**Maine Board of Optometry**

**113 State House Station**

**Augusta, Maine 04333**

**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2023**

**BOARD MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Dr. Nadeau, O.D. at 3:02 a.m. Members present on zoom Thomas Nadeau, O.D, Parise Chamberland, O.D, James Smith, O.D., Paul Cote, O.D., and James Murphy, Public Member.

Others present Tina Carpentier, Office Specialist II, Elizabeth Stivers, Assistant Attorney and ­­­one ­­­­­citizen and 8 citizens on zoom.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Action on Minutes of August 4, 2023, Meeting**: A motion was made by Dr. Chamberland, second by Dr. Nadeau to except the minutes as amended.

The motion passes 4 in favor and 0 opposed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**LD 1956: An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Optometrists**: The Board reviewed and discussed all Stakeholders comments from the September 9, 2023, meeting. The Board agreed to make some changes and asked that the changes be put in writing for review and approval on November 3, 2023, meeting.

**COMPLAINTS:**

**2023-OPT-1956:** After presentation and discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Nadeau, seconded by Dr. Cote to revoke the consent agreement and to dismiss the complaint on the ground that there was no evidence of violations of Board Laws and Rules.

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

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Dr. Nadeau asked when the Board will be ready for the Hearing on complaints 17405, 17652,18270 and 18535. Betsy Stivers, AAG said that there is still a lot of preparing to do and she has not set a date and time.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**  None

**SECRETARY’S REPORT:** None

A motion was made by ­­­­­­­­­James Murphy seconded by Dr. Smith to adjourn the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on November 3, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Carpentier

Office Specialist II, Maine Board of Optometry