

# NEVADA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY



## **MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**January 27, 2022**

1. **Call to Order and Public Comment.** President Mariah Smith, O.D. opened the telephonic meeting at 12:00 p.m. and asked for public comment. No public comments were offered.
2. **Roll Call.** President Mariah Smith, O.D., Jeff Austin, O.D., Stephanie Lee, O.D., and Drew Johnson were all in attendance. Also present were Executive Director Caren C. Jenkins, Board Counsel Asheesh Bhalla, Esq., and Licensing Specialist, Nancy Padilla. Public attendees included Teri Ogden, Steve Girisgen, O.D., Harlan Kopolow, O.D., Brittany Nannini, O.D., and Amanda Prescia.
3. **Consideration and approval of the proposed minutes of the November 11 and 22, Board meeting.** All members having had an opportunity to consider the proposed minutes, Mr. Drew Johnson moved, and Jeff Austin, O.D. seconded the motion to adopt the minutes without correction. Unanimous passage.
4. **Proposed changes to Board Policies regarding CE**
  - a. **Proposed retroactive pre-approval of CE programs offered by Sacramento Valley Optometric Association submitted by Brittany Nannini, O.D.** After discussion Jeff Austin, O.D. moved that the Nevada State Board of Optometry will accept any CE provided by or approved by a state association even if it is presented by a local society. Stephanie Lee, O.D. seconded the motion. Unanimous passage.
  - b. **Proposed changes to CME as acceptable Optometry CE, effective March 1, 2022 submitted by Vice President Jeffrey Austin, O.D.** President Mariah Smith, O.D. proposed that changes are to be tabled for a future meeting.
  - c. **Proposed elimination of certain Pre-approved CE providers.** Vice President Jeffrey Austin, O.D. Jeff Austin recommends that we clean up our current list of pre-approved providers on our website due to inconsistencies and review our Policy #5 for possible changes. President Mariah Smith, O.D. proposed that changes are to be tabled for a future meeting.

5. **Consideration of contract proposal by Thentia Cloud for Government for customer management software designed for regulatory boards.** Presentation given by Caren C. Jenkins, Executive Director and Q&A by Amanda Prescia, Thentia Account Executive and Head of Government Relationships-Southwest Territory. Following the presentation and discussion, Drew Johnson moved to authorize Director Caren Jenkins to enter in a contract with Thentia for 5 years. Stephanie Lee, O.D. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
6. **Executive Director's Report. Renewal status, rebate status, other issues to report.** (No action).
- Caren Jenkins reported that she is looking to schedule Board training, and open meeting law training with the attorney general's office.
  - Nancy Padilla provided a report on the 2022-2024 license renewal progress.
  - Director Jenkins recommended that licensees who don't comply with adding locations, changing their addresses, or registering their fictitious names should be required to re-take the Nevada State Board of Optometry law exam. Jeff Austin, O.D. agreed that licensees should re-take the law exam and pay an administrative penalty within 30 days to avoid a Complaint filed by the Board. Caren Jenkins indicated that any proposed penalties must be ratified in the next Board meeting.
7. **Announcements, items for future consideration.** (No action). Mariah Smith, O.D. indicated that a stakeholders meeting will need to be scheduled for the legislative changes we would like to take in the next session. President Mariah Smith, O.D. reported that she did reach out to the Board of Opticians to propose a collaboration with them on the 2-year expiration date on spectacle lenses with concurrent un-authorization of opticians' ability to duplicate glasses based on lensometry alone without a valid prescription. The Board of Opticians was not interested in pursuing or discussing this proposal at all.
8. **Public Comment.** No public comments were provided.
9. **Adjournment.** Motion to adjourn at 1:19 p.m. by Dr. Austin, seconded by Drew Johnson. Unanimous motion carried.

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**FY 2021-2022 Regular meeting schedule** Tuesdays at Noon by telephone: March 24, 2022, May 19, 2022, July 21, 2022, September 22, 2022, and November 17, 2022. Additional meetings may be called on an as-needed basis.

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These minutes were considered and approved by majority vote of the Nevada State Board of Optometry at its meeting on March 24, 2022.



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Caren C. Jenkins, Executive Director