

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING<sup>1</sup>**

Date: February 12, 2024

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: PVL Examination 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/83940601809>

Zoom Recording Link [https://youtu.be/KhnxDC5E5KY?si=jG4lz\\_t3heamXSPd](https://youtu.be/KhnxDC5E5KY?si=jG4lz_t3heamXSPd)

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.

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<sup>1</sup> 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 9:05 a.m.

2. Approval of Board Minutes Of December 11, 2023 Chair Chin asked the Board members if there were any comments or concerns regarding the Board meeting minutes of December 11, 2023. there were none; it was moved by Ms. Chang and seconded by VC Searl and unanimously carried to approve the Board meeting minutes of December 11, 2023 as circulated.

3. Applications a. Ratifications

Approved for DPA Certification

OD1021 MICHAEL SCULLEY  
 OD1022 MARK BRYANT

Approved for TPA Certification

OD1016 SARAH TAKENAKA  
 OD1022 MARK BRYANT

License Restoration

OD756 TREVOR HAY  
 OD842 ESTHER YOUNG

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

4. Request for CE Program Approval a. New Course Request It was moved by VS 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
24-01	Refractive Surgery and MIGS Update	Hawaii Vision Specialists	2/22/2024	Hilo	2	2
24-02	Updates to Cataract and Refractive Surgery 2024	Aloha Laser Vision	2/15/2024	Zoom	1	1

b. Email from VSP Vision, February 6, 2024

- i. Request for Board to waive 45-day submittal for course approval
- ii. Request to approve course, "Diagnosing and Managing Ocular Emergencies and Urgencies" provided on September 8, 2022

At 9:10 a.m., was moved by VC Searl, seconded by Ms. Chang, and unanimously carried to move 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), Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS").

At 9:19 a.m., it was moved by VC Searl, seconded by Ms. Chang, and unanimously carried to move out of executive session and to reconvene to the Board's regular order of business. Board members and staff returned to the Zoom meeting.

It was moved by VC Searl, seconded by Ms. Chang, and unanimously carried to inform VSP Vision that the Board is unable to grant its request to waive the requirement that applications for CE approval be submitted no later than 45-days after a course has been offered, nor is it able to approve the requested course, pursuant to chapter 16-92-39, Hawaii Administrative Rules, subsection (c):

HAR §16-92-39 Educational courses; approval.

(c) All courses sponsored by persons or organizations other than those outlined above shall be submitted to the board for approval on a form as provided by the board, unless the course is approved by the Council on Optometric Practitioner Education. Forms shall be submitted to the board no more than forty-five days after the course is completed.

5. New Business

EO Shahan explained that items (a) and (b) are informational only. She asked that if any Board members were interested in attending the 2024 ARBO Annual Meeting, to let her know and she will forward the registration information. She stated that registration closes on May 31, 2024.

- a. National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO)  
2024 Changes and Announcements
- b. Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry, Inc. (ARBO) 2024 Annual Meeting  
June 16-18, 2024, Nashville, Tennessee
- c. Regulated Industries Complaints Office (RICO): Optometry Advisory Committee Members

It was moved by Ms. Chang, seconded by VC Searl, and unanimously carried to approve the RICO Advisory Committee Members recommendation and any interim appointees as needed.

- 4. Next Board Meeting:                         Wednesday, May 22, 2024  
9:00 a.m.  
In-Person: Queen Liliuokalani Conference 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  
9:26 a.m.

Taken by:

S/ Kerrie Shahan  
Kerrie Shahan  
Executive Officer

Reviewed by:

s/ Kerrie Shahan  
Kerrie Shahan  
Executive Officer

4.5.2024

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