



Board of Optometry

899 NORTH CAPITOL ST. NE – 2ND FLR.
WASHINGTON, DC 20002

Thursday, April 21, 2016

OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES



Open Session Attendance – April 2016

Board Members:	Dr. Jeffrey L. Kraskin, Chairperson	Present
	Dr. Lisa Johnson, Board Member	Present
	Dr. David Reed, Board Member	Present
	Mr. Tracy Hammond, Consumer Member	Absent
Staff:		
	Robin Y. Jenkins – Executive Director	Present
	David Walker – Health Licensing Specialist	Present
	Ajay Gohil – Board Attorney	Present
	Mark Donatelli – Investigator	Present



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Called to order at 9:44AM

OS0416-01	Senior Deputy Director's Report No Report	
OS0416-02	Executive Director's Report Executive Director Jenkins attended the Oversight Hearing for the budget for the Department of Health. It was 2 weeks prior to the Board's meeting and there were over 113 witnesses. Executive Director Jenkins reminded the Board that all members needed to complete the ethic's course from BEGA to receive the new DC government email addresses. Executive Director Jenkins informed the Board that refresher training in the Open Meetings Act would be up for board members. Finally, Executive Director Jenkins spoke about the LGBTQ competency requirement that is now in effect. The Board would need to decide how the newly created continuing education requirement would be implemented moving forward.	
	Board Motion: Move that the Board Attorney create a regulation update to increase the 36 continuing education credit requirement to 38 continuing education credits for the newly required two (2) hours of LGBTQ competency. Board Action: The motion was seconded and passed by all members present.	
OS0416-03	Board Attorney's Report Board Attorney Gohil discussed with the Board about the criminal background check (CBC) policy. The policy update would require new applicants to be finger printed, have their names searched, and social security number searched. The policy would then require currently licensed practitioners to only have their name and social security number checked every four years.	



OS0416-04	Chairperson's Report Dr. Kraskin along with the Board members asked Staff to conduct a 100% CE audit of licensees who did not have 36 hours in the OE Tracker. The Board also asked that all licensees who did not have all the hours in the last audit, be audited again this time. Dr. Kraskin reported that he is working with ARBO to draft standards regarding the practice of telemedicine in the field of Optometry. After the motion was passed by the Board to have the Board Attorney draft a regulation update to increase the number of continuing education requirements, Dr. Kraskin recommended that staff contact local Optometry associations to get the message out to licensees. The regulatory update was passed to address the new LGBTQ cultural competency continuing education requirement passed by the Council of the District of Columbia.	
OS0416-05	MINUTES <u>Board Action:</u> The January 2016 meeting minutes were unanimously approved by the Board.	

The OPEN SESSION MEETING ended at 9:52AM in accordance with *DC Official Code 2-575B* and the Board moved into close EXECUTIVE SESSION at 9:53AM.

The next open session meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 21, 2016 at 9:30am.