



LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY EXAMINERS

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Meeting Agenda for October 28, 2022
Meeting start time 2:00 pm
Location: Taggart Morton, LLC (board counsel)
1100 Poydras St., Suite 2100
New Orleans, LA 70163

- I. Roll Call/Call to Order/Confirmation of posting of notice and agenda
- II. Adoption of Agenda
- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. Secretary's Report –
 - a. Finance and Budget Report
 - i. P&L, Balance Sheet, Budget Comparison
 - ii. Motion not to renew Sabine CD Matures November 8th2022
 - iii. Motion to continue electronic payments following sign off approval by President
 - b. License Activity
 - i. Renewals
 - ii. Retirement requests
 - iii. Endorsement request
 - iv. Inactive requests
 - v. Hardship requests
 - vi. Complaints
 - vii. Applicants/New Licensees

OLD BUSINESS

- V. Louisiana Legislative Audit 2020
 - a. general update –
 - b. Mediation – To be discussed in Executive session
 - c. Resolved and Unresolved Audit findings
 - d. Ethics training status
 - e. Sexual harassment policy and training status
- VI. Telehealth Rule status
 - a. Registration & Fees
- VII. Dispensing of Pharmaceuticals – Rule status
- VIII. CE Rule Status
- IX. Alternate Routes of Licensure Testing – Rule Status (NBOE)

David Heitmeier, O.D.
New Orleans, LA
President

Gary Avallone, O.D.
Ruston, LA
Secretary

Gerald Gerdes, O.D.
Lafayette, LA
Member

Dale Benoit
Belle Chasse, LA
Member

Christopher W. Wroten, O.D.
Denham Springs, LA
Member

Jeff M. Anastasio, O.D.
Covington, LA
Member

- X. Does Mississippi qualify for licensure by endorsement in Louisiana?
- XI. Approval of Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy – Status
- XII. 2021 LLA update – To be discussed in Executive Session

NEW BUSINESS

- XIII. Discussion of Communications budget for each Board Member
- XIV. Discussion on Changes to Continuing Education: COPE accreditation, synchronous CE, approved sources, and online CE
- XV. Reciprocity
- XVI. Legislative discussion based on comments from legal counsel for the Louisiana State Senate health and welfare committee
- XVII. District Elections Ballots

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION (upon motion and 2/3 vote) (La. R.S. 42:17)

- XVIII. Potential Litigation: LLA audit report and mediation status to recover amounts owed the LSBOE, and proposal received from counsel for the Optometry Association of Louisiana with respect to same (La. R.S. 42:17(A)(2) and/or (A)(4)
 - a. Invoice to OAL
- XIX. 2021 LLA Update
- XX. Complaints, Endorsement and Reactivation request
 - A. Continuation of review or updates of formal complaints from prior meetings
 - Dehlice Shelton - Re: Devjani Lahiri-Munir, OD
 - B. Complaints and Investigations of Complaints (La. R.S. 42:17(A)(4))
 - i. Complaint against Barthelemy’s Optical by Allyson Fisher, O.D. – Status
 - ii. Complaint by John Bollich, O.D. - Status
 - iii. Complaint against America’s Best – Status
 - B. Endorsement request
 - a. Dr. Selvin Gnanakkan
 - b. Dr. Lauren Murphy
 - C. Reactivation requests
 - a. Dr. Geoffrey Paterson Status
- XXI. Report on Items Discussed in Executive Session and the making of any motions for votes in connection therewith
- XXII. Public Comment
- XXIII. Notice that District 4 Board Member Ballot Nominations will be conducted at close of business at 5:00 p.m. – will be conducted by the LSBOE Secretary Gary Avallone, O.D. and the LSBOE counsel A.J. Herbert but anyone is welcome to attend and observe
- XXIV. Next Meeting
- XXV. Farewell Address from Dr. Anastasio
- Adjourn