

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, March 31, 2014

Time: 8:30 a.m.

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

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

Excused: Joy Shimabuku, Public Member

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 Lui called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

2. Additions/
Revisions to
Agenda: None.

3. Approval of
Board Meeting
and Executive
Session Minutes
of December
16, 2013: After some discussion, it was moved by Vice Chair Saito, seconded by Dr. Reynolds, and unanimously carried to approve both the board and executive session minutes of the December 16, 2013 meeting as circulated.

4. Executive
Officer's
Report:

a. License Renewal Update

EO Matsushima reported that the recent license renewal was successful. Most ODs complied in a timely manner. About a dozen ODs have been referred to RICO for non-compliance with the continuing education ("CE") requirement.

5. Old
Business:

a. Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry ("ARBO") OE Tracker

EO Matsushima noted that after Sierra Rice of ARBO finished her presentation at the Board's last meeting, the Board had additional questions which Ms. Rice stated that she would have to consult some of her colleagues on before she could answer. Copies of Ms. Rice's responses to those questions were distributed to the Board.

Chair Lui noted that at the last meeting, he had asked Dr. Reynolds to come up with some discussion points.

Dr. Reynolds noted that sooner or later, the questions that the Board has can only be answered by doing a test of the system. He stated that the Board is relying on the DAG's expertise to help them determine whether the statutes and rules will allow the Board to implement OE Tracker. He recommended that if OE Tracker can be implemented, implementation should be done in phases which would allow the Board to do some beta testing and also make the process more palatable to the licensees. He suggested that the Board also reach out to the Hawaii Optometric Association ("HOA") and keep them apprised of the progress. Dr. Reynolds noted that there will also be questions about who will be paying the fee and what the liability is. He stated that ultimately if the Board decides to proceed with OE Tracker, they should not do so simply because it is there and other states are using it. The Board needs to focus on what is best for the state of Hawaii and its licensees. He feels the Board should work on the bigger issues in order to get a better idea whether the idea of implementing OE Tracker here has merit.

Executive
Session:

At 8:46 a.m., it was moved by Dr. Reynolds, seconded by Vice Chair Saito, and unanimously carried to enter into executive session to consult with the Board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities in accordance with Section 92-5(a)(4), HRS.

At 9:00 a.m., it was moved by Vice Chair Saito, seconded by Dr. Loo, and unanimously carried to move out of executive session.

Chair Lui asked if there were any additional comments.

Vice Chair Saito noted that if the Board decides to proceed, they need to make it attractive to participate in OE Tracker. At this point, it does not seem much different than what is required now as the Board will still have to review the CEs.

The only benefit that he can see is that the licensees will know in advance if they meet the CE requirements for renewal. He questioned whether using OE Tracker would require all CE providers to get their courses approved by the Council on Optometric Practitioner Education ("COPE").

Chair Lui stated that it appears OE Tracker would work well with COPE approved courses and would certainly be more problematic for non-COPE approved courses. He noted that if all CE providers were required to get their courses approved by COPE it might mean the death of locally offered CE courses as the process is lengthy and there is a charge for review.

Dr. Reynolds noted that if the Board decides to do beta testing at some point, they can incorporate non-COPE approved courses into the testing.

DAG Jacob suggested that if the Board decides to proceed with OE Tracker, they should consider doing the beta testing to see if the system will work for Hawaii before they change their rules.

6. New Business:

a. ARBO Annual Meeting, June 22-24, 2014, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

After some discussion, upon a motion by Chair Lui, seconded by Vice Chair Saito, it was voted on and unanimously carried to appoint Dr. Reynolds as the Board's voting delegate and EO Matsushima as a non-voting delegate at the 2014 ARBO Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

EO Matsushima reported that she had just received a request for the Board to respond to several questions for discussion during the ARBO Annual Meeting. ARBO is asking for the Board's policy or rule regarding telemedicine regulation and their policy or rule regarding board certification.

Board members agreed by consensus to defer their response to ARBO's questions to the next meeting.

At 9:23 a.m., Dr. Shoji left the meeting.

b. Request from Kevin K. Lui, O.D. for Trade Name Approval

The Board reviewed the request from Dr. Lui for approval of the following trade name: Mid Pacific Eyecare.

Upon a motion by Ms. Chang, seconded by Dr. Loo, it was voted on to approve the trade name mentioned above with Ms. Chang, Dr. Loo, Vice Chair Saito, and Dr. Reynolds voting "Yes" and Chair Lui abstaining. The motion passed.

c. Request from Randall Sakamoto, O.D. for Trade Name Approval

The Board reviewed the request from Dr. Sakamoto for approval of the following trade name: Ala Moana Advanced Eye Clinic.

Upon a motion by Vice Chair Saito, seconded by Dr. Reynolds, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the trade name mentioned above.

7. Continuing Education:

a. Continuing Education Course Report

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>
14-012	Hawaii Optometric Association Winter Seminar Hawaii Optometric Association	8	8
14-013	2014 Optometry's Meeting American Optometric Association	84	81

Vice Chair Saito seconded the motion, it was voted on and unanimously carried.

8. Applications:

a. Ratification List

Upon a motion by Dr. Reynolds, seconded by Vice Chair Saito, it was voted on and unanimously carried to ratify the following:

Approved for Optometrist License

- OD 783 LOC H PHAM
- OD 784 SERENA M LEUNG
- OD 785 JAMES K MIYASAKA
- OD 786 YELISSA V ABBASI
- OD 787 NATALIE E MACKE
- OD 788 KAREN L LEE
- OD 789 BLAIR B LONSBERRY
- OD 790 SARAH W BIXBY-DUBOIS
- OD 791 MICHAEL F K DASH

Approved for TPA Certification

- OD 776 T EVONE K WONG
- OD 786 T YELISSA V ABBASI
- OD 785 T JAMES K MIYASAKA
- OD 784 T SERENA M LEUNG
- OD 787 T NATALIE E MACKE

- OD 779 T NATALIE RAMIREZ
- OD 780 T DANNETTE L LAMMERT

b. Applications

None.

9. Election of Officers:

Chair Lui informed the Board that he was stepping down as the Chair to give other members the opportunity to serve in this position.

Chair Lui moved to nominate Dr. Reynolds as Chair. Dr. Loo seconded the motion. It was voted on and unanimously carried.

10. Next Meeting:

Monday, May 12, 2014
8:30 a.m.
Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, 1st Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

11. Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, Chair Lui adjourned the meeting at 9:28 a.m.

Taken by:

/s/ Jennifer Fong

Jennifer Fong
Secretary

Reviewed by:

/s/ Sandra Matsushima

Sandra Matsushima
Executive Officer

4/14/14

Minutes approved as is.

Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of _____.