**Maine Board of Optometry**

**113 State House Station**

**Augusta, Maine 04333**

**MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 3, 2023**

**BOARD MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Dr. Smith, O.D. at 9:00 a.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. 14 citizens listening remotely.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Action on Minutes of October 3, 2023, Meeting: A motion was made by James Murphy, second by Dr. Cote to accept the minutes as written.

The motion passes 6 in favor and 0 opposed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Election of Officers**:

A motion was made by Dr. Nadeau, seconded by James Murphy to re-elect the current slate of Officers.

The motion passes 6 in favor.

Dr. Thomas P. Nadeau, O.D., President

Dr. Parise M. Chamberland, O.D. Complaint Officer

Dr. Smith, O.D., Continuing Education Officer

James Murphy, Public Member, Secretary/Treasurer

**SCHEDULE 2023 BOARD MEETINGS**:

February 2nd – Meeting

May 3rd- Meeting

August 2nd – Meeting

November 1st– Meeting

Meetings begin at 9:00 a.m.

**LD 1956: An act to Amend the Laws Governing Optometrists review:** The Board reviewed and discussed changes to LD 1956. The Board will meet on November 20, 2023, to finalize the changes.

**Review Rule Changes**: The Board discussed if they wanted to move forward with formal rulemaking. The Board would like to have another meeting once the Laws have been finalized to finalize rulemaking.

**COMPLAINTS:**

**OPT-2023-18888**: After presentation and discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Nadeau seconded by Dr. Cote to dismiss the complaint on the ground of no violation of the Maine Optometry Laws and Rules.

The motion passes 5 in favor and 1 abstained (Dr. Chamberland)

**OPT-2023-19433**: After presentation and discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Nadeau, seconded by James Murphy to dismiss the complaint on the ground of no violation of the Maine Optometry Laws and Rules.

The motion passes 5 in favor and 1 abstained (Dr. Chamberland)

**2023 MOA Investigation**: Dr. Chamberland gave a short overview on the investigation and asked the Board members to make a list of questions and send them to Tina to be reviewed at the Board meeting on November 20th.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** No Public Comments

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**: None

**SECRETARY’S REPORT:** None

**ADJOURNED**: A motion was made by Dr. Cote, seconded by Dr. Nadeau to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

The motion passes 6 in favor and 0 opposed.

The next meeting will be held on November 20, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Carpentier

Office Specialist II, Maine Board of Optometry