

## TENNESSEE BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** January 20, 2021  
**TIME:** 9:00 A.M., CST  
**LOCATION:** Health Related Boards  
WebEx-Teleconference  
665 Mainstream Drive  
Nashville, TN 37243

### BOARD MEMBERS

**PRESENT:** William DeCrow, DPO  
Brandy Miller, DPO  
LeRhonda Walton-Hill, DPO  
Jonathan Winnegrad, DPO

### BOARD MEMBERS

**ABSENT:** Janet Perry-Martinez, DPO  
Consumer Member – Vacant

### STAFF

**PRESENT:** Kimberly Wallace, Unit 3 Director  
Lyndsey Boone, Board Manager  
Kaitlin Parham, Associate General Counsel  
Eric Winters, Associate General Counsel

### Call to Order

This meeting was convened electronically, via WebEx, due to the gathering restrictions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. The meeting was called to order at 9:00am CST by Board Chairman, Ms. Walton-Hill. A roll call of the Board Members and Board staff present was conducted by Kimberly Wallace, Unit 3 Director. A quorum of Board Members was confirmed.

- Ms. LeRhonda Walton-Hill, Board Chair
- Ms. Brandy Miller, Board Sec/Treas.
- Ms. Janet Perry-Martinez - ABSENT
- Mr. William DeCrow
- Mr. Jonathan Winnegrad
- Consumer Member - VACANT
- Board Manager, Ms. Lyndsey Boone
- Board Attorney, Ms. Kaitlin Parham

**Necessity of Meeting**

After conducting the roll call, Ms. Wallace introduced new HRB Director, Mr. George Darden and new General Counsel for the Department of Health, Mr. Grant Mullins, to the Board.

Ms. Parham notified the Board that she will be stepping into a new role with the Office of General Counsel and introduced Eric Winters as the new advising attorney for this Board.

Ms. Wallace requested that each Board Member and Staff Member confirm they were able to hear one another. All confirmed.

- Ms. Walton-Hill
- Ms. Miller
- Mr. DeCrow
- Mr. Winnegrad
- Ms. Boone
- Ms. Parham
- Mr. Winters

Next, Ms. Wallace reminded all present that this Board Meeting was being held for the purpose of ratify licenses - including new licenses and reinstated licenses - to ratify orders received after the Board’s last meeting, and to consider other time sensitive matters. Because this Board was unable to convene in a physical location today to consider these matters - in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, for which the TN Governor and Mayor of Nashville have recommend limiting the number of attendees at meetings at this time - this WebEx remote meeting was necessary.

A motion was made by Mr. DeCrow to proceed with the electronic meeting, with a second made by Mr. Winnegrad.

Discussion:  None OR  As Follows

A roll call vote was conducted:

Mr. DeCrow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Miller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Walton-Hill	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Mr. Winnegrad	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Perry-Martinez	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABSENT

The motion passed.  YES  NO

Further, Ms. Wallace asked each Board Member to acknowledge whether they had received, prior to this meeting, copies of all the materials and documents that are to be discussed at this meeting.

Mr. DeCrow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Ms. Miller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Ms. Walton-Hill	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Mr. Winnegrad	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO

All Board Members confirmed that they did receive the materials prior to the meeting.

Finally, Ms. Wallace informed the Board that only certain matters are proper for a teleconference; accordingly, Mr. DeCrow made a motion, with a second by Ms. Miller, followed by a roll call vote, that matters to be discussed do meet the following requirements:

The subject matter requires timely action;

The physical presence of all members is not possible considering the period of time required for action; and

The participation by some or all of the members of the Committee by electronic means is necessary.

Discussion:  None OR  As Follows

A roll call vote was conducted:

Mr. DeCrow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Miller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Walton-Hill	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Mr. Winnegrad	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Perry-Martinez	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABSENT

The motion passed.  YES  NO

### **Public Comment**

Ms. Wallace informed everyone that Public Comments would be heard during today's meeting. She then gave instructions for making a Public Comment via the WebEx virtual meeting system. There were no comments made at this time.

### **Conflict of Interest Statement**

Ms. Parham reviewed the Conflict of Interest and Open Meetings Act statement as follows:

If you have a personal or financial interest in the outcome of any issue or matter before this board which may suggest a bias on your part, you are asked to state that interest on the record so that a determination can be made as to whether there exists a need for recusal. You are reminded that it is the duty of this board to protect the health, safety,

and welfare of the citizens of Tennessee and that the administration of this solemn responsibility is dependent upon avoiding even the appearance of impropriety.

Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Committee business may only be discussed by the committee members during the meeting. Members should not discuss the committee's business at any time other than during the open Committee meeting. The prohibition applies to phone calls, emails, and text messages. Committee member should also ensure that all comments during the meeting are stated for all to hear; private conversations between or among members during the meeting are inappropriate.

**Approve Minutes from the October 21, 2020 Board Meeting**

A motion was made by Ms. Miller to approve the October 21, 2020, Board Meeting Minutes as written with a second made by Mr. DeCrow.

Discussion:  None OR  As Follows

A roll call vote was conducted:

Mr. DeCrow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Miller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Walton-Hill	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Mr. Winnegrad	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Perry-Martinez	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABSENT

The motion passed.  YES  NO

**Receive Reports and/or Requests from the Office of Investigations**

Lori Leonard provided reports to the Board. The currently monitored practitioners report and investigative reports were presented.

**CURRENTLY MONITORED PRACTITIONERS**

**PERIOD: As of 01/13/2021**

<b>Total # Currently Monitored Practitioners</b>	2
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**PERIOD: 2020 Calendar Year**

**COMPLAINTS**

<b>New Complaints</b>	<b>Number of Complaints</b>
Unprofessional Conduct	1
Lapsed License	2

Outside of Investigative Scope	1
<b>Total # New Complaints</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Closed Complaints</b>	
Closed BIV, EMS, HCF, AW	0
Closed – Letter of Concern	0
Closed – Warning Letter	0
<b>Total # Closed Complaints</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total # Currently Open Complaints</b>	<b>5</b>

No new investigative matters have been added since the beginning of January 2021.

**Receive Reports and/or Requests from the Division of Health Licensure and Regulation**

Ms. Wallace provided a brief review of the Sunset Hearing that was held on December 8, 2020. This hearing is a regular part of the lifecycle for all Health-Related Boards and consisted of a review regarding the operations of the Board. It was conducted by the Education, Health and General Welfare Joint Subcommittee of Government Operations. In attendance on behalf of the Board were Board Chair, Mr. DeCrow, and Board Attorney, Ms. Kaitlin Parham, along with other executive representatives of the Office of Health-Related Boards. The hearing itself was relatively short with questions primarily focused on the vacancy in the Board’s Consumer Member Seat and the current amount of the Board’s Cumulative Carryover. The hearing concluded with an approval for a 5-year extension for this Board.

Ms. Wallace then deferred to Fiscal Director, Ms. Alicia Grice, who reviewed the financial considerations discussed at the December 8, 2020, Sunset Review Hearing and other financial information

A response has been provided to the Government Operations committee from Ms. Grice, and no further action is needed from the Board at this time. Mr. DeCrow asked for Ms. Grice to provide possible fee change scenarios for review at the next meeting.

**Legislation**

There were no legislative items for review at this meeting.

**Administrator’s Report**

Ms. Wallace let the Board Members know that Ms. Yvette Vagle, who served as this Board’s Administrator for quite some time has recently moved into a new role with the Health-Related

Boards and publicly thanked her for the work she performed in service to this Board. Ms. Boone presented the Administrator’s report, as follows:

**PERIOD: As of 01/19/2021**

<b>Total # Currently Licensed Dispensing Opticians</b>	929
<b>Total # Current Apprentices</b>	410

**LICENSE STATUS SINCE THE LAST BOARD MEETING**

**PERIOD: October 20, 2020 – January 19, 2021**

New Dispensing Opticians Licenses	15
Renewed Licenses – Total	111
Paper Renewals	36
Online Renewals	75
Licenses Renewed Online as % of Total Renewals	68%
Retired Licenses	3
Expired Licenses	7
New Apprentice Approvals	21

Ms. Boone also presented the dates for the remaining 2021 Board Meetings, as follows:

- April 28, 2021
- July 28, 2021
- October 20, 2021

Ms. Wallace presented the Board phone & email contact information of 615-532-5090 and [Unit3HRB.Health@tn.gov](mailto:Unit3HRB.Health@tn.gov).

**2021 Jurisprudence Exam**

Ms. Wallace let the Board know it was time for the annual Jurisprudence Exam update and that the exam is comprised from a pool of true and false questions that are taken directly from the Board Rules and that we need a Board Member to select the questions that are to be used for the new exam. Mr. Winnegrad volunteered to work on this project with Ms. Wallace. Ms. Wallace will prepare the exam and post it to the Board’s website for use once Mr. Winnegrad chooses the questions for the exam.

## **OGC Report and Requests**

Ms. Parham presented the OGC report; there were no other legal items to review in this meeting other than that the rule packet that includes amendments regarding definitions, licensure, fees, renewals, applications, continuing education, apprenticeship, examinations, supervision, and criminal background checks is currently in the internal review process. There are no open discipline cases with OGC.

