

## TENNESSEE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** April 4, 2018  
**TIME:** 9:00 A.M., CT  
**LOCATION:** Health Related Boards  
Poplar Room  
665 Mainstream Drive  
Nashville, TN

### **BOARD MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Torrey J. Carlson, O.D.  
Christopher Cooper, O.D.  
Brad Lindsey, O.D., Vice Chair  
Linda Tharp, O.D.  
Jennifer G. Uhl, O.D., Secretary

### **BOARD MEMBER**

**ABSENT:** Consumer Member - Vacant

### **STAFF**

**PRESENT:** Yvette Hernandez, Board Administrator  
Teddy Wilkins, Unit Director  
Kaitlin Parham, Deputy General Counsel

Dr. Lindsey, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. A roll call was conducted and a quorum was present.

Teddy Wilkins introduced Angela Lawrence as the Unit 3 director.

### **Review/Approve January 9, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes**

Upon review of the January 9, 2018 Board Meeting minutes Dr. Tharp made a motion, seconded by Dr. Carlson, to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried.

### **Office of Investigations**

Lori Leonard said there are currently one (1) suspended and one (1) is on probation. There is one (1) new complaint open this year and closed a total of zero (0).

## **Financial Report**

Noranda French reviewed the mid-year fiscal 2018 report and said as of December 30, 2017 the Board had total expenditures of \$157, 969. Ms. French said Board revenue fee totaled near \$167,000. The current year net is just over \$9,000. LARS improvements were \$5,621 for a total cumulative carryover of \$698,085.78

## **Office of General Counsel**

Kaitlin Parham read the Conflict of Interest statement reminding the Board to disclose to him any conflicts of interest that may arise.

Ms. Parham stated currently there are no open cases for discipline in Office of General Counsel and there are rules changes in process.

Mr. Parham stated the rule changes concerning continuing education (modifying the wording of the rule concerning the required prescribing course, as well as to the wording of the rule pertaining to approval of CE from vendors already approved by the Board for such purposes), increasing the CE hours from 30 to 40, and one other minor change (updating the web address for license renewal), are currently undergoing internal review.

Ms. Parham stated there was new legislation in regards to House Bill 2152/Senate Bill 2230, which requires the board of optometry to notify the chair of the health committee of the House of Representatives and the chair of the Senate Health & Welfare committee within 30 days if a member of the board, is removed from office.

## **Administrative Report**

Yvette Hernandez stated as of April 2, 2018 there are 1,263 licensed Optometrists.

Ms. Hernandez stated there were one (1) new licenses and fifty-nine (53) renewals in January 2018 with thirty-two (32) renewing online for a percentage of sixty (60) percent.

Ms. Hernandez stated there were three (3) new licenses and thirty-nine (39) renewals in February 2018 with thirty-one (21) renewing online for a percentage of fifty-four (54) percent.

Ms. Hernandez stated there were four (4) new licenses and thirty-seven (37) renewals in March 2018 with twenty-three (23) renewing online for a percentage of sixty-two (62) percent.

Ms. Hernandez stated in January, February and March 2018 eleven (11) practitioners retired their licenses and six (6) practitioner licenses expired.

Ms. Hernandez reviewed the remaining scheduled Board meeting dates for 2018:

July 11, 2018

October 12, 2018 – Gatlinburg, TN (Tentative)

Teddy Wilkins stated that the Optometry Board booth in Gatlinburg at the TAOP conference was successful.

### **Newly Licensed**

Upon review Dr. Cooper made a motion, seconded by Dr. Uhl, to approve the following applicants for licensure:

**Araya Meley Rezene**  
**Emily Ann Burgon**  
**William Dodd**

**Jarrod Griffis**  
**Joshua Robinson**

The motion carried.

### **Approve/Deny Reinstatement Applicants**

Upon review Dr. Cooper made a motion, seconded by Dr. Uhl, to approve the following reinstatement applicants:

**Maurice A. Clark**  
**Susan A. Keene**  
**Brandalyn D. Loyko**

The motion carried.

### **Receive report regarding Optometric procedure**

Upon review of the letter from Dr. Jason Clopton, Dr. Tharp made a motion, seconded by Dr. Carlson to approve Dr. Clopton's request for Placement Amniotic Membrane on the ocular surface; without sutures falling under the Scope of Practice for licensed Optometrists and the procedure code.

### **Discuss 2018 ARBO meeting**

The Board approved Dr. Carlson, Dr. Cooper, Dr. Tharpe and unit director Angela Lawrence to attend the 2018 ARBO meeting in Denver, Colorado. Dr. Uhl made a motion, seconded by Dr. Tharp.

### **Correspondence**

Upon review of the letter from Dr. Allmond and Johnson , Dr. Cooper made a motion, seconded by Dr. Carlson to approve Dr. Allmond and Johnson's request to change the name of their practice to Clear Choice Vision Care.

The Motion carried.

### **New Business**

Dr. Tharpe volunteered for Controlled Substance board.

### **Election of Officers**

Dr. Linda Tharpe as Chair, Dr. Uhl made the motion, seconded by Dr. Cooper.

Dr. Jennifer Uhl as Vice Chair. Dr. Tharp made the motion, seconded by Dr. Carlson.

Dr. Torrey Carlson as secretary, Dr. Cooper made the motion, seconded by Dr. Tharp.

The motion carried.

### **Adjourn**

With no other Board business to conduct Dr. Carlson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Tharp to adjourn at 9:39 a.m. The motion carried.

*Ratified by the Board on April 4, 2018*