

## **MINUTES**

### **NEVADA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY PUBLIC WORKSHOP REGARDING PROPOSED REGULATION**

July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Office of the Nevada State Board of Optometry  
1000 East William  
Suite 109  
Carson City, Nevada

A Public Workshop Regarding Proposed Regulation of the Nevada Board of Optometry was opened by Board President, Vincent A. Gassen, O.D., at 12:45 p.m. on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at the office of the Board of Optometry, 1000 East William, Suite 109, Carson City, Nevada.

Dr. Gassen asked for a rollcall.

Identifying themselves as participating by phone were:

Vincent Gassen, O.D., Board President  
William F. Harvey, O.D., Board Member  
Chen K. Young, O.D., Board Member  
Sherese Settlemeyer, Board Member  
Louis Ling, Board Counsel

Participating and present at the Board office were:

Dan Lyons, O.D., Nevada Optometric Association  
Jeanette Belz, Nevada Academy of Ophthalmology  
Lea Cartwright, Nevada Academy of Ophthalmology  
Judi Kennedy, Executive Director

Dr. Gassen asked for comments from the public.

Jeanette Belz, Nevada Academy of Ophthalmology, presented a proposed revision to the language contained in R045-15. The revision would require an optometric examination be conducted at least 4 times within a period of 12 consecutive months.

Michael Hillerby, Nevada Optometric Association, stated the Association was in favor of the proposed language set forth in R045-15, in that it proposes an optometric examination be conducted at such times as set out in a plan of treatment established by the optometrist in consultation with the ophthalmologist. He disagreed with the specific number of 4 examinations in the revision proposed by Ms. Belz.

Ms. Settlemeyer, Public Member of the Board, stated she was opposed to the specific number of examinations so unnecessary visits would not be required and possibly not approved by the patient's insurance company. She favored the number of visits be determined by the treating doctors.

Dr. Gassen pointed out that under the proposed revision presented by Ms. Belz, an optometrist could conduct 4 examinations of the patient in a 2 month period and satisfy the requirements.

Troy Humphreys, O.D. stated he believed the number of visits should be determined by the treating doctors based the needs of a specific patient. He continued stating he did not believe a specific number was good for patient care.

Dr. Gassen asked for further comments. There were none.

Dr. Young moved the Workshop be closed. Dr. Harvey seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The Workshop was closed at 1:06 p.m.

