

KANSAS BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY
Minutes of the 30 April 2020 Meeting

- I. 1:05 pm called to order by Ron Hansen, OD President. Members of the Board present were Drs Gerard Lozada, Rebecca Sparks, and public member Gary Slimmer. Also, in attendance were Randy Forbes, Board Counsel, and Jan Murray, Executive Officer. Members of the public were Todd Fleischer, KOA representative and Phillip Beggs, OD. Board member Dr Craig Newland joined later.
- II. The agenda was approved by consensus.
- III. *Review and Approval of the minutes from the last meeting.*
 - A. Dr Sparks motioned and Dr Lozada seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2020, March 17, 2020, April 14, 2020 and April 27, 2020 meetings. Motion carried 4-0.
- IV. *Report of the President*
 - A. Dr Sparks motioned and Mr Slimmer seconded a motion to maintain the current slate of officers:

President: Dr. Ron Hansen
Vice-President: Dr. Gerard Lozada
Secretary/Treasurer: Dr. Rebecca Sparks Dougherty
Member at Large: Dr. Craig Newland
Public Member: Gary Slimmer

Motion carried 4-0
 - B. The Board discussed reopening of optometry offices for routine eye care. Per the email notice that was mailed out on 04/28/2020, optometrists should check with their local health department regarding reopening.
- V. *Report of the Vice-President*
 - A. Dr Lozada informed the board that Kansas Board of Healing Arts (BOHA) case 19-00514 on 1-800 Contacts is being investigated.
 - B. Dr Lozada told the Board BOHA case numbers: 19-00087 on Dr Saya Nagori has moved to litigation
 - C. Dr Lozada also gave the Board updates on other BOHA case 18-00563 on Hubble Contacts is also being investigated.
 - D. Dr Lozada discussed Epic Vision Centers still doing routine eye care, despite the recommendations from both the CDC and the Board. The Board will be requesting the licensees at those practices to attend the July 10, 2020 Board meeting.

The Board held the adjudicative Hearing for Phillip Beggs, OD. Case No 2020-01. Dr Newland motioned to approve the trade name of Eyewear Junkie Optometry. Dr Lozada amended the motion to include that the approval was contingent on Dr Beggs obtaining sole ownership of all Eyewear Junkie locations within 6 months of approval. Dr Hansen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

- VI. *Report of the Secretary/Treasurer*
- A. Dr Sparks discussed continuing education (CE) from the American Board of Optometry's (ABO) Continuous Assessment Program (CAP). At the January 2020 meeting the Board decided to give licensees 2 credit hours per CE. Since the certificates gave 3 points for each CE, ARBO had to enter 3 hours instead of two hours in the OE tracker. The Board decided to increase the number of hours each CE to three.
- VII. *Report of the Member at Large*
- A. No Report
- VIII. *Report of the Public Member*
- A. No Report
- IX. *Report of the Legal Counsel*
- A. Mr Forbes gave the Board an update concerning the Eye Doctors and the Google search for Manhattan Eye Care. Mr Forbes said he talked to Bill Hoffman, the Eye Doctors' attorney. Mr Hoffman informed Mr Forbes that the issue had been taken care of but it might be a couple of months before the update was made with Google. The Board requested a follow-up report at the July Board meeting.
- X. *Report of the Executive Officer*
- A. Ms Murray gave an update on renewals. Currently only 90 had renewed and 259 still had yet to renew. The board discussed EO 20-19 that extends the time for CE for 90 days after the State of Emergency Disaster ends but only renewals if the licensed expired during the State of Emergency Disaster. The Board requested Ms Murray to follow-up on the EO's intent.
 - B. Ms Murray gave an update on exam application process. Currently she had received 3 applications but had mailed out 15 fingerprint packets. The Board discussed the exam process and how changes might need to be made for Covid-19 pandemic.
- XI. *Comments from the Public*
- A. There were no comments from the public
- XII. *Next Meeting*
- A. The next meeting of the Board of Examiners in Optometry will be a video conference on May 20, 2020 at 7:00 pm.
- XIII. *Adjournment*
- A. Dr Newland motioned and Mr Slimmer seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion carried 5-0. The Board adjourned at 2:22 pm.