

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

- Date: Monday, September 25, 2017
- Time: 9:00 a.m.
- Place: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, 1st Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
- Present: Reid Saito, O.D., Chair
Peter Shoji, O.D., Vice Chair
Seulyn Au, O.D.
Gayle Chang, Public Member
Jere Loo, O.D.
Darek Sato, Public Member
Robb Shibayama, O.D.
Daniel Jacob, Deputy Attorney General ("DAG")
Sandra Matsushima, Executive Officer ("EO")
James Kobashigawa, EO
Jennifer Fong, Secretary
- 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 Saito called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
- 2) Additional Distribution: Upon a motion by Vice Chair Shoji, seconded by Dr. Au, it was voted on and unanimously carried to add the following items to the agenda:
- Under 4. Executive Officer's Report, add "c. 2017 Optometrists Renewal Information" and "d. Introduction of James Kobashigawa".
- 3) Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of July 24, 2017: Chair Saito asked if there were any comments or concerns regarding the board minutes of the July 24, 2017 meeting.
There were none.

Upon a motion by Dr. Au, seconded by Dr. Shibayama, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2017 meeting as circulated.

4) Executive Officer's Report:

EO Matsushima introduced EO Kobashigawa. She noted that they are in the process of transitioning for EO Kobashigawa to take over as the Board's EO.

a. Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("DCCA") Disciplinary Actions for June and July 2017

EO Matsushima reported that there were no optometry-related DCCA disciplinary actions for June and July 2017.

b. Geo Report – Number of Current Licensees

EO Matsushima reported that the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division updated their Geographic Report of Current Licensees as of July 20, 2017. As of that date, there were 431 Hawaii licensed optometrists.

c. 2017 Optometrists Renewal Information

EO Matsushima reminded the Board that at their last meeting they approved the "2017 Optometrists Renewal Information" document which was posted shortly after the meeting on the Board's website. She noted that Board staff have been getting numerous inquiries daily about the continuing education requirement. She asked that the Board members refer all inquiries to the website and try to get the word out that the document is available. She noted that the "Continuing Education Verification" form is also posted on the website. This is the form which may be used by those licensees who obtained their 100 hours of TMOD education within the two years prior to the date the application of license renewal is received by the Board.

d. Introduction of James Kobashigawa

EO Matsushima introduced EO James Kobashigawa. She noted that she and EO Kobashigawa are in the process of transitioning for EO Kobashigawa to take over as the Board's EO.

EO Kobashigawa stated he is looking forward to working with the Board.

5) Old Business:

a. Continuing Education ("CE") Review for 2013 License Renewal of Michael Santarlas, O.D.

The Board reviewed an email sent by Dr. Santarlas' attorney through the Regulated Industries Complaints Office asking if the Board would approve

three of the courses previously submitted by Dr. Santarlas for his 2013 renewal. These three courses are: 1) Premium IOL Grand Rounds; 2) Advances in Cataract Surgery with GWSVI; and 3) New Lasik Technologies at GWSVI.

Upon a motion by Vice Chair Shoji, seconded by Dr. Shibayama, it was voted on and unanimously carried to accept "Premium IOL Grand Rounds" and "Advances in Cataract Surgery with GWSVI" towards satisfying the continuing education ("CE") requirement for the audit period of January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2013. EO Matsushima was directed to inform Dr. Santarlas that the Board did not accept "New Lasik Technologies at GWSVI" as the course has the same COPE ID number as a course previously accepted by the Board ("A Spy Glass View of the Latest and Greatest Refractive Technologies") towards the CE requirement, therefore, he remains short one (1) hour of Board approved continuing education. The Board is requesting that Dr. Santarlas provide documentation of the remaining one (1) hour of Board approved continuing education within 30 days.

6) New Business:

a. Delegation of Duties to Executive Officer – to delegate to its Executive Officer the authority to approve applications pursuant to HRS §436B-8

EO Matsushima asked the Board if it would delegate to its Executive Officer the authority to approve applications.

