**Maine Board of Optometry**

**113 State House Station**

**Augusta, Maine 04333**

**MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 20, 2023**

**BOARD MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Dr. Nadeau, O.D. at 3:30 p.m. Members present Thomas Nadeau, O.D, Parise Chamberland, O.D, Paul Cote, O.D., James Smith, O.D., Timothy Rioux, O.D., and James Murphy, Public Member.

Others present Tina Carpentier, Office Specialist II, Elizabeth Stivers, Assistant Attorney and ­­­ ­­­­­­­two citizens. two citizens listening remotely.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Action on Minutes of November 20, 2023, Meeting: A motion was made by Dr. Chamberland, second by Dr. Cote to accept the minutes with changes.

The motion passes 6 in favor and 0 opposed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**LD 1956: An act to Amend the Laws Governing Optometrists review:** The Board reviewed and discussed changes to LD 1956.

A motion was made by Dr. Smith, second by Dr. Cote to approve the revised letter outlining the changes to LD 1956.

The Motion passes 6 in favor 0 opposed.

**Questions for Investigation**: The Board reviewed and added more questions for the investigation.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Public Comments were made by Dr. Gove on the investigation.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**: Dr. Nadeau, suggested that more Board members need to be involved with the legislator changes on LD 1956.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT:** None

**ADJOURNED**: A motion was made by James Murphy, seconded by Dr. Smith to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

The motion passes 6 in favor and 0 opposed.

The next meeting will be held on February 2, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Carpentier

Office Specialist II, Maine Board of Optometry