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MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY TELEPHONIC MEETING

Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 5:30 pm.

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1. Welcome, Introductions and Public Comment.

President Chen Young, O.D. welcomed participants on the call and asked for public comment. There was no public comment offered.

2. Call to Order, Roll Call.

The meeting came to order at 5:32 pm, with all Board Members present. Also attending were staff Caren Jenkins, Executive Director and Sarah Bradley, Esq., Board Counsel. Public in attendance included Mike Hillerby, Jeannette Belz and Terri Ogden.

- 3.* **For Possible Action. Consideration of amendments to Assembly Bill 77 for proposal to the Assembly Committee on Commerce & Labor.**

All members acknowledged that they had had an opportunity to carefully review AB77 and the amendments proposed by the Legislative Changes Subcommittee and Dr. Smith. After a brief overview, noting that the proposed changes came in response to questions raised in response to the introduction of the measure, members asked questions. Most were that the format made provisions difficult to locate. After discussion, Dr. Smith moved and Dr. Austin seconded a motion for the Board to adopt the recommendations presented for additional amendments to AB 77, and to submit the new material to the legislature for further amendment to AB77. Unanimous approval. Motion passed.

- 4.* **For Possible Action. Consideration of support or other action on measures related to optometry in the 2019 Legislature**

President Young proposed that the Board engage assistance in lobbying on behalf of AB77 and other optometry board related legislative measures. Mr. Johnson suggested the Board approve giving the Executive Director authority to select and engage a lobbyist and to expend up to \$15,000 for such services. Dr. Austin moved and Dr. Smith seconded the motion to authorize the Executive Director to engage a lobbying assistance and expend up to \$15,000 therefor. Motion passed unanimously.

SB 187 regarding opioid prescribing proposes to exempt optometrists and dentists from the requirements of a physical exam, review of medical records and other considerations for which they may not be qualified. The measure would exempt prescribers who offer less than a 7 day supply. The Board agreed that the E.D. already had authority to testify of the effect on this measure on the Board.

AB 239 came to the Board's attention via Mike Hillerby on behalf of the Nevada Optometric Association. The bill's sponsor, Mike Sprinkle applies the SB 187 exemptions to opioid prescribers of 30 days or fewer.

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.

No public comment was offered.

7.* **For Possible Action. Adjournment.**

President Young called for adjournment at 6:23 pm. Moved by Dr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Johnson. Unanimous approval. Motion passed.

Approved by Board Vote on

05/21/2019

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Caren C. Jenkins, Executive Director