

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

- Date: Monday, March 19, 2018
- Time: 9:00 a.m.
- Place: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, First Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
- Present: Reid Saito, O.D., Chair
Peter Shoji, O.D., Vice Chair
Seulyn Au, O.D.
Gayle Chang, Public Member
Robb Shibayama, O.D.
Krishna Jayaram, Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)
James Kobashigawa, Executive Officer (“EO”)
Jennifer Fong, Secretary
- Excused: Jere Loo, O.D
Darek Sato, 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 Saito called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.
 2. Additional Distribution: None.
 3. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2018: Chair Saito asked if there were any comments or concerns regarding the board minutes of the January 8, 2018 meeting.

Ms. Chang noted that she was not present at the meeting and asked that her name be removed from the list of those present at the January 8, 2018 meeting.

There being no other requested corrections, upon a motion by Dr. Shibayama,

seconded by Ms. Chang, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2018 meeting as amended.

4. Executive Officer's Report:

a. DCCA Disciplinary Actions (through January 2018)

EO Kobashigawa reported that there were no optometry-related DCCA disciplinary actions in December 2017 and January 2018.

b. Renewal Statistics

EO Kobashigawa reported that as of 440 licenses were eligible for renewal. As of 1/16/18, 391 licenses were renewed which is 88.9% of eligible licenses. 381 of those licenses were renewed online.

5. Old Business:

a. Continuing Education ("CE") Audit for License Renewal

Chair Saito informed the Board that Dr. Kevin Lui called him after receiving the letter informing him that the Board's current rules do not allow acceptance of the Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry ("ARBO") certificate as it does not meet the requirements of Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") §16-92-40(a). Chair Saito noted that the Board has been working on revisions to the continuing education section for years and stated that he would like to move forward on making those amendments as soon as possible.

At 9:07 a.m., Vice Chair Shoji arrived.

Vice Chair Shoji stated he feels the Board should amend their language to include both the ARBO certificate and the ARBO Course History.

Dr. Shibayama noted that the reason the Board could not accept the ARBO certificate for the 2017 renewal is that it does not meet the certificate requirements in the current rules.

Chair Saito suggested that HAR § 16-92-40 be amended to include language which would allow the Board to accept ARBO certificates.

Vice Chair Shoji stated that he believed DAG Daniel Jacob was working on proposed language. He recalled DAG Jacob telling the Board it would take about a year for the entire rules process.

EO Kobashigawa said that if the Board will provide the changes they would like, he can work on language to present to the Board.

Chair Saito stated that he would work on the language with EO Kobashigawa.

He asked if the Board would also like to add language to accept a transcript from the course provider instead of a certificate.

Board members agreed.

EO Kobashigawa asked if the Board would like to keep the audit the same (i.e. all licensees are required to provide proof of completion of the continuing education requirement upon renewal) or if they would like to change to a random audit. He noted if the Board decides to change to a random audit, they have the option of holding the audit either pre-renewal or post-renewal.

Chair Saito inquired what the general percentage is for the other licensing areas who hold a random audit.

EO Kobashigawa stated that it depends. Of those he is familiar with, Accountancy is 10% and Dental is 5%.

By consensus, the Board unanimously carried to add language to make the following changes to their rules:

- Add language to allow for acceptance of certificates, transcripts and/or the course history from ARBO and other organizations approved by the Board;
- Add language to allow for acceptance of transcripts issued by the course provider;
- Change the renewal requirements to allow a pre-audit of 10% of licensees to submit their proof of compliance with the continuing education requirement.

6. New Business:

a. 2018 Legislative Session

- 1) H.B. No 2060, H.D. 1 Relating to Boards – Removes the word “Examiners” from the names of the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Board of Dental Examiners, Board of Examiners in Optometry, and the Board of Veterinary Examiners. Renames the boards with titles that more accurately reflect their scope and duties.

Chair Saito asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding this bill.

After some discussion, upon a motion by Ms. Chang, seconded by Dr. Au, it was voted on and unanimously carried to support H.B. No. 2060, H.D. 1.

b. Request from Lori Ann Kim, O.D. for reconsideration of accepting continuing education ("CE") hours obtained from interactive webinars as "live" CE hours

The Board reviewed a request from Dr. Kim which asked for the Board to reconsider not accepting participation in interactive webinars as "live" CE hours.

Chair Saito noted that if the Board does reconsider, a licensee could potentially not take any live traditional CE courses to fulfill their CE requirement.

