

KANSAS BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY
Minutes of the November 28, 2023 Meeting

- I. 7:05 pm called to order by Dawn Bircher, OD Board President. Members of the Board present were Drs Geard Lozada, Sheena Nagaraja and Philip Walters. Also, in attendance were Tim Resner, Board Counsel and Jan Murray, Executive Officer. Members of the public in attendance were Todd Fleischer, KOA Representative, Elizabeth Bell, OD, Braiden Werth, OD, Beth Bazin, OD, and Brett Bence, OD.
- II. Motion (Bircher/Lozada/Unanimous): To approve the reciprocity of Elizabeth Bell, OD 2024-08.
- III. Motion (Lozada/Nagaraja/Unanimous): To approve the trade name of *Werth Eye Group*, 625 E 8th St, Hays, KS 67601 for Braiden Werth, OD and Dan Schmidt, OD, 2024-09
- IV. Motion (Lozada/Nagaraja/Unanimous): To authorize Ms Murray to submit updates to K.A.R. 65-5-6 CE regulation into the regulation approval process.
- V. The Board heard from Beth Bazin, OD concerning a potential issue with her Kansas reciprocity application. No action was taken.
- VI. The Board heard public comments from Bret Bence, OD. Dr Bence is the Board's COPE's liaison with ARBO. No action was taken.
- VII. Dr Lozada motioned to adjourn into executive session, the reason being to consultation with the Board's counsel which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, returning into open session at 7:55 pm. The motion was seconded by Dr Nagaraja. Motion carried 4-0.

The Board adjourned into executive session at 7:40 pm

The Board reconvened at 7:55 pm.

- VIII. Dr Bircher motioned to adjourn into executive session, the reason being to consultation with the Board's counsel which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, returning into open session at 8:10 pm. The motion was seconded by Dr Nagaraja. Motion carried 4-0.

The Board adjourned into executive session at 7:57 pm

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- IX. Adjournment: (Bircher/Lozada/Unanimous)

The Board adjourned at 8:18 pm.