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THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY TELEPHONE MEETING Thursday, February 7, 2019 at 12:00 Noon

1. Welcome, Introductions and Public Comment.

No public comment was offered.

2. Call to Order, Roll Call.

President Young called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. via teleconference. All members were present and a quorum was established. Board member Drew Johnson joined the meeting late at 12:20 p.m.

- 3.* For Possible Action. Consideration of granting a regulatory reprieve from allegations of or existing violations of NRS and NAC chapters 636 related to organizational and operational compliance, but not licensure or clinical or administrative compliance, through April 30, 2019, and efforts to educate Nevada licensees regarding the same.

Dr. Austin moved to grant the requested reprieve as discussed at the last Board meeting, seconded by Dr. Smith. Approved unanimously.

Executive Director Jenkins plans to meet with Maria Nutile, Esq. to develop a checklist and list of resources to be used in an educational campaign regarding corporate compliance issues.

- 4.* For Possible Action. Executive Director's Report.
 - a. Agency Financial Report, 7/1/18 through 12/31/18, potential adjustments.
 - b. 2017-18 Audit Status.
 - c. Other reports/information.

a. Director Jenkins presented the financial report at 6 months and reported that more than 80% of license renewals have not yet been received.

b. The required 2017-18 audit has not yet been completed., but she has been prompting the auditors to complete it well before the end of this legislative session.

c. Further investigation of Dr. Ritter's patient files was performed with the assistance of a private firm in Las Vegas who obtained random files. On behalf of the Board, Dr. Austin reviewed several dozen patient files to determine if complete exams were done. Dr. Austin concluded that his review did not identify sufficient grounds to support the allegations and recommended that the Board dismiss the Complaint. President Young suggested that staff need not to place this matter on the agenda for the March board meeting.

Director Jenkins asked the board for substantive input on the proposed education campaign, statutes, etc. Member Johnson agreed to assist with developing information for the licensees, and Dr. Young offered to assist if needed.

Director Jenkins stated that she has been negotiating with counsel for Dr. Amel Youssef, and that there will not likely be a hearing on the next agenda. Instead, a stipulated settlement of the matter likely will be considered at the next meeting

5. Announcements and requests for future Board consideration (No action to be taken).
NEXT BOARD MEETING scheduled for March 26, 2019 at noon, by telephone.
- 6.* Public Comment. There was no public comment.
- 7.* **For Possible Action. Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

Approved by Board Vote on

05/21/2019

/s/

Caren C. Jenkins, Executive Director