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## **Board of Optometry Regular Meeting Minutes September 08, 2023**

Labor & Industries, 7273 Linderson Way S.W., Room S119, Tumwater, WA 98501, and  
Webinar

**Members present:** Melissa Dacumos, Optometrist; Theodore Kadet, Optometrist; Keren Yang, Optometrist, Vice-chairperson; Riya Paranthan, Optometrist; Palwinder Kaur, Optometrist; Barbara Rollinger, General Public

**Members absent:** None

**Staff present:** Noelle Chung, Assistant Attorney General, Washington State Attorney General's Office; Kristina Bell, Program Manager; Melissa Green, Executive Director; Poppy Budrow, Program Manager; Jennifer Santiago, Executive Director; Jeff Wise, Policy Analyst; Deonna Chartrey, Case Manager; Ashley Maxwell, Supervising Staff Attorney

**Guest and other participants:** William Prothero, OD, Overlake Eyecare, PS; Robert Potter, OD, Costco Wholesale; DJ Kyle, Executive Director, Optometric Physicians of Washington; Hillary Norris, Policy Analyst, Washington State Medical Association; Susie Tracy, Owner, Lobbyist, Northwest Advocates; Lorin B Park, OD, Walmart Vision & Glasses; Victoria Roan, OD, FAAO, Pacific Cataract and Laser Institute

### **Call to Order and Introductions**

Keren Yang, chairperson, called the public meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and read from a prepared statement (on file).

#### **1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion:** Approve September 08, 2023, agenda.

**Motion/Second:** Glen Owen/Melissa Dacumos. Approved unanimously.

#### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JUNE 09, 2023, BUSINESS MEETING**

**Motion:** Approve the June 09, 2023, minutes.

**Motion/Second:** Melissa Dacumos/Glen Owen. Approved unanimously.

#### **3. RULES HEARING**

Keren Yang, chairperson, called the rules hearing to order at 9:06 a.m. and read from a prepared statement on file.

The board considered public comments and voted on proposed rules related to health equity continuing education requirements, health professional monitoring program terminology update, and continuing education requirements. All three sets of rules were adopted unanimously.

- **Health Equity Continuing Education Requirements (WAC 246-851-225):**  
**Motion:** Adopt the proposed rules for WAC 246-851-225.  
**Motion/Second:** Melissa Dacumos/Barbara Rollinger. Approved unanimously.
- **Health Professional Monitoring Program Terminology Update (WAC 246-851-440 through 246-851-470):**  
**Motion:** Adopt the proposed rules for WAC 246-851-440 through 246-851-470.  
**Motion/Second:** Melissa Dacumos/Glen Owen. Approved unanimously.
- **Continuing Education Requirements (WAC 246-851-090 through 246-851-230):**  
**Motion:** Adopt the proposed rules for WAC 246-851-090 through 246-851-230.  
**Motion/Second:** Barbara Rollinger/Riya Paranthan. Approved unanimously.

Keren Yang, chairperson, adjourned the rules hearing at 9:21 a.m.

#### 4. OPEN FORUM

An open forum was held, but no comments were received from attendees.

#### 5. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES – SSB 5389 SCOPE OF OPTOMETRY

The board discussed SSB 5389, which broadens optometrist scopes of practice, including advanced procedures and drug prescribing rights.

#### 6. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

The board discussed administrative matters, extending discussions on the approval of the Board of Optometry bylaws, and approving the 2024 meeting dates with the change from June 7 to June 14<sup>th</sup>. Both motions were passed unanimously.

- **Board of Optometry Bylaws:**  
**Motion:** Extend the discussion on the approval of the Board of Optometry bylaws.  
**Motion/Second:** Theodore Cadet/Riya Paranthan. Approved unanimously.
- **2024 Meeting Dates:**  
**Motion:** Approve the 2024 meeting dates with the change from June 7 to June 14<sup>th</sup>.  
**Motion/Second:** Melissa Dacumos/Theodore Cadet. Approved unanimously.

**7. ASSOCIATION OF REGULATORY BOARDS OF OPTOMETRY (ARBO)**

Chairperson Yang shared valuable insights from the ARBO 2023 conference, providing an overview to the board.

**ADJOURNMENT OF OPEN SESSION**

**Motion:** Adjourn the open session of the Board of Optometry meeting.

**Motion/Second:** Glen Owen/Barbara Rollinger. Approved unanimously.

Keren Yang, chairperson, adjourned the meeting at 9:49 AM.