## **Break**

A break was called for at 9:36 A.M. CST. The Board meeting resumed at 9:41 A.M. CST and a roll call was conducted aforementioned Board and Staff members were present for the continuance of the meeting.

## **William Hagmaier – File Review - Education**

William Hagmaier has applied for his license and his file is in good order, with the exception that the school from which he graduated is not on the current list of Board-approved schools.

Rule 0480-01-.04(3)(b) states that an applicant must have satisfactorily completed a two-year course of study in opticianry in a college level program recognized and approved by the Board.

Mr. Hagmaier graduated with his Associates of Applied Science, in Ophthalmic Science Technology from Camden County College in New Jersey. He is also currently licensed in good standing in New Jersey since 2015.

This school is not on the current list of Board-approved schools. Ms. Wallace hasn't been able to locate anything in Board historical Minutes where any other graduate of this particular school has applied for Tennessee licensure in the past, so the Board was presented the opportunity to approve or not approve this school for licensure.

Camden County College is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education and is a member of the American Association of Community Colleges and the New Jersey Council of County Colleges. Their Ophthalmic Medical Technician Program is accredited by the Commission on Opticianry Accreditation and the Commission on Accreditation of Ophthalmic Medical Programs.

In researching the qualifications for licensure in New Jersey, Ms. Wallace found their rules to be at least equivalent to that of Tennessee, and perhaps more stringent than Tennessee, in that they require an individual who has an associate's degree to also complete a 4 month apprenticeship prior to applying to take their state practical exam.

A motion was made by Ms. Miller to approve the educational program from Camden County College for William Hagmaier with a second made by Mr. DeCrow.

Discussion:  None OR  As Follows

A roll call vote was conducted:

Mr. DeCrow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Miller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Walton-Hill	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Mr. Winnegrad	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Perry-Martinez	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABSENT

The motion passed.  YES  NO

Ms. Wallace noted that this is the second time this issue has come before the Board in recent meetings. Currently, there is one school in Tennessee and four out-of-state schools on the Board’s pre-approved list.

Ms. Wallace suggested a policy to clarify the administrative handling of their educational rules and statutes regarding approval of educational courses of study approved by the board, and their statutes and to establish criteria for what would constitute a board-approved course of study, and therefore expedite the licensing process for individuals, rather than having them need to wait for the Board to approve their education on a one-off basis.

The Board agreed for Ms. Wallace to present this at the April Board Meeting.

**Jason Peters – File Review**

Mr. Jason Peters has recently completed his apprenticeship and has applied to take the Practical Exam and pursue his license. Upon review of his application, Mr. Peters answered “No’ to Question #9, which reads:

*“Have you ever been convicted (including a nolo contendere plea or guilty plea) of a felony or misdemeanor (other than a minor traffic offense) whether or not sentence was imposed or suspended?”*

The results of his criminal background check, however, showed that there were two indications – one in 2008 and one in 2009. In response to the deficiency letter sent to him with a request for supporting documents, Mr. Peters provided a letter of explanation and court disposition documents showing both convictions.

The Board was not being asked to review the nature of the convictions regarding his application, but rather, the fact that Mr. Peters provided false information on his license application by responding “no” to the convictions question when, in fact, he does have prior convictions on his record.

In the “Affidavit and Release” section of his application, it reads “This certifies that the information submitted by me in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief”, which he signed and dated on 09/16/2020.

Mr. Peters was on the line to answer questions to the Board.

Mr. DeCrow asked why Mr. Peters answered no on the application, to which he replied that when he was completing the profile, it referred to the ten-year threshold and he misunderstood the question on the application asking for a different time period.



The Board stressed honesty for applicants, and attention to details in the application process, and Mr. Peters stated he has dedicated himself to being a professional in this career and has given up previous activities of his youth and is moving forward to be a productive member of society.

Ms. Parham provided guidance on the Board’s options for Mr. Peter’s application file.

A motion was made by Mr. DeCrow to approve the license for Mr. Peters, contingent upon receipt of new a application and a personal letter of explanation as to why he responded “no” on the first application, with no further reappearance before the Board, with a second made by Ms. Miller.

Discussion:  None OR  As Follows

A roll call vote was conducted:

Mr. DeCrow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Miller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Walton-Hill	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Mr. Winnegrad	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Perry-Martinez	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABSENT

The motion passed.  YES  NO

**Ratification List – Newly licensed, Approved for Apprenticeship, Approved for Practical Exam, Reinstatements, and Closed/Withdrawn Files**

Ms. Wallace stated all files on this list have been reviewed and found complete and in good order according to the Rules. There are no closed or withdrawn files for the Board’s consideration today.

