

HAWAII BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
Professional and Vocational Licensing Division
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
State of Hawaii

MINUTES OF MEETING¹

Date: November 21, 2023

Time: 9:00 a.m.

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

Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar
<https://dcca-hawaii-gov.zoom.us/j/81054267427>

Zoom Recording Link [OPT 11.21.23.mp4](#)

Present: K. Paul Chin, O.D., Chairperson (“Chair”)
Peter Clayton Searl, O.D., Vice-Chairperson (“VC”)
Gayle Chang, Public Member
Wallace Kojima, O.D (Virtual)

Excused: None

Staff: Andrew I. Kim, Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)
Kerrie Shahan, Executive Officer (“EO”)
Chiara Latini, Secretary
Mia Hoang, Tech Support
Johnny Li, Tech Support

Guests: None

Agenda: The agenda for this meeting was posted on the State electronic calendar as required by HRS section 92-7(b).

A short video was played to explain the meeting procedure and how members of the public could participate in the virtual meeting.

¹ Comments from the public were solicited on each agenda item. If no public comments were given, the solicitation for and lack of public comment are not explicitly stated in these minutes.

1. Call to Order: Chairperson Chin welcomed everyone to the meeting and proceeded with a roll call of the Board members. Board members joining via Zoom confirmed that they were present and alone.

There being a quorum present, Chair Chin called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

2. Approval of Board Minutes Of August 21, 2023 Chair Chin asked the Board members if there were any comments or concerns regarding the Board meeting minutes of August 21, 2023. there were none; it was moved by Dr. Kojima, seconded by Ms. Chang and unanimously carried to approve the Board meeting minutes of August 21, 2023 as circulated with the following amendments:

Page 2: Approval of Board Minutes of May 22, 2023

Page 2: Applications; a. Ratifications

Chair Shibayama is cited in error and should be replaced by Chair Chin.

3. Chapter 91, HRS, Adjudicatory Matter

Chair Chin called for a recess from the meeting at 9:08 a.m., to discuss and deliberate on the following adjudicatory matters pursuant to Chapter 91, HRS (Note: The Board members and staff entered the Microsoft Teams meeting).

Chair Chin proceeded with a roll call of the Board members in Microsoft Teams. All members confirmed that they were present and alone.

- a. In the Matter of the Optometrist's License of Zipporah M. Balete, O.D.; OPT 2023-0002-L; Filing of Petition for Disciplinary Action and Board's Final Order; Exhibit "1"

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Dr. Searl, seconded by Ms. Chang, and unanimously carried, to approve the aforementioned Filing of Petition for Disciplinary Action and the Board's Final Order.

Following the Board's review, deliberation, and decision on these matters pursuant to Chapter 91, HRS, Chair Chin announced that the Board reconvenes to its Chapter 92, HRS, meeting at 9:19 a.m. Board members and staff returned to the Zoom meeting.

4. Applications:
 - a. Ratifications

Approved for DPA Certification

OD1017 SARAH HO
 OD1018 ERIN YAMAMOTO

Approved for TPA Certification

OD1010 MACY HAYASHI
 OD1012 KALLI HIRASA
 OD1017 SARAH HO

It was moved by Dr. Searl, seconded by Ms. Chang, and unanimously carried to ratify the above licenses and certifications.

5. Request for CE Program Approval: It was moved by Dr. Searl, seconded by Ms. Chang, and unanimously carried to approve the following CE programs:

INDEX #	PROGRAM TITLE	SPONSOR'S NAME	DATE	LOCATION	HOURS REQUESTED	TPA HOURS REQUESTED
23-016	Considerations and IOL Selection in Cataract Surgery	Andrew Parlin, MD	7/26/2023	Honolulu	1	1
23-017	Lumps and Bumps – Eyelid Lesion Diagnosis and Management	Hugo Higa, MD	7/26/2023	Honolulu	1	1
23-018	Management of Angle Closure Glaucoma	James Pitts, MD	7/26/2023	Honolulu	1	1
23-019	Hawaii Optometric CE Live Seminar	Hawaii Optometric Association	10/8/2023	Honolulu	4	4
23-020	Hawaii Optometric CE Seminar	Hawaii Optometric Association	11/5/22023	Honolulu	4	4
23-021	2023 CE in Paradise	Jenkins Eye Care	9/21/2023	Honolulu	2	2
23-022	Hawaii Optometric CE Seminar	Hawaii Optometric Association	12/3/2023	Honolulu	4	4

6. New Business

- a. Ratify Request for Trade Names: Peter Shoji
 Manoa Eye Care and Kapahulu Eye Care
- b. Request for Trade Name: Nina Nemetz
 VisioNemetz Optometry LLC

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Dr. Kojima, seconded by Ms. Chang, and unanimously carried to approve the tradename requests.

7. Executive Officer Report

- a. 2024 Tentative Meeting Dates
- b. 2022-2023 Tentative Continuing Education Audit Meeting Dates

Ms. Shahan proposed that the Board met on the following dates to approve continuing education audit submissions: Monday, December 11, 2023, Monday, January 29, 2024, and Monday, February 12, 2024.

The Board agreed to meet on the above-mentioned dates to review continuing education audit submissions.

8. Next Board Meeting: Monday, December 11, 2023
9:00 a.m.
In-Person: PVL Exam Room
HRH King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, Third Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Virtual
Participation: Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar

9. Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, Chair Chin adjourned the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

Taken by:

S/ Chiara Latini
Chiara Latini
Secretary

Reviewed by:

s/ Kerrie Shahan
Kerrie Shahan
Executive Officer

11.29.2023

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

