



Board of Optometry Regular Meeting Minutes December 10, 2021

Board members present: Glen Owen, OD, Chair
Anna Wells, OD, Vice-Chair
William Prothero, OD
Robert Davis, OD
Keren Yang, OD
Beth Rollinger, Public Member

Board members absent: None

Staff members present: Lorelei Walker, Program Manager
Kim-Boi Shaddock, Program Manager
Martin Pittioni, Director
Noelle Chung, Assistant Attorney General
Miceal Carnahan, Management Analyst
Ashley Maxwell, Supervising Staff Attorney
Jeff Wise, Health Services Consultant
Madissen Schatz, Administrative Assistant

On December 10, 2021, the Board of Optometry met via web conference. Notice of the meeting was published on the [Board of Optometry website](#) and was sent out through the GovDelivery listserv.

OPEN SESSION:

Call to Order – Welcome and Introductions

Glen Owen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

Beth Rollinger moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and adopted.

2. Approval of Minutes – September 10, 2021 Business Meeting

Robert Davis moved to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2021 business meeting. The motion was seconded and adopted.

3. Reports - Glen Owen, OD, Chair

3.1. NBEO/NBERC 2021 Report

The Part III Clinical Skills Exam (CSE) will be transitioned to the updated Patient Encounters and Performance Skills (PEPS). This will involve incorporating important cognitive and clinical skills. Exam security and COVID safety policies will be updated. The NBEO Board will be considering diversification – including commercial optometry.

3.2. Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) Performance Audit

The board will investigate if the state's PMP system could be used to monitor opioid prescribing and dispensing patterns and help reduce opioid abuse and misuse. The board will also consider if program data is sufficiently complete, accurate, and timely to meet the needs of prescribers and other users when making decisions about patient care. The board intends to hire a subject matter expert for the audit process. A report detailing the findings is expected to be published by the summer of 2022.

4. Reports - Traci Orr, Interim Executive Director and Lorelei Walker, Program Manager

4.1. Credentialing (Continued from December)

No new updates

4.2. Budget

Will have reports from July 01, 2021 through October 21, 2021 biennium when October budget clears.

4.3. Rulemaking Updates

The ESSB 2411 & 1551 Suicide Prevention Training and HIV/Aids Education was filed on August 31, 2021. The rule is now effective.

4.4. Legislative Updates

Sunrise Review- The “final recommendations” report draft is under review and will be shared in late December 2021 or early January 2022.

Board Composition Draft Bill- No new updates

4.5. Recruitment

Anna Wells, Robert Davis, and William Prothero’s terms expire in September of 2022. The board will consider asking if the Governor can make a permanent change to one of the terms so that no more than two terms expire at once.

4.6. HELMS Update

A fee study is being considered to address the high fund balance. More information will be shared in late spring-fall.

The Office of Investigation and Legal Services will adjust discrepancies within inter-agency charges to accurately reflect time spent for the previous quarter on the budget report.

The department is currently in the process of negotiating indirect rates with the federal government. The indirect rates will not be charged until the agency has an approved proposal.

5. Reports – Noelle Chung, AAG

No new updates

Open Forum

David Stanfield, president of the Optometric Physicians of Washington, commented on continuing education post-pandemic. Mr. Stanfield will assign a task force within the OPW continuing education committee to research the efficacy of online versus in-person education. OPW also plans to query their members regarding preferred modes of education.

Board Business

6. COVID-19 Emergency Topics

The board identified and discussed optometry COVID-19 issues.

7. Continuing Education (CE) Rulemaking Proposal

The board held a rulemaking workshop to consider an increased number of online courses and other miscellaneous changes to WACs 246-851-090 through 246-851-235.

The board recently completed its statutorily required 5-year review of rules, and will consider suggestions from that review to clarify, streamline, and simply existing rules.

The board discussed the contents of the CR-101 rulemaking package. The board will discuss findings from OPW’s task force at the next meeting.

8. Jurisprudence Exam Revisions

The board reviewed a summary of the jurisprudence exam questions by subject and began the process of updating the exam.

9. Elections for Chair and Vice-Chair for 2022

Robert Davis moved to nominate Glen Owen for Chair in 2022. The motion was seconded and adopted.

Glen Owen moved to nominate William Prothero for Vice-Chair in 2022. The motion was seconded and adopted.

10. Agenda-Building

The board discussed priority items for the March 04, 2022 agenda.

- COVID-19 emergency topics
- Continuing education (CE) rulemaking proposal
- Jurisprudence exam revisions
- Discuss what happened in session
- Review final recommendations from sunrise

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.