**Maine Board of Optometry**

**113 State House Station**

**Augusta, Maine 04333**

**MINUTES OF MAY 3, 2024**

**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, James Smith, O.D., Timothy Rioux, O.D.(zoom) and James Murphy, Public Member.

Others present Tina Carpentier, Office Specialist II, Betsy Stivers, Assistant Attorney, and two citizens at the meeting and two listening on Zoom.

Parise Chamberland, O.D. not present.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Action on Minutes of February 3, 2024, Meeting**: A motion was made by James Murphy, second by Dr. Cote to accept the minutes as written.

The motion passes 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Dr. Juliann Kandra Email:** The Board reviewed the email

A motion was made by Dr. Nadeau, second by Dr. Cote to table until the next board meeting and send a letter to Dr. Kandra asking for more detailed information on radio frequency use for aesthetics.

The motion passes 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

**Dr. Paul Albert:** Re: Continuing Education Compliance, the Board of Optometry reviewed the letter dated March 5, 2024, requesting that 1 hour of continuing education that was completed after the 2023 calendar year be credited toward your 2023 licensure renewal.

A motion was made by Dr. Cote, second by Dr. Nadeau to issue a Letter of Guidance pursuant to 32 MRSA §§ 2417(3).

The motion passes 5 in favor and 0 opposed

**Dr. Anthony Lee**: Re: Continuing Education Compliance, the Board of Optometry reviewed letter dated March 13, 2024, requesting that 1 hour of continuing education that was completed after the 2023 calendar year be credited toward your 2023 licensure renewal.

A motion was made by James Murphy, second by Dr. Cote to issue a Letter of Guidance pursuant to 32 MRSA §§ 2417(3).

The motion passes 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

**Dr. Jacqueline Evans**: Re: Continuing Education Compliance, the Board of Optometry reviewed letter dated April 15, 2024, requesting that 2 hours of continuing education that was completed after the 2023 calendar year be credited toward your 2023 licensure renewal.

A motion was made by James Murphy, second by Dr. Smith to issue a Letter of Guidance pursuant to 32 MRSA §§ 2417(3).

The motion passes 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

**Dr. Kearn Healy**: Re: Continuing Education Compliance, the Board of Optometry reviewed letter dated April 17, 2024, requesting that 8 hours of continuing education that was completed after the 2023 calendar year be credited toward your 2023 licensure renewal.

A motion was made by Dr. Smith, second by Dr. Cote to issue a Letter of Guidance pursuant to 32 MRSA §§ 2417(3).

The motion passes 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

**Dr. Kerry Kaplan**: Re: Continuing Education Compliance, the Board of Optometry reviewed letter dated April 15, 2024, requesting that 9 hours of continuing education that was completed after the 2023 calendar year be credited toward your 2023 licensure renewal.

A motion was made by Dr. Cote, second by Dr. Nadeau to issue a Letter of Guidance pursuant to 32 MRSA §§ 2417(3).

The motion passes 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

**Dr. Peter Everett**: Re: Continuing Education Compliance, the Board of Optometry reviewed letter dated April 18, 2024, requesting that 1 hour of continuing education that was completed after the 2023 calendar year be credited toward your 2023 licensure renewal.

A motion was made by Dr. Nadeau, second by James Murphy to issue a Letter of Guidance pursuant to 32 MRSA §§ 2417(3).

The motion passes 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

**Review Rules changes:** The Board reviewed the rule changes and added some more information to comply with the new statutes.

**COMPLAINTS**

**OPT-2024-19743**: After presentation and discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Cote, seconded by James Murphy, to dismiss the complaint on the grounds of no violation of the Maine Optometry Laws and Rules.

The motion passes 4 in favor and 0 abstained

**OPT-2024-19866**: After presentation and discussion, a motion was made by James Murphy, seconded by Dr. Smith to dismiss the complaint on the grounds of no violation of the Maine Optometry Laws and Rules.

The motion passes 4 in favor and 0 abstained

**OTHER BUSINESS: PUBLIC COMMENT**: None

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**: Dr. Nadeau wanted to thank all those who worked very hard on LD 1956 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Optometrists, which was unanimously passed, thanks to the Maine Optometric Association for lobbying. The new Statue will work to serve the people of Maine for many years to come.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT**: Budget report was given to James Murphy for review.

We received 244 renewals for 2024.

Diag: 1

Therapeutic: 4

Therapeutic Advance: 30

Therapeutic Advance Glaucoma: 209

**ADJOURNED:** A motion was made by Dr. Smith, seconded by Dr. Cote to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Carpentier Office Specialist II