



OREGON BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

December 21, 2012 Board Meeting

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

Board Members Present: Robert Mans, OD, President
Donald Garris, OD
Jeffrey Pelson, OD
Rose Thrush, JD
Jessica Lynch, OD

Board Members Absent: None

Board Staff: Nancy Sellers DeSouza, Executive Director
Catherine Boudreau, Executive Assistant

Board Legal Counsel: Lori Lindley, Assistant Attorney General

Others in Attendance: None

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Mans called the meeting to order by conference call at 1:03 p.m., in the second floor conference room at 1900 Hines Street, SE, Suite 290, Salem, Oregon. Dr. Garris joined the call at 1:12 p.m.

There was no need for Executive Session.

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION:

- **Proposed Revisions to the 2011-2013 Board Budget** – The Board received the final proposed changes to the budget for the current biennium. Changes from the prior approved budget of \$658,809 include reductions in budgeted revenues from investments and license renewals and increases in expenses for Payroll & OPE, an unemployment

compensation claim, facilities costs, and for technology upgrades that had been approved by the Board at earlier meetings. Reductions in budgeted expenses include out-of-state travel, printing, DOJ legal fees and office expenses.

No requests for information or comments to the proposed changes were received at the office of the Board. Ms. DeSouza reviewed the proposed substantive and technical rule changes with the Board. They discussed the expenses for the technology upgrade and confirmed that the majority of the changes will be implemented by the end of the biennium. Dr. Mans would like for Ms. DeSouza to continue to investigate the cost of one or two iPads with 3G or 4G capacity for the Board members who may not have access to Wi-Fi.

There was no further discussion. Dr. Garris made a motion that the Board adopt the proposed changes to the budget. Based on 2011-12 actuals and 2012-13 projections, the Board received a budget revision request totaling \$682,350 for the 2011-13 biennium. The Board authorized spending up to \$36,147 from agency reserves under this revised budget. Dr. Lynch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

- **Adoption of Proposed Changes to OAR 852** – The Board held a hearing at 10:00 a.m. today on the proposed changes to the Administrative Rules, including changes to the current budget. Ms. Thrush attended the hearing as Hearing Officer. There were no comments to the proposed changes. The Oregon Medical Board asked by e-mail whether the rule that prohibits the release of a LEDES report to a licensee was accurate. Ms. DeSouza confirmed with the LEDES desk at Oregon State Police that the Board is prohibited from releasing a LEDES report to any individual. The proposed rule will not be altered.

Dr. Mans found a typographical error on page 20 of the proposed rules under 852-020-0029, and the word “patent” will be changed to “patient” (with regard to records). He also asked whether the language on page 24, paragraph (k), line 4, “which typically will be one year after the issue date” should be deleted in order to allow optometric physicians discretion in prescribing contact lenses. The Board agreed that the phrase should be deleted, and it was stricken from the proposed rule.

There was no further discussion. Dr. Pelson made a motion that the Board adopt the changes to the administrative rules as amended. Ms. Thrush seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was no unfinished business before the Board.

OTHER: The Board will meet on January 25, 2013, at which time they will consider and vote on a proposed budget for the 2013-2015 Biennium. A budget hearing will be conducted as part of that Board meeting to allow licensees and interested parties to comment on the proposed budget.

ADJOURNMENT: There was no further business before the Board, and President Mans adjourned the meeting at 1:28 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:



Catherine M. Boudreau
Executive Assistant

Approved by:



Nancy Sellers DeSouza
Executive Director