



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Olympia, Washington 98504

WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
MEETING AGENDA

Date: December 5, 2016
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Washington State Department of Health
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Mission Statement:

The mission and purpose of the Board of Optometry is to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, and to provide for state administrative control, supervision, licensure, and regulation of the practice of optometry.

Order of Agenda

9:00 a.m. **Open Session**

Call to Order and Introductions

1. **Approval of agenda**
2. **Approval of minutes** – September 12, 2016

Reports (Information)

3. Dale Heaston, Chair
4. Kathy Schmitt, Deputy Director, Office of Health Professions
5. Christopher Wright, AAG

Board Business

6. **Election of Officers for 2017 (Action)**
The board will vote on a Chair and Secretary-Treasurer for the 2017 board meetings.
7. **Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE) Accreditation Update (Information)**
As a follow-up from the September board meeting, the board will review additional information from ACOE regarding the accreditation status of the professional optometric degree program at MCPHS University School of Optometry.

Presentations

10:00 am

8. **FBI Criminal Background Checks/Rap Back Legislation (Discussion/Action)**
Paula R. Meyer or Catherine Woodard from DOH will present concepts and fiscal impact of the Rap Back legislation and ask the board if they will support the legislation and commit to adopting rules. Currently, the Uniform Disciplinary Act requires all applicants with out of state addresses to complete an FBI Criminal Background Check. The Nursing Commission and Department of Health are seeking request legislation to expand and use the FBI Rap Back program.

10:30 am

9. **Anti-trust Law Presentation (Information)**
Justin Wade from the Antitrust Division of the Attorney General's Office will present.
10. **Disciplinary Process**
Bill Kellington, supervising staff attorney with the Department of Health, will provide an overview of the disciplinary process and the board member's role.

11:50 a.m. **Open forum**

11. The Board will accept comments from the audience on issues of significance to the profession.

Board Business

12. **Optometrist Prescribing Rights (Discussion/Action)**
The board will review scope of practice inquiry from an optometrist related to prescribing rights.
13. **State Optometry Rules Project (Discussion/Action)**
The board will review an updated substantial equivalency matrix and discuss next steps.
14. **Optometrist Application Process (Discussion/Action)**
The DOH credentialing department would like clarification whether the required letters of recommendation need to be provided by an optometrist.
15. **WAC 246-11 Rules for Adjudicative Proceedings**
DOH is proposing changes to WAC 246-11 rules for adjudicative Proceedings. The agency is seeking feedback on the draft changes.
16. **Priority Board of Optometry Business for 2017 (Discussion/Action)**
The board will discuss business goals for 2017.
17. **Agenda-building (Action)**
The Board will discuss priority items for the March 2017 agenda.

Adjournment of Open Session