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NEVADA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

MINUTES OF
PUBLIC MEETING
February 24, 2025

- 1. Call to Order.** Mariah Smith, O.D. opened the live meeting at 7:33a.m.
- 2. Roll Call.** Director Schneider read the Zoom log-in information into the record for AB 219 compliance as Meeting ID: 775 883 8367, Passcode: 8367, telephone 1 669 900 6833. Deputy Attorney General (DAG) Todd Weiss, Esq., and Board members Sally Balecha, Mariah Smith, O.D., Jeffrey Austin, O.D. and executive director Adam Schneider, Esq. were present via Zoom. Quorum was established.
- 3. Public Comment.** Director Schneider invited public comment. No public comment received.
- 4. Action Item. Consideration of BDR 151/AB183 for possible proposed revisions and communications to Assemblyman Koenig regarding same.** Dr. Austin discussed that Section 5 stating “analgesic or non-analgesic” regarding Schedules III-V drugs is redundant and therefore proposed to recommend to Dr. Koenig that “analgesic or non-analgesic” be removed and replaced with “any drug,” still within Schedule III-V, which will make the statute cleaner, more understandable and less open to confusion. Because of this change, and because NRS 636.0215 cites to NRS 636.288, NRS 636.288(2) which regards morphine equivalents would need to be clarified too. Director Schneider directed the Board to the materials which cites to NRS 636.288, and that NRS 453 is the Controlled Substance chapter which defines narcotic drug and opiate. Dr. Smith asked for proposed language. Dr. Austin stated that NRS 636.288(2) only makes sense in the context of narcotics or opioids, so it would be a small change but would make it clearer. Dr. Austin moved to recommend to Dr. Koenig that BDR 151(5) be revised to remove “analgesic or non-analgesic,” replaced with “any drug,” and accordingly that NRS 636.288(2) be revised to instead start with “If a narcotic opioid analgesic is prescribed . . .” Dr. Smith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- 5. Action Item. Consideration of SB 78’s proposed consolidation with other Board(s) and communications to Board’s legislative services consultant regarding same.** Director Schneider directed the Board to the meeting materials and the draft letter, which if approved the Board’s legislative services consultant can use when talking with the Nevada Assembly to

educate them on their vote. Dr. Smith stated the letter looked great to her, and moved to for the Board to take an official position that the Board opposes SB 78's consolidation of Optometry with Opticianry, and that the Board approve the draft letter. Dr. Alamo seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Public Comment. Director Schneider invited public comment. No public comment received.

7. Action Item. Dr. Smith moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Public Member Balecha seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:44a.m.

14 persons attended virtually, inclusive of Board members, Deputy Attorney General and Executive Director. No role call conducted or sign-in sheets provided.

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FY 2024-2025 Regular meeting schedule

Monday 2/24/2025 7:30a.m. (pst) Reg. Bd. Meeting- phone or Zoom
Tuesday 3/18/2025 12:00p.m. (pst) Reg. Bd. Meeting- phone or Zoom
Monday 4/21/2025 12:00p.m. (pst) Reg. Bd. Meeting- phone or Zoom
Monday 5/19/2025 12:00p.m. (pst) Reg. Bd. Meeting- phone or Zoom
Monday 6/16/2025 12:00p.m. (pst) Reg. Bd. Meeting- phone or Zoom

These minutes were considered and approved by majority vote of the Nevada State Board of Optometry at its meeting on March 18, 2025.

/s/ Adam Schneider

Adam Schneider, Executive Director