

Minutes

Arkansas State Board of Optometry
Regular Board Meeting
Freeway Medical Tower Building
November 18, 2021

Dr. Bryant Ashley, Board President, called meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. All Board members were present.

Also in attendance:

Tanya Ford, Board Secretary
Lacie Kirchner, Board Attorney
Vicki Farmer, Arkansas Optometric Association (ArOA)
Debbie Henley, ArOA
Allison Hall, ArOA
Jason Johnson, Hearing Officer
Martin Lee Faulkner, Respondent
Joe Rogers, Attorney
Kelsey Wilson, Attorney
Gloria Nickels, Court Reporter
Bonita Wineman, Retired Board Secretary
Malcolm R. Hutchins

Attendees via video conference:

Ada Noh
Bradley Diner, Arkansas Medical Foundation (AMF)
Rebecca Gaston, AMF
Michelle Broughton, Innovative Counseling & Consulting, Memphis, TN
Julie Faulkner, spouse of Respondent

Dr. Ada Noh presented for licensure by endorsement via video conference. Mr. Gentry made a motion to approve licensure. Dr. Fitzhugh made a second. The motion passed.

Dr. Reed presented the minutes from the June 17, 2021 meeting. Mr. Gentry made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Fitzhugh made a second. The motion passed.

Dr. Reed presented the minutes from the October 21, 2021 meeting. Dr. Hennessey made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Gentry made a second. The motion passed.

Tanya Ford presented the Board update including the financial report and license renewal process. Dr. Hennessey made a motion to approve. Mr. White made a second. The motion passed.

Public Hearing in The Matter of Lee Faulkner, Respondent, regarding the charge of violation of Board Rule Chapter 1, Article IV- Unprofessional Conduct, Impairment.

There was a lengthy Hearing followed by Board deliberations. The results of the Hearing were as follows:

1. Allegations of Fact were accepted. Dr. Hennessey made a motion to accept allegations of fact. Mr. White made a second. The motion passed.
2. It was found that the definition of impairment was not met according to the evidence. The Respondent was found not to be in violation of Board Rule Chapter 1, Article IV- Unprofessional Conduct, Impairment. A correction will be made to remove the mention of impairment from the minutes of February 18, 2021. Dr. Hennessey made a motion to accept the findings. Dr. Fitzhugh made a second. The motion passed.

Due to time constraints, the Public Hearing regarding Malcolm Hutchins was postponed to a date to be determined in agreement with Dr. Hutchins and the Board.

Due to time constraints, the presentation of the 20/20 for 2022 Campaign by Dr. Sederick Rice was postponed to the next regular Board meeting.

The next regular meeting and State Board examination date is February 17, 2022, Freeway Medical Tower Building.

Motion made by Dr. Hennessey for per diem and mileage to be paid to Board members. Mr. Gentry made a second. The motion passed.

Dr. Hennessey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Gentry made a second. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Dr. Bryant Ashley, President

Dr. Beatrice Reed, Secretary/Treasurer