

**KANSAS BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY**  
**Minutes of the April 14, 2021 Meeting**

- I. 1:00 pm called to order by Gerard Lozada, OD President. Members of the Board present were Drs Craig Newland, Rebecca Sparks, Dawn Bircher, and public member Carisa De Anda. Also, in attendance were Tim Resner, Board Counsel, Jan Murray, Executive Officer, Todd Fleischer, KOA representative, Eric McPeak, OD, and Dr. Jeremy Durham, OD.
- II. Dr Newland motioned and Dr Sparks seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2021 Board meeting. Motion carried 5-0.
- III. *Comments from the Public*
  - A. Drs McPeak and Durham discussed corporate practice of optometry with the Board.
- IV. *Report of the President*
  - A. Dr Newland motioned and Ms De Anda seconded a motion for the Board officers to be:  
President: Gerard Lozada, OD  
Vice-President: Dawn Bircher, OD  
Secretary-Treasurer: Rebecca Sparks, OD  
Member at Large: Craig Newland, OD  
Pubic Member: Carisa De Anda
  - B. There was no determination by the Board in regard to a directive involving stamps on glasses and spectacle prescriptions. The Board was advised by Drs. Durham and McPeak the FDA had recently issued a directive that all controlled substances prescriptions require electronic transmission.
  - C. Dr Lozada discussed Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness (PREP) and optometrist giving Covid19 vaccines. It was recommended that the Board send a letter to Governor Kelly requesting optometrists be included with other professionals allowed to administer the vaccine.
  - D. Dr Lozada gave an update on previous investigations.
  - E. Mr. Resner recommended the Board investigate Aveo and Waldo contact lenses.
- XI. *Report of the Vice President*
  - A. Dr Newland recommended having the Board's legal counsel respond to all complaints or investigations.
- V. *Report of the Secretary-Treasurer*
  - A. The Board agreed with the previous Board that no CE credit will be given for developing or presenting continuing education courses.
  - B. Dr Lozada motioned and Dr Newland seconded a motion to allow COPE's modified online interactive CE to count towards live CE until 12/31/2021. Motion carried 5-0.
- VI. *Report of the Member-At-Large*
  - A. No report
- VII. *Report of the Public Member*
  - A. No report
- VIII. *Report of the Legal Counsel*

A. No report

IX. *Report of the Executive Officer*

A. Ms Murray inquired if active military would still need to meet the reciprocity CE requirements. The Board could not find any statutes that would exclude the military from meeting the CE requirements.

B. Trade Names:

1. Dr Sparks motioned and Ms De Anda seconded a motion to approve the trade name of *Mission EyeCare of Lawrence*, 1019 Massachusetts St, Lawrence, KS for Jason Pingel, OD. Motion carried 5-0.
2. Dr Sparks motioned and Dr Newland seconded a motion to approve the trade name of *Crawford Family Eye Care*, 1295 E 151<sup>st</sup> St, Suite 3, Olathe, KS for Kevin Crawford, OD

C. Reciprocity:

1. Dr Sparks motioned and Dr Newland seconded a motion to a provisional approval for Denis Descarreaux, OD. Dr Descarreaux must complete the 48 hours CE requirement needed for reciprocity.

D. Ms Murray discussed the marketing strategies for the new login procedures for optometrists to the licensing database.

X. *Comments from the Public*

A. Mr Fleischer discussed current bills in the Kansas legislature.

B. Mr Fleischer discussed AOA's new CE approval.

Dr Lozada motioned to move into Executive Session at 3:02 pm returning to open session at 3:32 pm. The justification to discuss the annual exam. The motion was seconded by Dr Bircher. The motion passed.

*The Board adjourned into executive session at 3:02 pm*

*The Board reconvened at 3:32 pm*

XI. *Next Meeting*

The next meeting will be the annual exam on June 9-10, 2021 in Topeka.

XII. *Adjournment*

Dr Sparks motioned and Dr Newland seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. The Board adjourned at 3:47 pm.