**Maine Board of Optometry**

**113 State House Station**

**Augusta, Maine 04333**

**MINUTES OF August 9, 2024**

**BOARD HEARING ON PROPOSED RULE CHANGES**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Dr. Nadeau, O.D. at 1:00 p.m. Members present Thomas Nadeau, O.D, Paul Cote, O.D., James Smith, O.D., Timothy Rioux, O.D., Eric Hebert, O.D., and James Murphy, Public Member.

Others present Tina Carpentier, Office Specialist II, Elizabeth Stivers, Assistant Attorney, ­­4 citizens and one citizen on zoom.

NEW BUSINESS: The Board accepted oral testimony and comments concerning the Board’s Proposed Rules.

Steven Hudson of PretiFaherty introduced himself as counsel appearing on behalf of the Maine Optometric Association (“MOA”). He briefly commented on the telehealth proposed rules, noting that in person treatment best serves consumers in the State of Maine. He confirmed that the MOA would send a written comment before close of business on August 20, 2024.

Dr. Alan Beaulieu introduced himself at the hearing as a licensee from Massachusetts. He expressed that the undergoing of the rule process be taken as soon as possible.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**  Dr. Nadeau, written comments may also be submitted concerning the proposed rules. All written comments must be received by the Board no later than the close of business on August 20, 2024.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT:** None

**ADJOURNED**: A motion was made by ­­­­­­­­­Dr. Hebert seconded by James Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 1:39 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on November 1, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Carpentier

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