



LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY EXAMINERS

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Meeting Agenda for June 8th, 2023

Meeting start time 9:30 am

Location: 909 Poydras St.

suite 1400

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
 - B. License Activity – (vi, vii and viii) to be discussed in Executive Session (if needed)
 - i. Renewals
 - ii. Applicants/New Licensees
 - iii. Retirement requests
 - iv. Endorsement request
 - v. Inactive requests
 - vi. Hardship requests
 - vii. Request for Reinstatement from Prior Disciplinary Action
 - viii. Complaints
 - C. Required Training
 - i. Ethics Training –2023 required training completed.
 - ii. Sexual Harassment Prevention

OLD BUSINESS

- V. Louisiana Legislative Audit 2020
 - A. General update –
 - B. Review of the Unresolved Audit findings and corrective action
 - C. Progress and update letter to LLA
 - D. Approve policies updates
- VI. Telehealth - Rule status
- VII. Dispensing of Pharmaceuticals - Rule status – Mr. Herbert
- VIII. CE - - Rule Status – Mr. Herbert
- IX. Alternate Route of Licensure (NBEO) – Rule Status

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
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Denham Springs, LA
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O.D.
BunkieBunkie, LA
Member

- X. Status of Compensation Contract – State Board Exam/Dr. Lewis
- XI. Status of contract with ARBO as requested by the LLA
- XII. Status of CPA contracts
- XIII. Status of hiring an Executive Director in lieu of a Secretary to execute the duties and responsibilities of the LSBOE

NEW BUSINESS

- XIV. Discussion on Senate bill 210
- XV. NBEO Letter
- XVI. Question on Corneal Collagen Crosslinking
- XVII. Board Exam Questions

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- XVIII. Litigation:
 - A. By OAL v Heitmeier, et al No C-729018 19th JDC State of Louisiana
 - B. By LSBOE v OAL et al No. C-729434 19th JDC State of Louisiana
- XIX. Complaints
 - A. Complaints & Investigation of complaints
 - i. Ongoing
 - ii. New
 - B. Reactivation requests
 - C. Request for Reinstatement from Prior Disciplinary Action
- XX. Report on Items Discussed in Executive Session
- XXI. Public Comment
- XXII. Opening of LSBOE Ballots
- XXIII. Next Meeting
- Adjourn