A motion was made by Ms. Miller to approve the ratification list as presented, with a second made Mr. Winnegrad.

Discussion:  None OR  As Follows

A roll call vote was conducted:

Mr. DeCrow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Miller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Walton-Hill	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Mr. Winnegrad	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Perry-Martinez	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABSENT

The motion passed.  YES  NO

**Newly License  
10/20/2020 – 01/19/2021**

<u>License#</u>	<u>Name</u>
3551	Anderson Kelly Elaine
3540	Chitwood Jordan
3561	Harris Olivia Jordan
3494	Lust Tanner Timothy
3555	Natt Shaylee Marie
3559	Snell Cynthia Lynn
3380	Bell Rachel Kathleen
3117	Calhoun Michael R.
3170	Gilbert Charlisa Jean
2991	Ownbey Whitney Lee
3180	Solomon Samantha Ann
3035	Wilson Gavin Davis

**Reinstated  
10/20/2020 – 01/19/2021**

<u>License#</u>	<u>Name</u>
1453	Lewis Steven N.
3347	Walden Britnee D'Ann
995	Wolfe Paula Kay

**Newly Approved Apprentice's  
10/20/2020 – 01/19/2021**

<u>Approval Date</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Name</u>
11/30/2020	Apprentice	Arnold William Merrill
1/13/2021	Apprentice	Bouton Alysha
1/13/2021	Apprentice	Bradley Bianca Alexis
11/4/2020	Apprentice	Burger Jeremy Ray
12/8/2020	Apprentice	Chapman Krista Noelle
1/13/2021	Apprentice	Gensemer Renee Janine
11/20/2020	Apprentice	Gray Emily Grace
12/18/2020	Apprentice	Grooms Kaela Paige
11/30/2020	Apprentice	Harris Cody
11/4/2020	Apprentice	Jeans Michael R.
11/30/2020	Apprentice	Johnson Asia
11/18/2020	Apprentice	Kitchens Donald Lee
11/30/2020	Apprentice	Laughlin Tiffany Shiane
12/4/2020	Apprentice	Lee Stefanie Darlene
11/30/2020	Apprentice	Martenson Karen Dawn
12/8/2020	Apprentice	Pendergrast Wendy
11/30/2020	Apprentice	Poore Morgan Elizabeth
1/13/2021	Apprentice	Riddell Carrie
12/18/2020	Apprentice	Scott Bobbie

11/20/2020	Apprentice	Smith Emily Ann Miss
1/13/2021	Apprentice	Trout Mark Anthony

**Practical Exam Approval  
10/20/2020 – 01/19/2021**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Approved to sit for Practical Exam</u>
Olivia Harris	October 28, 2020
Whitney Ownbey	November 4, 2020
Rachel Bell	November 20, 2020
Ashley Gray	December 18, 2020
Michele Gardner	January 11, 2021
Ashton Jost	January 12, 2021
Cheryl Hicks	January 14, 2021
Kimberly Weeks	January 14, 2021

**Taskforce/Committee Reports**

There were no Taskforce or Committee reports heard today.

**Discuss and take action as necessary regarding Rulemaking, Rulemaking Hearings, Rule Amendments, and Policies**

There were no items that need to be discussed or have action taken today.

**CE Course Review**

Ms. Wallace made the Board aware that Executive Order #73 has extended the ability to obtain continuing education hours online – in lieu of obtaining continuing education hours via in-person methods - through February 27, 2021. Continuance after that date will be determined by any applicable provisions that may be made via future or extended Executive Orders, if issued, and the Board Administrative Office cannot advise as to whether any extensions will occur. She noted that nothing in the Executive Order suspends the requirements for obtaining the specified number of hours, it only makes provision for the method by which the required number of hours for each profession is obtained. All Executive Orders may be accessed directly through the Secretary of State’s Office website.

**Roy Ferguson 2021**

Dr. Ferguson asked the Administrative Office to bring it to the Board’s attention that he has experienced difficulty in securing in-person locations for the first several months of 2021. He has indicated that he has two events scheduled for March of 2021 at this time as online events, but should there be no further provisions for continued online CE at that time, he will work to convert them to in person events.

A motion was made by Mr. DeCrow to approve CE courses for Roy Ferguson for 2021 as in-person or online format, with a second made by Mr. Winnegrad.