It was moved by Dr. Loo, seconded by Dr. Au, and unanimously carried to delegate to the Executive Officer the authority to approve applications. The Board indicated that its Executive Officer may only be permitted to approve an application if:

1. The licensee submits a restoration application including all required supporting documents and appropriate fees;
2. The license requirements have not changed since the Board's last approval; and
3. There is no derogatory information or the derogatory information is not directly related to the licensee's profession.

b. Letter from the Hawaii Optometric Association inquiring if it is within the scope of practice of a Hawaii optometrist to prescribe and dispense TrueTear™

The Board reviewed a letter submitted by Kevin Tsuda, O.D., President of the Hawaii Optometric Association asking if prescribing TrueTear™ is within the scope of practice of a Hawaii licensed optometrist.

Chair Saito noted that this product is for patients with dry eye and is self-administered by the patient.

EO Matsushima asked if there would be many patients interested in this type of device.

Vice Chair Shoji said yes, as many patients are running out of options to treat dry eye conditions.

Chair Saito noted that Dr. Tsuda's letter specifically states that the product is non-invasive.

Dr. Loo said it appears the product is non-invasive and treats an eye condition, therefore, he feels it is within the scope of practice of an optometrist with therapeutic pharmaceutical agents ("TPA") certification.

Vice Chair Shoji and Dr. Shibayama agreed.

DAG Jacob asked if a prescription would be required for this product.

Chair Saito said yes, it would not be available over the counter.

After some discussion, upon a motion by Vice Chair Shoji, seconded by Dr. Shibayama, it was voted on and unanimously carried that based on the information provided in Dr. Tsuda's letter, Hawaii licensed optometrists with TPA certification are allowed to prescribe TrueTear™

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7) Request for CE
Program Approval:

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

<u>Index #</u>	<u>Program Title/Sponsor</u>	<u>CE</u>	<u>TPA Hours</u>
17-011	2017 Montana Optometric Association Annual Education Conference and Exhibition <i>Montana Optometric Association</i>	19	18
17-012	Ocular Symposium: Pearls in Ocular Diagnosis <i>Ocular Symposium</i>	24	24

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17-013	Eyesight 2017 <i>Eyesight Hawaii – Maui</i>	3	3
17-014	Eyesight 2017 <i>Eyesight Hawaii</i>	3	3
17-015	International Vision Expo & Conference West 2017 <i>Reed Exhibitions/Vision Council</i>	179	67
17-016	10th Annual CE Seminar in Paradise <i>Jenkins Eye Care</i>	4	4
17-017	Academy 2017 Chicago Scientific Program <i>American Academy of Optometry</i>	33.25	8.5
17-018	Academy 2017 Chicago – Lectures & Workshop Program <i>American Academy of Optometry</i>	306	107
17-019	CE with Aloha <i>Aloha Laser Vision</i>	3	3
17-020	Pacific Rim Optometric Conference <i>Hawaii Optometric Association</i>	10	10

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

8. Applications:

a. Ratifications

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

Approved for Optometrist License

- OD 863 ROBERT FORBES
- OD 864 HEIDI BOWIE
- OD 865 NICHOLAS M KLAUBA
- OD 866 MAILE N MIKI
- OD 867 CHRISTIE S WONG
- OD 868 RYAN D JOHNSON
- OD 869 MELISSA ALMARALES

Approved for TPA Certification

- OD 860 MALIA M SATO
- OD 862 CHARENE-MARIE F DU BOYCE
- OD 866 MAILE N MIKI
- OD 867 CHRISTIE S WONG

9. Next Board Meeting: November 13, 2017
9:00 a.m.
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10. Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, Chair Saito adjourned the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

Taken by:

/s/ Jennifer Fong

Jennifer Fong
Secretary

Reviewed by:

/s/ Sandra Matsushima

Sandra Matsushima
Executive Officer

10/2/17

[] Minutes approved as is.

[] Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of _____.