Reynolds noted that the use of OE Tracker would also be several years down the line.

EO Matsushima stated that the Board will have to be flexible as there are still licensees that don’t use or have access to a computer.

6. Continuing Education:

a. Continuing Education Course Report

Dr. Lui moved to approve the following continuing education courses:

<u>Index #</u>	<u>Program Title/Sponsor</u>	<u>CE</u>	<u>TPA Hours</u>
14-015	Interesting Cases in Ophthalmology Hawaii Vision Specialists	2	2

<u>Index #</u>	<u>Program Title/Sponsor</u>	<u>CE</u>	<u>TPA Hours</u>
14-016	Cornea 2014 John Olkowski, M.D.	3	3
14-017	Seventh Annual CE in Paradise Jenkins Eye Care	4	4
14-018	Increase Your Allergy Know-How: A Review on the Latest Relevant Information on Ocular Allergy University of Alabama School of Optometry	2	2
14-019	The Lowdown on Blue Light: Good vs. Bad, and Its Connection to AMD University of Alabama School of Optometry	2	2
14-020	Eye on Glaucoma Case Chronicles in Glaucoma and Ocular Surface Disease Case 4 in a Series of 4 State University of New York College of Optometry	1	1
14-021	Updates in Ocular Surface Wellness Part 1: Ocular Allergy State University of New York College of Optometry	2	2
14-022	Updates in Ocular Surface Wellness Part 2: Dry Eye State University of New York College of Optometry	2	2
14-023	Clinical Management of Refractive Surgery Patients in the U.S. Military Navy Refractive Surgery Center San Diego	14.5	14.5

Dr. Loo seconded the motion, it was voted on and unanimously carried.

7. Applications: a. Ratification List

Upon a motion by Dr. Lui, seconded by Dr. Loo, it was voted on and unanimously carried to ratify the following:

Approved for Optometrist License

- OD 793 MICHELLE M OKABE
- OD 794 JANET T DOAN

Approved for TPA Certification

- OD 688 ALEX C KWON

b. Applications

Executive Session:

At 9:47 a.m., upon a motion by Dr. Lui, seconded by Dr. Loo, it was voted on and unanimously carried to move into Executive Session in accordance with HRS, 92-5(a)(1) and (4), "To consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for professional or vocational licenses cited in section 26-9 or both;" and "To consult with the board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities".

At 9:54 a.m., upon a motion by Ms. Chang, seconded by Dr. Lui, it was voted on and unanimously carried to move out of executive session.

Nina Masi Solis

Upon a motion by Dr. Shoji, seconded by Dr. Loo, it was voted on and unanimously carried to and unanimously carried to deny Dr. Solis's application pursuant to §16-92-19 and §16-92-26(4), Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") as the National Board of Examiners in Optometry ("NBEO") Exam Parts I and II, as taken and passed by Dr. Solis in 1985 through 1987, are not equivalent to the current NBEO Exam Parts I, II, and III.

8. Next Meeting:

Monday, September 29, 2014
8:30 a.m.
Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
King Kalakaua Building
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9. Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, Chair Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Taken by:

/s/ Jennifer Fong

Jennifer Fong
Secretary

Reviewed by:

/s/ Sandra Matsushima

Sandra Matsushima
Executive Officer

8/7/14

Minutes approved as is.

Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of _____.