

**KANSAS BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY**  
**Minutes of the August 25, 2021 Meeting**

- I. 6:38 pm called to order by Gerard Lozada, OD, President. Members of the Board present were Drs Dawn Bircher, Rebecca Sparks, and Lora Durst, and public member Carisa De Anda. Also, in attendance were Tim Resner, Board Counsel, Jan Murray, Executive Officer, and Todd Fleischer, KOA representative.
- II. The Board discussed updating guidance for optometrists on the new COVID-19 delta variant. The Board instructed Dr Sparks to draft a policy that would incorporate guidance from CDC and OSHA that would ensure public safety and standard of care.
- III. Ms Murray discussed the Board's FY2022 and FY2023 budgets. Ms Murray informed the Board that she would be submitting the budget to the Division of Budget on 08/26/2021.
- IV. Dr Lozada discussed regulation update and assigned sections to each board member to review. He also instructed the members to have any updates to Ms Murray by September 25, 2021. He also instructed Ms Murray to compile everyone's changes into one document to be discussed at the October 4, 2021 Board meeting. Dr Lozada also changed the start time of the October meeting to 9:00 am.
- V. Ms Murray discussed HB2066 which expedites licensure for military, military spouses, and retired military to 15 days after the completed application is received. She also stated that it also expedites licensure for anyone else relocating the Kansas to 45 days after the completed application is received. She also stated that the State's Attorney's office will be sending guidance to all agencies within a couple of weeks.
- VI. Ms Murray inquired if the Board wanted to send out the PSA posters warning about the illegal colored contact lenses to the middle and high schools this year. The Board instructed her to send the posters out this year.
- VII. Dr Sparks motioned and Ms De Anda seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. The Board adjourned at 7:30 pm