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MICHIGAN BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

NOVEMBER 29, 2023

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Optometry met on November 29, 2023, at 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper-Level Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

CALL TO ORDER

Robert Buckingham, OD, PhD Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Robert Buckingham, OD, PhD, Chairperson
Virginia Manolakoudis, Public Member
Bradley Taylor, OD, MPH
Hrisais Skorna, Public Member

Members Absent: Velma Overman, Public Member
Lisa Sharpe, Public Member
Samuel Wapner, OD

Staff Present: Dena Marks, Departmental Specialist, Boards and Committees Section
LeAnn Payne, Board Support, Boards and Committees Section

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Taylor, seconded by Manolakoudis, to approve the agenda as presented.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Taylor, seconded by Skorna, to approve the minutes dated August 23, 2023, as presented.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Continuing Education Review

Buckingham gave the board an overview of the continuing education sponsorship requests.

MOTION by Manolakoudis seconded by Taylor, to approve the continuing education sponsorships, as discussed.

A voice vote was held.

MOTION PREVAILED

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Rules Discussion

Marks informed the board that there was a need to open the rules to make clarifications regarding continuing education and a letter received from the Optometry Examining Board of Canada. Buckingham informed the board that the NBEO had changed the examination and that some corrections needed to be made to keep the rules up to date.

MOTION by Taylor, seconded by Skorna, to open the rules.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Buckingham, Manolakoudis, Skorna, Taylor
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

2024 Amended Public Notice

The board was given the 2024 Amended Public Notice.

Chair Report

Buckingham stated that appointments were needed for this board. There is an issue with conferee conferences and conflicts of interest.

Department Update

Marks stated that there was another new member training after the first of the year. All members are welcome to attend.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeff Towns, with the Michigan Optometric Association addressed the board about confusion whether the MOA can provide continuing education.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held February 28, 2024, 9:30 a.m. at, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level, Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Manolakoudis, seconded by Skorna, to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 a.m.

A voice vote was taken.

MOTION PREVAILED

Minutes approved on:

Prepared by:
LeAnn Payne, Board Support

November 29, 2023