

**UTAH OPTOMETRIST
LICENSING BOARD
ELECTRONIC MEETING MINUTES**

**JULY 25, 2023 9:00 AM
SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84114**

CONVENED: 9:04 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 10:33 A.M.

DOPL STAFF PRESENT:

Bureau Manager: Larry Marx

Compliance Officer: Jennifer Johnson

Board Secretary: Allison Pulsipher

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Wooldridge, OD, Chairperson

Dane Dansie, OD

Nathan Wilcox, Public Member

Michael Judkins, OD

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Victoria Bennion, Public Member

Robert Gray, OD

David Masihdas, OD

GUESTS:

Chanae Landeen, UOA

Rey Alonzo, UMA

Note: Other guests may have been in attendance electronically but were not identified.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Call Meeting to Order

Dr. Wooldridge called the meeting to order at 9:04 am.

Read and Approve April 25, 2023 Minutes (0:05:18)

Dr. Judkins motioned to approve the minutes as written.

Mr. Wilcox seconded to motion.

The Board motion passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS:

Compliance Report (0:08:00)

Ms. Johnson went over the compliance report.

Dr. Sargent is not employed as an Optometrist at this time.

Dr. Sargent is still missing some of the required evaluations.

Dr. Sargent has had all negative tests.

Ms. Johnson stated that Dr. Sargent indicated completing his test has proven difficult with his current job.

Mr. Wilcox asked if the missed test could be excused if it is proven he was working. Mr. Marx stated he would speak with Dr. Sargent to find a solution for his testing with his work schedule.

Ms. Johnson explained to the Board what would happen if Dr. Sargent does not remain compliant or does not work within the profession.

Dr. Steven Sargent: Probationary Interview

Dr. Sargent did not attend the July Meeting.

Dr. Dansie made a motion to find Dr. Sargent not compliant with his current probation.

Dr. Judkins seconds the motion.

The Board motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION:

ARBO Meeting Review (0:27:25)

Dr. Wooldridge started the discussion by reviewing his time at the ARBO Annual Conference.

Ms. Pulsipher informed the Board what information is provided on the DOPL website and the Optometry page.

Mr. Marx went over how the disciplinary information is provided on the DOPL website. Dr. Wooldridge stated when he spoke with ARBO regarding their new requirements and guidelines regarding Continuing Education.

Mr. Marx informed the Board that some other professions have the addition of Board approved continuing education in their rules.

Dr. Wooldridge stated his concerns with allowing Board approval of continuing education.

Dr. Dansie expressed his opinion for allowing continuing education other than COPE approved courses.

Mr. Marx explained to the Board how the Division conducts CE Audits.

Dr. Wooldridge stated there is an audit system built into OE Tracker that other states are using for their CE Audits.

Board Exam for Optometry in Canada (1:18:24)

Mr. Marx started the discussion regarding the Canadian Optometry Exam informing the Board of the discussion surrounding the exam.

Dr. Woolridge clarified the Division does not currently accept the Canadian Optometry Exam.

Dr. Judkins stated he felt the consideration of accepting the Canadian Board Exam was in response to the expenses placed on new applicants taking the NBEO.

Dr. Wooldridge stated during the ARBO Conference it was mentioned they have looked into added testing sites to the western states, but the cost of adding an additional site was too high to make justifiable.

Dr. Dansie made a motion to recommend only accepting NBEO at this time.

Dr. Judkins seconded the motion.

The Board passed the motion unanimously.

Concerns about Professional Titles (1:21:57)

Dr. Wooldridge stated the discussion by explaining the Board of a law that was passed in Florida and his concerns of this precedent migrating to Utah.

Mr. Marx clarified who is allowed to utilize the title of "Doctor".

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: OCTOBER 31, 2023

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at 10:33 A.M.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

1/30/24

Date Approved

(ss) R Wooldridge

Chairperson,
Utah Board of Optometry Licensing Board

1/30/2024

Date Approved

(ss) Larry Marx

Bureau Manager, DOPL