

STATE OF NEVADA



Board of Dispensing Opticians

Minutes of Public Meeting: April 16, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE:

Per the Governor's orders regarding COVID-19 closures, there was no public location provided for this meeting. All interested parties were invited to attend via teleconference.

Board Members Present:

Jennifer Letten, President
Mark Myers, Vice President
Tamara Sternod, Secretary
Marilyn Brainard, Treasurer

Board Staff Present:

Corinne Sedran, Executive Director
Laena St-Jules, Deputy Attorney General

1. Call to order
Board President Jennifer Letten called the meeting to order and called roll at 5:04 p.m. Mr. Myers was not in attendance.
2. Public comment
Ms. Letten asked those joining the meeting to keep their phones muted unless commenting. There was no public comment.
3. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Approval of previous board meeting minutes
April 9, 2020 Board Meeting
Motion: Ms. Brainard moved to approve the minutes as presented.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.
4. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Review and decision on Board response to COVID-19 directives and emergency regulations and CDC recommendations; approval of official response and guidelines for licensees
Discussion: Mr. Myers joined the meeting at this time. Ms. St-Jules recommended various edits to the proposed response, including citing additional applicable sections of the emergency orders and regulations. She said opticianry likely falls within the definition of essential licensed businesses that

provide medical services and sell or rent medical supplies. She suggested the Board instruct its licensees to seek their own legal advice with respect to any directives issued by other government agencies. Ms. Letten said she wants to ensure all licensees and business owners feel comfortable coming to the Board for support during this time. Ms. St-Jules said licensees who have questions should still feel free to contact the Board office. Ms. Sternod suggested modifying the guidelines to allow use of sanitizing wipes and/or sprays if businesses are unable to obtain hand sanitizer. She said most businesses still require employees to handle paper prescriptions and insurance information and employees should wear gloves while doing so. She also recommends use of plastic faceguards while taking measurements. Ms. Letten said safety glasses and masks could also be used. Ms. Brainard asked that the guidelines, and particularly the information on the ABO-approved CE hygiene course, be made available on the website.

Motion: Ms. Letten moved to approve the guidelines with the discussed modifications.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

5. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Delegation of authority to Executive Director to update Board website with ongoing non-binding COVID-19 information, updates, and guidelines

Discussion: Ms. Sedran said it may be necessary to update the guidelines quickly if the COVID-19 situation changes unexpectedly. The Board cannot update its licensees in a timely manner if it must host a meeting each time changes are made. Ms. Brainard said she is comfortable with this delegation of authority but she would like the board members to be notified when updates are made. Ms. Sedran said she will have any updates approved by Ms. Letten before they are posted and she will also notify the other board members.

Motion: Ms. Letten moved to delegate authority to make COVID-19 updates to Ms. Sedran.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

6. Public comment

Temma Chaparro, License 464, thanked the Board for responding to the COVID-19 situation. She asked whether all licensees would be notified of the updates. Ms. Sedran said yes, the guidelines will be sent out to everyone via email.

There was no further public comment.

Ms. Letten closed the meeting at 5:36 p.m.