



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
*Olympia, Washington 98504*

WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OPTOMETRY  
Minutes of Meeting

A meeting of the Washington State Board of Optometry was called to order at 9:07 a.m. on Friday, March 22, by Karen Preston, O.D., Chair. The meeting was held in Conference Room 307 at the Department of Health, Center Point Corporate Park, 20425 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South, Kent, Washington.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Karen Preston, O.D., Chair  
Michael Noble, O.D.  
Robert Gander, O.D.  
Michael Van Brocklin, O.D.  
Judy Chan, O.D.  
Roy Brock, Public Member

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Jason Howell, Assistant Attorney General  
Judy Haenke, Program Manager  
Erlaine Diaz, Program Support

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Brad Tower, Tower and Associates

**OPEN SESSION**

**Call to Order**– 9:30 a.m. by Karen Preston, O.D., Chair

1. Approval of Agenda  
Case Presentation was moved to 11:30 AM. Agenda approved as amended.
2. Approval of Minutes
  - December 10, 2102: Add in “Scheduled and confirmed” at the end statement in Item 12. The minutes were approved as amended.
  - October 24, 2012: The minutes were approved as presented.

## REPORTS

3. **Karen Preston, O.D, Chair** – Reports to continue to attend Legislative Meet-Me calls
4. **Lisa Hodgson** –
5. **Jason Howell, AAG** – Mr. Howell updated the Board of the North Carolina Dental Examiners and Federal Trade Commission case as pending
6. **Judy Haenke, Program Manager** – Ms. Haenke presented the budget and credentialing and disciplinary statistical report to the Board.

## DISCUSSION

7. **Legislative Update** – Judy Haenke presented the following bills:
  - Bill 1515 – Concerning Medical Assistants /
    - The Board was informed that the Rules Hearing has been tentatively scheduled the for May 7, 2013
    - Applicants who apply to the department within seven days of employment may work as a medical assistant-registered for up to sixty days while the application is processed.
  - Bill 1586 - Requires advertisements that name a health care professional, regardless of whether the title "doctor" appears, to identify the type of license, registration, or certification held by the health care professional / Bill did not pass legislation
8. **ESSB 6237 – Medical Assistant.**

The Board reviewed an updated draft of proposed rules for ESSB 6237. The following topics were discussed during the review.

  - Fees and registration costs.
  - Seven hour Aids education classes can be found on Department of Health website
  - FBI Finger print checks are needed if an out of state applicant is applying.
9. **March 23 – 24, 2013, Post Graduate Seminar**

The Board discussed the upcoming seminar. Members volunteered to introduce the speakers at the 48th Annual Post Graduate Seminar at Kane Hall.
10. **Correspondence: Information/Action**
  - 10.1 Requests for Lists/Labels from Highline Community College
    - The Board approved this request
  - 10.2 Are both Visual Evoked Potential (VEP) and Electroretinography (ERG) within the scope for Washington Licensed optometrists?
    - Following discussion, the Board determined that VEP and ERG are within the scope of practice for optometrists in Washington.

10.3 Letter from North Carolina Board of Optometry.

- Information only regarding changes in the American Optometric Association's publications. No action required.

10.4 Jonathan Thomas, OD: Clarification of continuing education hours granted for a continuing education course that was a two part presentation.

- The Board determined if the practitioner has attended both meeting dates, they will both earn the 2 hours of continuing education requested. The Board will wait for the submission of the CE request.

11. **Interpretive Policy Statement**

The Board determined that the Interpretive Statement regarding Tamper Resistant Paper should be filed.

12. **Discussion of potential Policy for release of Interpupillary Distance measurement**

The Board determined that a policy statement related to the release of interpupillary distance (PD) measurement is not needed to inform practitioners regarding the release of the PD measurement.

**OPEN FORUM**

13. Brad Towers discussed the City of Seattle proposal regarding the delay of criminal background checks on job applicants until later into the hiring process.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION**

14. **Continuing Education**

14.1 – The board approved the following courses:

- PCLI – Neurological Visual Field Loss Workshop: Approved for one hour.
- PCLI – The Aura of Migraine Lecture: Approved for two hours.
- Group Health – Lagophthalmos and Protopsis: Approved for 1.5 hours.
- Northwest Eye Surgeons – Peripheral Corneal Disease and Keratitis: Approved for one hours
- Kaiser Permanente Northwest Region – New Ocular Pathology 2013 Conference: Approved for four hours.
- Northwest Eye Surgeons – Common Presentations of Corneal Pathology: Approved for one hour.
- Northwest Eye Surgeons – Triage and Management of Ocular “Red Eye”: Approved for one hour.
- PCLI – The Importance of Precise Biometry Prior to Cataract Extraction: Approved for the requested 1 hour
- VISN20: Grand Rounds: Approved for one hour.

14.2– Selection of reviewed for next quarter

- Karen Preston, Robert Gander, and Judy Chan

14.3 – Designation of dates for review:

- May 15 and June 5, 2013.

15. **ARBO 2013 Annual Meeting – San Diego**
  - The Board elected Robert Gander to participate in the 2013 Meeting
  
16. **Review and Update Business Plan**
  - The Board discussed the following topics in their Business Plan
    - i. Goal 3: Effective Communications between the Board of Optometry, licensees, stakeholders and the Department of Health - The Board discussed its role in getting the word out to licensees about the Affordable Health Care Act and the changes in Health Care Insurance.
    - ii. Goal 6: Facilitate an annual post-graduate seminar that is beneficial and cost effective – In the future, the Board will be provided annual cost accounting on Seminar costs.
  
17. **Update Signature Delegation**

Deferred to the June meeting.
  
18. **Efficiency Debriefing** – Nothing to Debrief

**CLOSED SESSION: 1:05 PM**

**ADJOURNMENT: 1:56 PM**