Discussion:  None OR  As Follows

A roll call vote was conducted:

Mr. DeCrow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Miller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Walton-Hill	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Mr. Winnegrad	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Perry-Martinez	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABSENT

The motion passed.  YES  NO

#### SECO April 2021

A motion was made by Mr. DeCrow to approve CE courses SECO for April 2021, with a second made by Ms. Miller.

Discussion:  None OR  As Follows

A roll call vote was conducted:

Mr. DeCrow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Miller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Walton-Hill	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Mr. Winnegrad	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Perry-Martinez	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABSENT

The motion passed.  YES  NO

#### Jess Hunt Innereactive February 2021

A motion was made by Mr. DeCrow to approve CE courses for Innereactive for February 2021, with a second made Mr. Winnegrad.

Discussion:  None OR  As Follows

A roll call vote was conducted:

Mr. DeCrow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Miller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Walton-Hill	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Mr. Winnegrad	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Perry-Martinez	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABSENT

The motion passed.  YES  NO

TDOA 2021

Melissa Misiak of TDOA was present to discuss their submission, 6 courses totaling 8 CE hours. Due to technical difficulties, the file attachment could not be received in standard format. Ms. Misiak provided an overview of the courses to be presented. Ms. Wallace confirmed she did receive the CE course approval request, in accordance with the rules.

A motion was made by Ms. Miller to approve CE courses for TDOA 2021, with a second made by Mr. Winnegrad.

Discussion:  None OR  As Follows

A roll call vote was conducted:

Mr. DeCrow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Miller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Walton-Hill	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Mr. Winnegrad	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Perry-Martinez	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABSENT

The motion passed.  YES  NO

**Correspondence Review – Usher Syndrome**

The only correspondence item today was regarding Usher Syndrome, and was provided for situational awareness, and did not require Board action in today’s meeting. All of the Health-Related Boards have been presented with an introductory letter and other resources regarding Usher Syndrome. The Usher Syndrome Coalition Ambassador, Mr. John Johnson, notes that Usher Syndrome is a rare disease and the leading genetic cause of deaf blindness in the United States, affecting an estimated 20,000 – 50,000 individuals in the United States. Additional information can be obtained by reaching out to the Usher Syndrome Coalition via their website, at [www.usher-syndrome.org](http://www.usher-syndrome.org).

**Conference/Event Reports**

There were no conference or event reports for review.

**Discuss Old & New Board Business**

At the last of Board Meeting, the Board voted to extend the acceptance of ABO/NCLE exams scores for applicants that take the exam via remote proctored methods out through today’s meeting. When this item was first presented, several meetings ago, Ms. Parham noted that her legal opinion would be to extend this approval from one board meeting to the next and continue to review the applicability at each subsequent meeting until no longer applicable. Therefore, the

Board was asked to once again consider if they wished to continue this acceptance until the next meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. DeCrow to extend the acceptance of ABO/NCLE exams scores via remote proctoring until the next board meeting, with a second made by Ms. Miller.

Discussion:  None OR  As Follows

A roll call vote was conducted:

Mr. DeCrow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Miller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Walton-Hill	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Mr. Winnegrad	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Perry-Martinez	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABSENT

The motion passed.  YES  NO

### **Call for Public Comment**

Ms. Wallace stated that the meeting would be opened one final time for Public Comments and reminded all participants of the instructions for making a comment via the WebEx virtual meeting platform. She reminded all participants that the Board may only take action on times that were listed on today's agenda.

Theo Morrison, TDOA lobbyist, informed the Board that the legislature has introduced SB37 HB 263 related to the Sunset Hearing. Ms. Wallace confirmed that the 5-year extension for the Board was discussed in Agenda Item #6 along with the finance discussion, and thanked Mr. Morrison for noting the House and Senate Bill numbers. Mr. DeCrow thanked Mr. Morrison.

### **Adjourn**

Ms. Walton-Hill thanked everyone for their contributions. Mr. DeCrow thanked Ms. Walton-Hill and Ms. Miller for taking their new officer roles for 2021. Thanks were offered to Mr. Winnegrad for volunteering to help with the Jurisprudence Exam.

A motion was made by Ms. Miller to adjourn, with a second made by Mr. Winnegrad.

Discussion:  None OR  As Follows

A roll call vote was conducted:

Mr. DeCrow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Miller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Walton-Hill	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Mr. Winnegrad	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Perry-Martinez	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABSENT

The motion passed.  YES       NO

**The meeting of the Dispensing Opticians Board was adjourned at 11:56 A.M. CST.**

**These Minutes were Ratified by the Board of April 28, 2021.**

  
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**Board Chair**

5/11/2021  
**Date**