

Maine Board of Optometry
113 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 7, 2025
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, Eric Hebert, 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 five citizens listening on Zoom.

OLD BUSINESS:

Action on Minutes of November 1, 2024 Meeting: A motion was made by Dr. Hebert, second by James Murphy to accept the minutes as written.

The motion passes 6 in favor and 0 opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

Update on Repeal and Replace of the Rules: We are happy to report that the rules that the Board adopted have been filed with the Secretary of State and became effective on February 2, 2025. I have asked Tina to send out an informational letter with notice of renewal requirements to all licensees, notifying licensees of the new rules.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to 1 MRS Chapter 13, section 405 (Executive Sessions), paragraph 6(A) Dr. Nadeau, made the motion that the Maine Board of Optometry go into Executive Session at 9:08 a.m. for Performance Management form for Office Specialist II.

A motion was made by Dr, Hebert, seconded by Dr. Cote to engage in discussion of board staff performance.

The motion passes 6-0.

A Motion was made by Dr. Cote, seconded by James Murphy to end the Executive Session at 9:27 a.m.

The motion passed 6-0.

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

The motion passed unanimously 6-0.

COMPLAINTS

OPT-2024-19992: After presentation and discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Nadeau, seconded by Dr. Cote to dismiss the complaint and issue a letter of guidance to be kept on file for 5 years.

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

OPT-2024-20359: After presentation and discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Cote, seconded by Dr. Rioux 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. Smith)

OPT-2024-20391: After presentation and discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Herbert, 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. Smith)

OPT-2024-20393: After presentation and discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Cote, seconded by Dr. Hebert, to dismiss the complaint on the grounds of no violation of the Maine Optometry Laws and Rules.

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

OTHER BUSINESS: PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: This is Dr. Cotes last day on the Board. Dr. Nadeau presented Dr. Cote with a plaque honoring him for his service with the Board.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: 55 optometrists have renewed their license as of today.

ADJOURNED: A motion was made by Dr. Cote, seconded by James Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

The next meeting will be held on May 2, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Carpentier

Office Specialist II

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