

KANSAS BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY
Minutes of the January 8, 2021 Meeting

- I. 1:03 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 Randy Forbes, Board Counsel, Jan Murray, Executive Officer, Todd Fleischer, KOA representative, Ryan Hiesterman, OD, Laine Barnard, Assistant Attorney General, and Diane Bellquist.
- II. Dr Newland read the Open Meeting Via Teleconference/Videoconference Under Disaster Declaration.
- III. Dr Sparks motioned and Dr Newland seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the October 20, 2020 Board meeting. Motion carried 5-0. Dr Newland motioned and Dr Bircher seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2020 Board meeting. Motion carried 5-0.
- IV. The Board welcomed Dr Bircher to the Board.
- V. The Board had a discussion with Dr Hiesterman concerning Epic Eye Centers remaining open during the statewide shutdown.
- VI. *Report of the Secretary-Treasurer*
 - A. No report
- VII. *Report of the Member-AT-Large*
 - A. No report
- VIII. *Report of the Public Member*
 - A. No report
- IX. *Report of the Legal Counsel*
 - A. Mr Forbes provided board member training for the board members.
 - B. Mr Forbes updated the Board on the Eye Doctors and Eyewear Junkie Optometry.
- X. *Report of the Executive Officer*
 - A. Application Update
 - a. Dr Sparks motioned and Dr Newland seconded a motion to remove the notarized signature requirement from the applications. Motion carried 5-0
 - b. The Board told Ms Murray to remove the reciprocity requirement of providing a copy of the state law from the reciprocity application page.
 - c. The Board discussed the reference requirement in the licensure application. They informed Ms Murray to leave the three reference pages as part of the application.
 - B. Reciprocity
 - a. Dr Sparks motioned and Dr Newland seconded a motion to approve the reciprocity application of Joo Won Kaser, OD. Motion carried 5-0.
 - b. Dr Newland motioned and Dr Bircher seconded a motion to approve the reciprocity application of Cathy Edwards, OD. Motion carried 5-0.

- C. The Board informed Ms Murray that there will not be any licensure renewal discounts for optometrists with part-time work status.
- D. Ms Murray asked for newsletter topics.
- E. Trade Names:
 - a. Dr Newland motioned and Dr Sparks seconded a motion to approve the thread name of *Drs Cooper and Banninger, LLC*, 119 W 7th St, Concordia, KS for Christopher Banninger, OD and David Cooper, OD. Motion carried 5-0.
 - b. Dr Newland motioned and Dr Bircher seconded a motion to approve the trade name of *Professional Eyecare Regency*, 9616 A Metcalf Ave, Overland Park, KS. Motion carried 5-0.
- F. Ms Murray discussed the new email system that started 01/01/2021.
- G. Ms Murray discussed the Microsoft Teams updates.

XI. *Report of the President*

- A. Dr Lozada discussed the results of the Amazon Alexa survey sent to licensees by the Board.
- B. Dr Lozada obtained the services of KPMG in case accounting services are required by the Board.
- C. Dr Lozada discussed the 2021 exam. Dr Lozada asked all the Board members to submit 3 questions each for consideration for the next exam by the next meeting.
- D. Dr Lozada gave an update on complaints filed with Kansas Board of Healing Arts

Dr Newland motioned to move into Executive Session at 4:03pm returning to open session at 4:10 pm. The justification to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel. The motion was seconded by Dr Sparks. The motion passed

The Board adjourned into executive session at 4:03 pm

The Board reconvened at 4:13 pm

Dr Newland motioned to move into Executive Session at 4.13pm returning to open session at 4:25 pm. The justification to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel. The motion was seconded by Dr Bircher. The motion passed.

The Board adjourned into executive session at 4:13 pm

The Board reconvened at 4:26 pm

XII. *Report of the Vice President*

- A. Dr Newland motioned and Dr Sparks seconded a motion to change classification for the executive officer from classified to unclassified with a salary increase of 7%. Motion carried 5-0.

XIII. *Comments from the Public*

- A. Mr Fleischer gave informed the Board that all the CE from their Fall Conference had been submitted to ARBO. It was taking ARBO longer to get the CE entered into the OE Tracker.
- B. Mr Fleischer updated the Board on current legislature.

XIV. *Next Meeting*

The next meeting will Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 1:00pm, the location TBD.

XV. Adjournment

Ms De Anda motion and Dr Sparks seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. The Board adjourned at 4:40 pm.