UTAH OPTOMETRIST
LICENSING BOARD
ELECTRONIC MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 29, 2024 9:00 AM
SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84114

CONVENED: 9:04 A.M.   ADJOURNED: 10:39 A.M.

DOPL STAFF PRESENT:
Bureau Manager: Larry Marx   Board Secretary: Allison Pulsipher
Compliance Specialist: Jennifer   Investigations Specialist: Sharilee
    Johnson   Scheller

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
Robert Wooldridge, OD, Chairperson   Robert Gray, OD
Cori Callahan, OD   Michael Judkins, OD

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:
Victoria Bennion, Public Member   David Masihdas, OD
Nathan Wilcox, Public Member

GUESTS:
Chanae Landeen, UOA   Lanny DuClos, OD
Mark Taylor, UOA

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.

New Board Member Introduction (0:03:00)
Dr. Callahan introduced herself to the Board.
The Board introduced themselves to Dr. Callahan.
Dr. Callahan swore into the Board.

Read and Approve April 30, 2024 Minutes (0:08:40)
Dr. Gray motioned to approve the minutes as written.
Dr. Judkins seconded to motion.
The Board motion passed unanimously.

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Investigations Report (0:09:38)
Mr. Marx introduced Ms. Scheller to the Board.
Ms. Scheller gave the investigations report from the start of the year.
There have been 5 cases opened and 4 cases closed.

Compliance Report (0:25:25)
Ms. Johnson gave the compliance report.

Dr. Paxman needs to complete continuing education in ethics.
Dr. Paxman needs an approved supervisor and quarterly audits of his records.

Dr. Wooldridge asked for clarification regarding Dr. Paxman's continuing education.
Ms. Johnson confirmed the requirements Dr. Paxman needs to complete.
Dr. Paxman confirmed the course he recently finished.

Mr. Marx went over the process the Board should follow when interviewing probationers.

APPOINTMENT:

Dr. Paul Paxman – Initial Probationary Interview (0:43:35)
Dr. Wooldridge stated the interview with Dr. Paxman by him how his probation has
affected his practice.
Dr. Paxman stated he anticipates having long-term credentialling issues due to his
situation.
Dr. Paxman stated he has completed his continuing education required by the Division
and the paid the restitution required by the Tax Commission.
Dr. Gray motioned to accept Dr. DuClos as Dr. Paxman's supervisor.
Dr. Judkins seconded the motion.
The Board motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Judkins motioned to accept Dr. Paxman in compliance with his stipulation.
Dr. Gray seconded the motion.
The Board motion passed unanimously.
Mr. Marx asked Dr. DuClos if he had any questions for the Division.
Dr. DuClos stated the software Dr. Paxman utilizes allows for easy access to
complete quarterly reports.
Dr. Judkins asked how Dr. DuClos records are being entered in correctly into his
software.
Dr. DuClos confirmed with the Board how he can accurately review the reports.

DISCUSSION:

DOPL Fingerprint Background Check Changes (0:58:12)
Mr. Marx reviewed the Divisions proposed changes regarding the background checks
required for licensure.
Dr. Gray how the Division intends to enact this change.

Mr. Marx informed the Board it would be up to legislation to choose how to enact this change.

Dr. Gray asked how the Division will choose which professions they want to obtain background checks.

Mr. Marx stated it will be based on discussions between the Division, the Department of Commerce, and the Legislature.

Mr. Marx stated he should know if a bill will be filed for the 2025 Legislative session by the next meeting.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: **JANUARY 28, 2025**

ADJOURN:
Meeting adjourned at 10:39 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.

_1/29/25_

Date Approved

(ss) _R Woolridge_

Chairperson,
Utah Board of Optometry Licensing Board

_1/30/2025_

Date Approved

(ss) _Larry Marx_

Bureau Manager, DOPL

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