

Call to Order

The March 18, 2022 Virginia Board of Optometry meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions (DHP), Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor, Board Room 4, Henrico, Virginia 23233.

Presiding Officer

Lisa G. Wallace-Davis, O.D., President

Members Present

Devon B. Cabot, Citizen Member, Vice-President

Helene Clayton-Jeter, O.D.

Fred E. Goldberg, O.D.

Clifford A. Roffis, O.D.

Members Absent

Evan J. Kaufman, O.D.

Staff Present

Leslie L. Knachel, Executive Director

David E. Brown, D.C., Agency Director

Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director

Erin Barrett, Senior Policy Analyst DHP

Charis Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel

Laura Jackson, Board Administrator

Laura Paasch, Licensing & Operations Administrative Specialist

Public Present

Bo Keeney, Virginia Optometric Association

Establishment of Quorum

With four board members out of six present, a quorum was established. (Note: Dr. Clayton-Jeter arrived at 9:10 a.m. increasing the number of board members present to five.)

Mission Statement

Dr. Wallace-Davis read the Department of Health Professions' mission statement.

Public Hearing

Dr. Wallace-Davis paused the board meeting to conduct the public hearing. The board meeting reconvened at 9:06 a.m.

Ordering of Agenda

Dr. Wallace-Davis opened the floor to any changes to the agenda. Ms. Knachel requested to add Guidance Document 105-11 Disposition of Disciplinary Cases for Optometrists Involving Practicing with an Expired License to the agenda.

Dr. Goldberg made a motion for the addition to the agenda, which was seconded by Ms. Cabot. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

There were no requests to provide public comment.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Wallace-Davis opened the floor to any additions or corrections regarding the draft minutes for the two meetings on October 8, 2021, the Full Board meeting and the Regulatory Committee meeting, and the February 11, 2022, TPA-Formulary Committee meeting. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as presented.

Agency Director's Report

Dr. Brown reported that Dr. Allison-Bryan retired as of March 1st. He stated that due to declining cases of COVID-19, the agency starts its "new normal" on April 4, 2022. He indicated that conference center and security upgrades will be implemented in the near future.

Dr. Brown recognized Dr. Clayton-Jeter for her years of service on the Board of Optometry, the Board of Health Professions and to the Commonwealth.

Legislative/Regulatory Report

Ms. Barrett provided updates on the 2022 General Assembly & Regulatory Actions. She indicated that the scope expansion legislation, HB213 and SB375, for TPA-Certified Optometrists becomes effective on July 1, 2022. The Board of Optometry will convene a Regulatory Advisory Panel after the effective date to develop regulations related to the scope expansion.

Ms. Barrett presented the TPA-Formulary Committee's recommendations.

Dr. Roffis made a motion to accept the recommendation from the TPA-Formulary Committee to amend the regulations to add cholinergic agonists to the TPA-Formulary, which was seconded by Dr. Goldberg. The motion carried unanimously.

Guidance Document Update

Ms. Knachel provided information on amendments to Guidance Document 150-11, Disposition of Disciplinary Cases for Optometrists Involving Practicing with an Expired License.

Dr. Goldberg made a motion to adopt Guidance Document 150-11, Disposition of Disciplinary Cases for Optometrists Involving Practicing with an Expired License as presented, which was seconded by Ms. Cabot. The motion carried unanimously.

Board Counsel Report

Ms. Mitchell had no information to report to the Board.

President's Report

Dr. Wallace-Davis provided comments.

Board of Health Professions' Report

Dr. Clayton-Jeter reported that she was not able to attend the Board of Health Professions' meeting held on December 2, 2021. She provide an update from the minutes and Ms. Knachel offered additional information about the meeting.

Staff Reports

Ms. Knachel stated that the licensure renewal period is underway. She commented that several CE extensions have been requested.

Ms. Moss provided an update on open and closed discipline cases.

New Business

No new business was reported.

Next Meeting

The next full board meeting is scheduled for August 5, 2022.

Adjournment

Hearing no objections, Dr. Wallace-Davis adjourned the meeting at 10:01 a.m.