



LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY EXAMINERS

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Meeting Agenda for April 28, 2023

Meeting start time 9:30 am

Location: Law Office of Taggart and Morton LLC 1100 Poydras St.
suite 2400
New Orleans, La 70163

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

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O.D.
Bunkie Bunkie, LA
Member

- 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 and vii) to be discussed in Executive Session (if needed)
 - i. Renewals
 - ii. Applicants/New Licensees
 - iii. Retirement requests
 - iv. Endorsement request - results
 - v. Inactive requests
 - vi. Hardship requests
 - vii. Request for Reinstatement from Prior Disciplinary Action
 - viii. Complaints

OLD BUSINESS

- V. Louisiana Legislative Audit 2020 2021
 - A. General update –
 - B. Review of the Unresolved Audit findings and corrective action
- VI. Telehealth - Rule status
- VII. Dispensing of Pharmaceuticals - Rule status – Mr. Herbert
- VIII. Alternate Route of Licensure (NBEO) – Rule Status

NEW BUSINESS

- IX. **Reconsideration of CE Rule and proposed changes**
- X. **Policy and Procedures update**
- XI. **Discussion of hiring an Executive Director in lieu of a Secretary to execute the duties and responsibilities of the LSBOE**

XII. Board Elections District 1

XIII. Optometry School Discussion

EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIV. 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

XV. Complaints

A. Complaints & Investigation of complaints

i. Ongoing

ii. New

B. Reactivation requests

C. Request for Reinstatement from Prior Disciplinary Action

XVI. Report on Items Discussed in Executive Session

XVII. Public Comment

XVIII. Next Meeting

Adjourn