

FULL BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
CONFERENCE CALL
301 S. PARK AVE – SMALL CONFERENCE ROOM
HELENA, MT
9:35 AM – 10:50 AM
August 11, 2020

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1. Call to Order - Establish Quorum - Introduction of Board & Staff Members Present (00:00:09)

Dr. Doug Kimball, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Dr. Doug Kimball, Board Chair
Dr. Marcus Kelley
Dr. Kristi Schied
Dr. Mindy Sterner Leach
Mr. Pete Fontana

Staff Present:

Ms. Sharon Peterson, Executive Officer
Ms. Darcee Moe, Board Counsel
Mr. Todd Younkin, Division Administrator
Ms. Barb McAlmond, Administrative Specialist

Others Present:

Ms. Sue Weingartner

2. Approval and Tentative Modification of Agenda Order (00:01:56)

Motion: (00:02:14) Dr. Marcus Kelly moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Pete Fontana seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. Review Minutes – April 24, 2020 (00:02:38)

4. Public Opportunity to Comment (00:02:55)

(Presiding Officer Statement) “Under this item, the Board will offer an opportunity to members of the public in attendance to comment on any public matter under the jurisdiction of the Board that is not on the agenda of this meeting. While the Board cannot take action on any issues presented, the board will listen to comments and may ask staff to place the issue on a subsequent agenda. The presiding officer may limit the comment period in order to proceed with the board meeting.

5. Introduction of New Board Member – Dr. Mindy Sterner Leach (00:03:29)

6. Division Administrator’s Update – Todd Younkin (00:04:27)

7. Board Action (00:13:59)

a. Continuing Education – Covid-19 Impact (00:14:04)

b. Review ARM 24.168.2104(6)

Motion: (00:54:18) Dr. Marcus Kelley moved to do a 0% continuing education audit for the 2020/2021 renewal cycle. Mr. Pete Fontana seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Motion: (00:57:43) Dr. Marcus Kelly moved to recommend to all licensees to obtain 36 hrs. of continuing education before the 2020/2021 cycle ends. Dr. Kristi Schied seconded the motion.

Motion: (00:58:05) Dr. Kelly moved to amend his motion to state that even though the board has decided not to audit for the 2020/2021 renewal cycle the board acknowledges and recognizes that continuing education is an important part of continued competency and recommends licensees stay up to date on their continuing education. Dr. Kristi Schied seconded the motion. The motion carried.

8. Board or National Committee Reports (00:59:24)

a. ARBO Letter Regarding Location of Part 3 Exam (00:59:41)

b. NBEO Covid-19 Update (00:59:41)

c. 2020 Virtual Meeting (01:02:24)

8. Executive Officer Report (01:03:46)

a. Budget Report (01:03:51)

b. Licensing Statistics (01:09:34)

10. Legal Report (01:10:51)

11. Screening Panel Report (01:12:04)

12. Next Meeting – January 2021 (01:12:59)

January 12, 2020 – Screening Panel 8:00 a.m., Full Board 9:30 a.m.

13. Adjourn (01:15:49) Mr. Pete Fontana moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m. Dr. Marcus Kelley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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