

IDAHO BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
Bureau of Occupational Licenses
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Conference Call Minutes of 2/2/2015

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert B. Grill, O.D. - Chair
Wayne D Ellenbecker, O.D.
Joy Eld Johnson, O.D.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: James Davis, O.D.
Robert Sorensen, O.D.

BUREAU STAFF: Tana Cory, Bureau Chief
Dawn Hall, Administrative Support Manager
Maurie Ellsworth, Legal Counsel

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 AM MST by Robert B. Grill, O.D.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Grill made a motion to approve the minutes of December 22, 2014, but approval was postponed due to the minutes not being available for review by the Board (system difficulties).

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Ms. Cory gave the legislative report. She said that the Telehealth Council has been working and it has a draft of a final bill, which will be edited to accommodate the majority of boards represented. Dr. Johnson commended Ms. Cory on the work she has done within this council. The council is working on consistency between federal and telehealth rules by including: "Boards may promulgate their own rules." The Bureau will provide the final draft to the Board members when it's received in this office. Dr. Grill requested that when this is getting to the point of being presented to the Legislature that the Bureau distribute it to the members and the Board conduct another conference call regarding this issue so it can address any concerns. Ms. Cory stated that we would do that as soon as possible, in light of the turnaround time for the last draft distributed and the meeting held within 24 hours. We would have time to schedule a meeting and have input before this bill goes before the Legislature.

Dr. Johnson provided an overview of the most recent meeting of the Prescribing Performance Subcommittee of the Rx Workgroup (Office of Drug Policy). This subcommittee has been formed to address the prescribing practices of providers, in particular addressing the abuse of prescription drugs (narcotics).

Representative Rusche brought this forward in order for prescribing practices to have rules in place before this goes before the Legislature. Dr. Johnson let the chair of the subcommittee know that Optometry needs to be included and not just be an “optional” member as optometrists are recognized as a source of drugs for people who are seekers. She said optometrists need this legislative protection in place, especially if this prescription drug issue continues to grow.

Ms. Cory stated that the Optometry rules have been approved by both the House and the Senate. These will go into effect toward the end of the Legislative session.

NEW BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dr. Johnson made a motion that the Board go into executive session under Idaho Code § 67-2345(1)(d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure under the Idaho Public Records Law. The purpose of the Executive Session was to consider license application materials. It was seconded by Dr. Ellenbecker. The vote was: Dr. Grill, aye; Dr. Johnson, aye; and Dr. Ellenbecker, aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Ellenbecker made a motion to come out of executive session. It was seconded by Dr. Johnson. The vote was: Dr. Grill, aye; Dr. Johnson, aye; and Dr. Ellenbecker, aye. Motion carried.

APPLICATIONS

Dr. Grill made a motion to approve the following for licensure:

OPTA-100323
OPTA-100324
OPTA-100322
OPTA-100321

It was seconded by Dr. Johnson. Motion carried.

Dr. Grill made a motion to approve the following for licensure pending receipt of licensure verification in another state and the updated CPR certificate:

Applicant 901137297

It was seconded by Dr. Johnson. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 AM. It was seconded by Dr. Ellenbecker. Motion carried.

Robert B. Grill, O.D., Chair

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