

# STATE OF NEVADA



## Board of Dispensing Opticians

### Minutes of Public Meeting: June 9, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

#### Board Members Present:

Jennifer Letten, President  
Mark Myers, Vice President  
Marilyn Brainard, Treasurer  
Chris Esparza, Member  
Jennifer Brusven, Member

#### Board Staff Present:

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

1. Call to order  
Ms. Letten called the meeting to order and called roll at 5:05 p.m. Mr. Myers was not in attendance.
2. Public comment  
There was no public comment.
3. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Approval of previous board meeting minutes  
**April 27, 2022** Board Meeting  
Mr. Myers joined the meeting.  
**Motion:** Ms. Brainard moved to approve the minutes as presented.  
**Vote:** The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Letten said the Board would be addressing the agenda items out of order, with Item 6 being discussed prior to Item 4. The Board began discussion of Item 6 at 5:09 p.m. and returned to Item 4 at 6:10 p.m.

4. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Confirmation of newly licensed Ophthalmic Dispensers:  
**748 Eva Ortega**  
**749 Scott Keller**  
**750 Branden Nguyen**

**Motion:** Ms. Letten moved to confirm the newly licensed ophthalmic dispensers.

**Vote:** The motion passed unanimously.

5. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Review and decision on applications for extension of apprenticeship deadline:

a. **Casillas, Maria Isabel**

Ms. Sedran said this item would not be discussed.

b. **Trigo, Ashley**

**Discussion:** Ms. Sedran said the Board had requested additional information from the applicant at the last meeting; the applicant did not provide additional information on her work dates.

**Motion:** Ms. Letten moved to deny the applicant's request for an extension of her apprenticeship deadline.

**Vote:** The motion passed unanimously.

6. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Closure of meeting pursuant to NRS 241.030(1)(a) to consider character, alleged misconduct, professional competence, or physical or mental health of a person in reviewing licensure:

**Brandon Shirey, Apprentice License 1751**

**Motion:** Ms. Letten moved to close the meeting for half an hour from 5:09 to 5:39 p.m.

**Vote:** The motion passed unanimously.

At 5:39 p.m., Ms. Sedran announced the Board would need additional time in closed session to complete its review of item 6.

**Motion:** Ms. Letten moved to reopen the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

**Vote:** The motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Ms. Letten moved to take no action against the license of Mr. Shirey.

**Vote:** The motion passed with 4 in favor and 1 opposed.

Mr. Holland left the meeting at the conclusion of Item 6.

7. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Assignment of board member to monitor and advise Board on Optometry Board legislative initiatives

**Discussion:** Ms. Brusven said she was interested in taking on this assignment.

**Motion:** Ms. Letten moved to assign Ms. Brusven.

**Vote:** The motion passed unanimously.

8. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Report and recommendations on apprentice education programs by assigned board member

Mr. Myers said he had no items to present.

9. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Report and recommendations on continuing education courses and providers by assigned board member

Ms. Letten said she had no items to present.

10. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Lobbying and legislative updates and initiatives

Ms. Sedran said the board office had been contacted by a policy analyst with the Legislative Counsel Bureau about a bill being proposed by Warby Parker; the bill would impact the Board's laws and regulations. The Board's lobbyists have reached out to the Warby Parker team to begin discussions.

11. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Discussion of proposed changes to NAC Chapter 637

**Discussion:** Ms. Sedran reviewed changes in the new draft of the proposed regulations, including additions to the definitions/interpretations at the beginning of the chapter, removal of redundant language, clarification of ophthalmic manager responsibilities, and streamlining of apprenticeship timeline requirements. The board members did not request any further revisions.

**Motion:** Ms. Letten moved to approve the draft as presented and send it to the LCB for drafting.

**Vote:** The motion passed unanimously.

12. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Financial items

- a. Review and acceptance of **March and April 2022** financial reports

**Motion:** Ms. Letten moved to accept the reports as presented.

**Vote:** The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Review and approval of FY23 proposed budget

**Motion:** Ms. Letten moved to approve the proposed budget.

**Vote:** The motion passed unanimously.

13. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Executive Director's report

- a. Office and licensing updates

Ms. Sedran updated the Board on licensing numbers and exam pass rates. The Board issued 18 new apprentice licenses and 3 new optician licenses since the last meeting. Exam pass rates were consistent for May with an almost 100% pass rate for the ABO/NCLE Practical and ABO Advanced Exams; the pass rate for the NCLE Advanced Exam remains below 50%.

- b. General updates

Ms. Sedran said the database team is working on several updates for the Board and she will check in with them on progress on the online Laws and Ethics Exam.

14. Board member comment and future agenda items

Ms. Brusven updated the Board on upcoming Optometry Board meeting dates.

15. Public comment

There was no public comment.

Ms. Letten thanked the attendees and closed the meeting at 6:53 p.m.