

STATE OF MAINE
BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

In re:) CONSENT
Matthew A. Thees, O.D.) AGREEMENT
Case Nos. 2022-OPT-18331)

INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement (“Consent Agreement”) concerning the license of Matthew A. Thees to practice as an optometrist in the State of Maine. The parties to the Consent Agreement are: Mathew A. Thees (Dr. Thees); the Maine State Board of Optometry (“Board”); and the State of Maine Office of Attorney General (“Attorney General”). The Consent Agreement is entered into pursuant to 10 M.R.S. § 8003(5)(B) and 32 M.R.S. § 2431-A(2).

STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. Dr. Thees was originally licensed as an optometrist in the State of Maine on February 9, 2001. He regularly renewed that license until April 1, 2022, when he inadvertently failed to renew his licensure.
2. By online renewal dated April 19, 2022, Dr. Thees answered yes to the question are you currently practicing optometry. Dr. Thees failure to timely renew his license and continued to practice optometry for 19 days after the expiration of his license.
3. Pursuant to 32 M.R.S. § 2421(1), one must hold a valid license in order to practice optometry in the State of Maine.

4. The Board voted to file a complaint (“Complaint”) against Dr. Thees license.

5. Pursuant to 32 M.R.S. § 2431-A(2)(H) and 10 M.R.S § 8003(5)(A)(1), violation of a Board statute is a ground for the imposition of discipline by the Board.

6. The parties have agreed to enter into the Consent Agreement in order to resolve the Complaint.

COVENANTS

In order to resolve fully the Complaint against Dr. Thees optometrist license without further legal proceedings, it is agreed to among the parties that:

1. Dr. Thees admits that he practiced optometry in the State of Maine for 19 days without a valid license;

2. Dr. Thees agrees to accept a REPRIMAND from the Board for the above violation;

3. Dr. Thees agrees to pay a fine of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) as sanction for the above violation at the time he submits the signed Agreement Consent. Said fine is to be paid by **CERTIFIED CHECK OR MONEY ORDER** made payable to “Treasurer, State of Maine” and remitted to Tina Carpentier, Secretary, Maine Board of Optometry, Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, 113 SHS, Augusta, ME 04333-0035;

4. The Attorney General and the Board agree that no further agency or legal action will be taken against Dr. Thees license based on the Complaint,

except in if the event that Dr. Thees does not comply fully with the terms of the Consent Agreement. Any violation of the Consent Agreement will be a ground for discipline by the Board;

5. The Consent Agreement is not subject to appeal;

6. The Consent Agreement is not subject to amendment except by written agreement of all parties;

7. The Consent Agreement is a public document within the meaning of 1 M.R.S.A. § 402, et seq.;

8. Dr. Thees understands that the execution of the Consent Agreement is completely voluntary and that he has the right to consult with an attorney before signing the Consent Agreement; and

9. Dr. Thees understands that his signature indicates that he has read and understands the Consent Agreement and that he enters into it of his own free will.

Dated: _____

Matthew A. Thees, O.D.

Dated: _____

Thomas Nadeau, O.D. President
Board of Optometry

Dated: _____

Elizabeth Stivers
Assistant Attorney General