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**Board Meeting Minutes of 11/1/2022**

**Board Members Present:** Terri L. Haley, O.D. - Chair  
Joshua Sears  
Jared Walker, O.D.  
Shawn Sorenson O.D.  
Jared Birch, O.D.

**Division Staff:** Katie Stuart, Executive Officer  
Nicki Chopski, Bureau Chief  
Susan Cassell, Board Support

**Others Present:** Josh Scholer, Division of Financial Management  
Misty Lawrence, Division of Financial Management

The meeting was called to order at 1:11 PM MT by Terri Haley, O.D.

**BOARD BUSINESS**

**Zero-Based Regulation (ZBR):**

Ms. Stuart advised the Board that Rule 300.01, Continuing Education in Optometry, is the main rule up for discussion before the Board votes to send these rules to pending. During public hearings, ZBR feedback included a potential Continuing Education (CE) requirement be either Council on Optometric Practitioner Education (COPE) and/or Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) approved courses in lieu of Board approved courses. Dr. Haley stated that she would like to ensure that licensees obtain the highest quality of CE courses available and asked the Board for input. Dr. Sorenson had concerns about barriers to obtaining CE by decreasing opportunities for local, board-approved courses and would like to include “germane” courses. Dr. Walker saw the value in COPE courses, courses seeking COPE approval, and local opportunities that are board approved and germane to the profession. Mr. Sears stated that the Board is capable of making judgment calls on courses, as their main task is to protect the public and that credits can be clarified in audits if needed. Dr. Haley explained the process of applying for board approval of courses. Dr. Birch stated that local courses have been some of his most beneficial CE and agreed with the use of germane courses. Dr. Haley would like to ensure that only eye care professionals teach CE courses. Ms. Stuart said that COPE and ACCME language can be added to the Board of Optometry website as well as any additional information about CE.

Mr. Sears asked to clarify language in Rule 450.01 as expiration for spectacles was inadvertently omitted; it will be included in the final draft.

There were no additional public comments regarding the ZBR process.

A motion was made and seconded to move the rules from proposed to pending. A roll call vote was made at Dr. Haley’s request: Mr. Sears, aye; Dr. Walker, aye; Dr. Sorenson, aye; Dr. Birch, aye; Dr. Haley, aye. Motion carried. Dr. Haley commended Ms. Stuart for her guidance to the Board during the ZBR process. The pending rules for Optometry will be published in the December Legislative Bulletin.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:42 PM MT.

The next meeting is on 12/12/2022.