**Maine Board of Optometry**

**113 State House Station**

**Augusta, Maine 04333**

**MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 3, 2023**

**BOARD MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER**: The meeting was called to order by Dr. Nadeau, O.D. at 9:00 a.m. Members present Paul Cote, O.D, Parise Chamberland, O.D, James Smith, O.D. and James Murphy, Public Member.

Others present Tina Carpentier, Office Specialist II, Nicole Sawyer, Assistant Attorney, three ­­­­­citizens and one citizen listening on Zoom.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Action on Minutes of January 6, 2023, Meeting: A motion was made by James Murphy, second by Dr. Smith to accept the minutes as written.

The motion passes 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

Licensure Endorsement draft: The Board reviewed the licensure endorsement draft.

A motion was made by Dr. Cote, second by Dr. Smith to add the licensure endorsement to the Law and Rules.

The motion passes 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

Dr. Massenet email: (tabled from 11/4/22) The Board reviewed the information on licensure from foreign countries. University of Waterloo and University of Montreal are accredited colleges therefore they can apply for Maine Optometry application if all other requirements are met.

Dr. Hadden email (tabled from 1/6/2023) The Board reviewed the information on Dr. Hadden email. Dr. Hadden will need to take Part III of the NBOE to apply for licensure.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Disciplinary Supervisor Report for November (additional information) The Board reviewed the additional information for disciplinary supervisors reports for November.

A motion was made by Dr. Smith, second by Dr. Cote to except the additional information on the November disciplinary supervisors reports

The motion passes 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

Disciplinary Supervisor Report for February: The Board reviewed the information on 15 disciplinary supervisors reports for February.

A motion was made by Dr. Smith, second by Dr. Cote to except the November disciplinary supervisors reports.

The motion passes 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**: Pursuant to 1 MRS Chapter 13, section 405 (Executive Sessions), paragraph 6(A), I Dr. Nadeau, made the motion that the Maine Board of Optometry go into Executive Session at 9:18 a.m. for Performance Management form for Office Specialist II.

The motion passes 5-0.

A Motion was made by Dr. Cote, seconded by James Murphy to end the Executive Session at 9:22 a.m.

The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by James Murphy, second by Dr. Nadeau to approve the performance review.

The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

**COMPLAINTS**

OPT-2021-17405 & 17652, OPT-2022-18270 &18535 (tabled from 11/4/22): After presentation and discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Cote, seconded by Dr. Smith to consolidate all complaints, and set an adjudicatory hearing for May 12, 2023.

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

OPT-2022-18623: After presentation and discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Smith, seconded by Dr. Cote to dismiss the complaint on the ground of no violation of the Maine Optometry Laws and Rules.

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

OPT-2022-18624: After presentation and discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Cote, seconded by James Murphy to dismiss the complaint on the ground of no violation of the Maine Optometry Laws and Rules.

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

OPT-2022-18758: After presentation and discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Cote, seconded by James Murphy to offer a consent agreement.

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

**OTHER BUSINESS: PUBLIC COMMENT**: Anne Sedlack, Attorney at Preti Flaherty addressed the Board on behalf of The Maine Optometric Association on their concerns with telehealth.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** None

**SECRETARY’S REPORT**: As of, 2022, February 3, 2023, 57 Optometrist have renewed their license.

**ADJOURNED:** A motion was made by Dr. Cote, seconded by James Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

The next meeting will be held on May 12, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Carpentier Office Specialist II