

IDAHO BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses
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Board Meeting Minutes of 6/6/2022

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lance W. Fagan, O.D. - Chair
Terri L. Haley, O.D.
Jared Walker, O.D.
Shawn Sorenson O.D
Joshua Sears, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF: Katie Stuart, Executive Officer
Nicki Chopski, Health Professions Bureau Chief
Stephanie Lotridge, Licensing and Registration Program
Manager
Berk Fraser, Chief Investigator, Health Professions
Jan Arrasmith, Education and Practice Specialist
Mike Celeste, Investigations Supervisor
Matthew Post, Administrative Assistant
Madyson Crea, Customer Service Representative
Susan Cassell, Board Support Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT: Members of the Public

Convened: Dr. Lance W. Fagan, O.D. called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM MT

OPENING STATEMENT AND INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Fagan read the Opening Statement. Ms. Stuart introduced the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (DOPL) employees, while Dr. Fagan introduced the Board to the new public member, Mr. Sears.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Haley moved to approve the minutes of March 14, 2022, and April 18, 2022, Dr. Walker seconded. All approved, motion carried.

DIVISION BUSINESS

DIVISION UPDATES

Ms. Stuart informed the Board that the DOPL staff will be moving into Building 4 at the Chinden Campus starting on June 15 and continuing through July.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

The 2022 Legislative session closed on March 25, 2022, after passing more than twenty bills related to Health Professions.

HB612-Expungement: Ms. Stuart stated HB612 will allow for a licensee to request an expungement from the Board for disciplinary actions. These actions would include a request for expungement from discipline regarding continuing education due to expiration of a renewal on a license which could be requested after three (3) years. Additional requests for expungement would be regarding offenses from a criminal offense which can be requested after seven (7) years.

SB1368 – Moral Character: Ms. Stuart stated that SB1368 was to clean up statutes for all state agencies as moral character had been used for denial of applications and for discipline.

FINANCIAL UPDATES

Ms. Stuart presented a financial overview compiled by DOPL's fiscal officer; the DOPL financial team has been working diligently on uniform financial reporting and coding across DOPL. The Board will contact Ms. Stuart with any questions.

BOARD BUSINESS

ZERO BASED REGULATION (ZBR)

Ms. Stuart reviewed the ZBR topics from the April 18, 2022:

Sections 325, 425, and 475 will be reorganized into a Practice Standards and Discipline section to align with other Boards within DOPL, encompassing unprofessional conduct, gross incompetence, and patient record maintenance.

The Approved Exam Content in Rule 175 has been clarified.

Rule 200 has been struck, as there is a list of accredited schools of optometry available on the Idaho Board of Optometry website.

Rule 275 is unnecessary as there will be an endorsement section on licensing.

Rule 450 was discussed in relation to soft and rigid contacts and the time frame for valid prescriptions. There was a proposal to remove 05, which forbids filling an expired contact lens prescription, but the Board requested that it remain because it protects the public from filling an outdated prescription.

The Board discussed carryover of continuing education, simplification of continuing education requirements, time periods of renewal, and legal attestations.

The next ZBR meeting will cover Rule 600 as well as changes discussed today.

The new rule chapter in the proposed new order will be shared at the next meeting.

BOARD ELECTIONS

Dr. Walker nominated Dr. Haley to serve as Board chair, the motion was seconded by Dr. Sorenson. Motion carried.

Dr. Sorenson nominated Dr. Walker to serve as Board secretary, the motion was seconded by Dr. Haley. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING DATE: July 18, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by general consent at 9:45 AM on June 6, 2022.