



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 9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 16, 2015 by Christopher Barry O.D., Chair. The meeting was held in Conference Room 309 at the Department of Health, Center Point Corporate Park, 20425 72nd Avenue South, Kent, Washington.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chris Barry, O.D., Chair
Judy Chan, O.D.
Karen Preston, O.D.
Michael Noble, O.D.
Dale Heaston, O.D.
Roy Brock, Public Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Christopher Wright, Assistant Attorney General
Kathy Schmitt, Deputy Director
Judy Haenke, Program Manager
Susan Gonzales, Program Support
Tanya Mill, Credentialing Supervisor (Telephonically)
Danielle Welliever, Policy Analyst

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ryan Bennion, O.D.
Weihan Wang, OD

OPEN SESSION:

9:00 a.m. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Christopher Barry, O.D., Chair

1. Approval of Agenda
The Agenda was approved with the following changes:
Item 8.3 AmbioDisk discussion was withdrawn from the agenda
Item 8.4 Added
Item 8.5 Added

2. Approval of Minutes
 - 2.1 The minutes of the December 1, 2014 meeting were approved as written.
 - 2.2 The minutes of the January 21, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

REPORTS

3. Christopher Barry, O.D., Chair. Nothing to report.
4. Christopher Wright, A.A.G. Nothing to report.
5. Kathy Schmitt, Deputy Office Director reported on revenue and expenditures through January 31, 2015.

Tanya Mills provided statistical data on the number of optometry application processed to date and the current status of applications.

6. Legislation.
Report on 2015 legislation
SSB 5293: Currently, optometrists in Washington may prescribe, dispense, purchase, possess and administer controlled substances in Schedules III-V but not Schedule I or II. Hydrocodone products were rescheduled from Schedule III to a Schedule II by the FDA on October 6, 2014. This bill will again allow optometrist to prescribe hydrocodone products. Should this bill pass, the board would need to have rulemaking to allow for the schedule II hydrocodone products in the drug list.

SSB 5034: After evaluating a patient, if an OT finds that a case is medical in nature, the OT must refer the case to a physician if appropriate medical direction is lacking. Treatment by an OT of a medical case may take place only upon the referral of a physician, osteopathic physician, podiatric physician and surgeon, naturopath, chiropractor, physician assistant, psychologist, or advanced registered nurse practitioner licensed to practice in Washington. This bill will allow treatment by an OT of a medical case upon the referral of optometrists.
7. March 2015 Post Graduate Seminar.
The Board reviewed and discussed the speaker evaluations. Dale Heaston, OD, was appointed as Chair of the 2016 Post Graduate Seminar.
8. Correspondence.
 - 8.1 The Board approved the request for list and labels from the American Optometric Association
 - 8.2 Clarification of WAC 246-851-590: Following discussion the Board agreed that an optometrist may order and interpret a fluorescein angiography.
 - 8.3 Is AmbioDisk within the scope of practice? This item was withdrawn.
 - 8.4 May optometrists prescribe nutraceuticals, specifically Metanx? This question has been referred to the June 15, 2015 meeting to allow the Board to obtain additional information.
 - 8.5 The Board considered an inquiry from Sierra Rice from ARBO regarding the Board's interest in implementing the OE Tracker in Washington State. More

information will be available at the National meeting in June. No action was taken by the Board.

9. Proposed Rule on Retired Active Status
The Board considered whether the proposed draft reflected the requirements of the authorizing statute. Following discussion, the Board determined to remove the exclusion of WAC 246-12-120 (2) (c) and (d) in the proposed draft and file the rule for hearing.
10. Proposed amendments to continuing education rules WAC 246-851-090 through WAC 246-851-230. The Board approved the proposed draft rules. Staff will prepare the rules for formal hearing.
11. Petition for Rulemaking: Request for amendment of WAC 246-81-370
Based on review and discussion of the information provided, the Board determined to move forward with possible rule making in response to the petition. Staff will file a CR 101.
12. WAC 246-851-420 Optometrists with prescriptive authority. The Board approved the language in the expedited rulemaking CR 105. Staff will file for final adoption.
13. Review of Continuing Education.
 - 13.1 Review of Courses:
 - Submitted by: RUSSO/Melissa – Topic: Wenatchee Pain and Spine Convergence – CE Credits given: 15
 - Submitted by: Pacific Cataract Laser Institute – Topic: Workshop: Nutrition & Eye Health, Lectures-Systemic Considerations in Glaucoma Management, Controversies in Supplements for AMD – CE Credits given: 3
 - Submitted by: NW Eye Surgeons – Topic: CE credits given; 3
 - Submitted by Portland VA Medical Center – Topic: Modern Day Scleral Lenses – CE Credits given: 1
 - Submitted by Pacific Cataract & Laser Institute – Topic: Ocular Pain Management for WA Optometric Physicians – CE credits given: 1
 - Submitted by: Portland VA medical Center – Topic: Update & treatment of Diabetes – CE
 - 13.2 Dale Heaston, OD, Karen Preston, OD, and Mike Noble, OD were designated reviewers for March 2015 through June 2015 .
 - 13.3 The next call for interim review of courses was set for April 29, at 7 pm..
 - 13.4 Request for continuing education for completion of residency. The request was not approved.
14. Open Forum
There were no comments from the audience.
15. Review of Rules in response to SSB 5679.
Dr. Noble led the Board through a review of the optometry board rules with the exception of rules relating to continuing education using the criteria outlined in SSB 5679.

16. Association of Regulatory Board of Optometry
The board discussed plan for participation at the June 21-23, 2015, meeting.
17. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.