

**UTAH OPTOMETRIST  
LICENSING BOARD  
ELECTRONIC MEETING MINUTES**

**APRIL 26, 2022 9:00 AM  
SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84114**

CONVENED: 9:05 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 10:04 A.M.

**DOPL STAFF PRESENT:**

Bureau Manager      Jeff Busjahn

Board Secretary:      Lisa Martin

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dane Dansie, OD, Chairperson  
Robert Wooldridge, OD  
David Masihdas, OD

Robert Gray, OD  
Victoria Bannon, Public Member  
Blaine F. Bird, OD

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

Nathan Wilcox, Public Member

**GUESTS:**

Annette Mahler  
Mark Taylor  
Ross Chatwin

Mark Brinton, UMA  
Steve Brule  
Michelle McOmber, UMA

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

**Call Meeting to Order**

Dr. Dansie called the meeting to order at 9:11 am.

**Board Chair Vote (0:07)**

Dr. Dansie nominated Dr. Wooldridge to serve as chair.

Dr. Bird seconded the motion.

The Board motion passed unanimously.

**Read and Approve January 26, 2021 Minutes. (0:09)**

Dr. Wooldridge made a motion to approve the minutes as revised.

Dr. Bird seconded the motion.

The Board motion passed unanimously.

**DISCUSSION:**

**CORNEAL CROSS LINKING (0:12)**

Dr. Wooldridge stated there has been interest in this topic within the profession and the topic will be included in the June ARBO conference.

#### **PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PRACTICE ACT CHANGES (0:14)**

**Dr. Dansie asked about the changes to the title for physician assistants.**

Mr. Brinton stated the physician assistant license name has not changed in the state of Utah; however, there is some discussion of a title change in other states.

**Dr. Wooldridge stated it is his understanding that physician assistants are no longer required to have a supervising physician.**

**Ms. Martin stated the requirement to have a supervising physician is based upon the post graduate practice experience in a single specialty.**

#### **PROVIDER CREDENTIALS & ASSOCIATED IMAGING AUTHORIZATIONS (0:40)**

**Dr. Wooldridge stated there have been some issues with optometrist being able to order imaging scans such as MRIs; which is limiting the practice of optometry.**

**Dr. Dansie asked if there is anything the Division can do to ensure entities are aware of scope of practice and current optometrist practice act.**

**Mr. Busjahn stated Mr. Marx would be able to have discussion with any facility that may have questions about the optometrist practice act.**

**Dr. Wooldridge stated he will continue to communicate with the facilities as well.**

#### **OPEN MEETINGS ACT (0:46)**

**Ms. Martin reviewed the open meetings act.**

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: JULY 26, 2022**

#### **ADJOURN:**

**Meeting adjourned at 10:04 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.**

7/26/2022

**Date Approved**

(ss) R Wooldridge

**Chairperson,  
Utah Board of Optometry Licensing Board**

7/26/2022

**Date Approved**

(ss) Larry Marx

**Bureau Manager, DOPL**