Vice Chair Shoji stated that the Board's rules don't specifically address interactive webinars, therefore, it would be up to the Board to decide whether they would consider them as "correspondence" courses.

EO Kobashigawa informed the Board that they should take into consideration that there are generally two types of webinars: 1) passive, in which there is no opportunity for the participant to ask questions of the presenter during the webinar, and 2) interactive, in which the participant can ask questions of the presenter during the webinar.

After some discussion, by consensus, the Board unanimously carried to add language to allow: 1) interactive webinars and 2) online or correspondence courses sponsored by optometric journals recognized by the board provided that the total number of hours for each category constitutes no more than 25% of the total number of CE hours required per biennium for license renewal.

The Board directed EO Kobashigawa to inform Dr. Kim that they are taking her comments under consideration and the Board will be working to amend their rules to allow for acceptance of interactive webinars.

c. Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry ("ARBO") 2018 Annual Meeting, June 17-19, 2018, Denver, Colorado

After some discussion, upon a motion by Chair Saito, seconded by Dr. Au, it was voted on and unanimously carried to appoint Vice Chair Shoji as the Board's voting delegate and EO Kobashigawa as the Board's non-voting delegate to the ARBO 2018 Annual Meeting.

d. ARBO News Release regarding Joint Accreditation for Interprofessional Continuing Education

A copy of the ARBO News Release regarding Joint Accreditation for Interprofessional Continuing Education was distributed to the Board. The news release announced a new collaboration between the Joint Accreditation for

Interprofessional Continuing Education™ and ARBO's Council on Optometric Practitioner Education ("COPE"), giving jointly accredited interprofessional continuing education organizations the option to include optometrists in their education programs without needing to attain separate accreditations with COPE.

Chair Saito asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding this news release.

There were none.

e. Request for Important Information from the North Carolina State Board of Examiners in Optometry

A copy of the request from the North Carolina State Board of Examiners in Optometry ("NC Board") was distributed to the Board. The NC Board is requesting information on an investigation pertaining to a presentation given before a committee of the North Carolina General Assembly regarding an optometrist's possible contribution to the death of a patient by failing to appropriately diagnose and/or refer the patient.

Chair Saito noted that based on the information provided, he did not believe this optometrist is practicing in Hawaii. He asked if there were any questions or comments regarding this request.

There were none.

7. Request for CE Program Approval:

Vice Chair Shoji moved to approve the following continuing education courses:

<u>Index #</u>	<u>Program Title (Sponsor)</u>	<u>CE</u>	<u>TPA Hours</u>
17-024	Ptosis of Eyelids and Brows – Diagnosis and Management (<i>Hugo Higa, M.D</i>)	1.5	1.5
17-025	Pediatric Ophthalmology – Amblyopia Diagnosis and Treatment (<i>David Young, M.D.</i>)	1.5	1.5
18-006	Hawaii Optometric Winter Seminar (<i>Hawaii Optometric Association</i>)	8	8
18-007	2018 Montana Optometric Association Big Sky Conference (<i>Montana Optometric Association</i>)	13	11

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18-008	57th Annual Heart of America Eye Care Congress (Heart of America Eye Care Congress)	64	39
18-009	Integrating Medical Solutions in a Private Optometric Practice: Concepts and Case Reports (VSP Global – Victoria Clark)	1	1

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

8. Applications: a. Ratifications

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

Approved for Optometrist License

- OD 872 JOY S POPPELL
- OD 873 JOAN C G QUIBA
- OD 874 DANIEL A DEBACA

Approved for TPA Certification

- OD 813 T JANET J THAM
- OD 873 T JOAN C G QUIBA
- OD 874 T DANIEL A DEBACA

b. Applications

- 1) Jeffrey Gonnason, O.D.

Chair Saito gave a brief synopsis of the documents submitted by Dr. Gonnason for his application for Therapeutic Pharmaceutical Agent (“TPA”) Certification.

After some discussion, upon a motion by Vice Chair Shoji, seconded by Dr. Shibayama, it was voted on and unanimously carried to defer Dr. Gonnason’s application for TPA certification pending receipt of additional information regarding his education.

9. Next Board Meeting: May 7, 2018
9:00 a.m.
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10. Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, Chair Saito adjourned the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

Taken by:

/s/ Jennifer Fong

Jennifer Fong
Secretary

Reviewed by:

/s/ James Kobashigawa

James Kobashigawa
Executive Officer

3/22/18

[] Minutes approved as is.

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