

Maine Board of Optometry
113 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

MINUTES OF May 2, 2025
BOARD MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Dr. Nadeau, O.D. at 9:00 a.m. Members present, Eric Hebert, O.D, James Smith, O.D., (zoom), Timothy Rioux, O.D., (zoom) and James Murphy, Public Member.

Others present: Tina Carpentier, Office Specialist II, Betsy Stivers, Assistant Attorney, two citizens present and five citizens listening on Zoom.

Dr. Nadeau asked for a motion to amend the agenda to review LD 1803 for the Boards input on any public safety issues.

A motion was made by James Murphy, second by Dr. Nadeau to add to the agenda review of LD 1803 Act to Amend the Laws Governing Optometric Practice.

The motion passes 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Action on Minutes of February 7, 2025 Meeting: A motion was made by Dr. Hebert, second by James Murphy to accept the minutes as written.

The motion passes 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

Review LD 1803 for any public safety issues: Board will monitor LD 1803.

Email March 4 and 6, 2025 Dr. Salvat: Tabled until the next Board meeting in August. The Board needs clarification on what Dr. Salvat is asking for. Wavier or more time to complete continuing education credits. No action was taken.

Email March 4, 2025 Joseph Neville: The email from Joseph Neville seeks a rule change that would delay the implementation of the use of qualified technicians for telehealth. No action was taken.

Email April 9, 2025, Dr. Paradis/Sobeck: The email from Dr. Paradis on behalf of Dr. Sobeck asking for an exception to be made on her CE credits. She took 13 hours of CE between January 1, and March 9 and can roll over 5 credits to next year's renewal.

A motion was made by Dr. Hebert, second by Dr. Nadeau, for the secretary to send a letter explaining the new calendar dates for continuing education credits April 1st to March 31st and optometrist can roll over 5 credits for the following renewal.

The motion passes 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

Email February 26, 2025, Dr. Littlefield: The email from Dr. Littlefield seeks rescission of a consent agreement that his daughter entered effective November 5, 2020.

A motion was made by Dr. Nadeau, second by Dr. Hebert to table until the August meeting and send a letter to Dr. Littlefield thanking him for his request; however, the board would like to get a personal request from Dr. Gove.

The motion passes 4 in favor and Dr. Rioux recused himself.

COMPLAINTS

OPT-2025-20510: After presentation and discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Hebert, seconded by James Murphy to dismiss the complaint on the grounds of no violation of the Maine Optometry Laws and Rules.

The motion passes 3 in favor and 1 opposed and abstained (Dr. Smith)

OPT-2025-20520: After presentation and discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Hebert, seconded by Dr. Rioux, to dismiss the complaint on the grounds of no violation of the Maine Optometry Laws and Rules.

The motion passes 4 in favor and 1 abstained (Dr. Smith)

OTHER BUSINESS: PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: This will be Betsy Stivers, AAG last Board meeting she will retire at the end of June, Dr. Nadeau presented Betsy with a plaque honoring her for her outstanding service and dedication to the Board.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: None

ADJOURNED: A motion was made by Dr. Hebert, seconded by Dr. Smith to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on August 1, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Carpentier

Office Specialist II

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