

KANSAS BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY
Minutes of the January 3, 2024 Meeting

- I. 1:06 pm, called to order by Sheena Nagaraja, OD, Board Vice-President. Members of the Board present were Drs Philip Walters and Gary Beaver. Dr Dawn Bircher joined the meeting remotely. Also in attendance were Tim Resner, Board Counsel and Jan Murray, Executive Officer. Members of the public in attendance were Todd Fleischer, KOA Representative, Matthew Hildebrand, OD, Beth Bazin, OD, Ryan Kueker, OD, and Lisa Fennel, ARBO representative.

- II. Hearing on Proposed Administrative Regulation:

A. K.A.R. 65-5-14

Hearing concluded at 1:12 pm

- III. The agenda was approved by consensus.

- IV. Review and approval of the minutes of the last meetings.

A. Motion (Nagaraja/Bircher/Unanimous): That the minutes from the October 18, 2023 and November 28, 2023 meetings be approved.

Motion (Nagaraja/Walters/Unanimous) to go into a closed session for 10 minutes.

The Board adjourned into closed session at 1:15 pm.

The Board reconvened at 1:25 pm.

- V. Reciprocities:

A. Motion (Nagaraja/Walters/Unanimous): That the reciprocity of Matthew Hildebrand, OD be approved.

B. Motion (Nagaraja/Walters/3-0): That the reciprocity of Beth Bazin, OD be approved. Dr Bircher was not present.

- VI. Trade Names:

A. Motion (Beaver/Nagaraja/Unanimous): That the trade names for Ryan Kueker, OD be tabled to the next meeting.

- VII. Lisa Fennel, Executive Director of ARBO presented the CELMO (The Council on Endorsed Licensure Mobility for Optometrists) program to the Board. No Action was taken.

- VIII. Report of the President:

A. Dr Nagaraja welcomed Drs Philip Walters and Gary Beavers to the Board.

B. Motion (Bircher/Nagaraja/Unanimous): To appoint Gary Beaver as Secretary-Treasurer

C. Telemedicine discussion was tabled.

- IX. Report of the Vice-President:

A. No Report

- X. Report of the Secretary-Treasurer
 - A. No Report
- XI. Report of the Member at Large
 - A. No Report
- XII. Report of the Public Member
 - A. No Report
- XIII. Report of the Legal Counsel
 - A. Mr. Resner briefed the Board on an ongoing legal case in the court of appeals.
- XIV. Report of the Executive Officer
 - A. Ms Murray gave an update on the new website.
 - B. Ms Murray requested Newsletter Topics from the Board
 - C. Ms Murray discussed a Board Retreat
- XV. Comments from the Public
 - A. No Comments
- XVI. Regulation Updates – Tabled
- XVII. Executive Session:
 - A. Dr Beaver motioned to adjourn into executive session, the reason being to consult with the Board’s counsel which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, returning into open session at 2:47 pm. The motion was seconded by Dr Nagaraja. Motion carried 4-0

The Board adjourned into executive session at 2:32 pm.

The Board reconvened at 2:47 pm.

- XVIII. Next meeting: April 10, 2024 at 10:00 am, place TBD.

- XIX. Adjournment: (Walters/Nagaraja/Unanimous)

The Board adjourned at 2:55 pm