

Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation
Division of Professional Regulation
Illinois Optometric Licensing and Disciplinary Board

Meeting Date: March 16, 2023

Location: Meeting conducted virtually due to disaster declaration.

Call to Order: 10:30 a.m.

Adjournment: 11:29 a.m.

Board Members Participating: Mark D. Esarey, O.D., Chairperson
Brian Sehy, O.D., Vice-Chairperson
Charlotte F. Nielsen, O.D., Member
Janice M. McMahon, O.D., Member
Valerie Sims-Rucker, Public Member
R. Scott Wooley O.D., Member

Board Members Unavailable: None

Division Staff Participating: Ricky Breen, Office of General Counsel
Robert Gerton, Board Liaison

Guests: Leigh Ann Vanausdoll, Illinois Optometric Association
Melissa Suckow, Midwestern University Chicago College of Optometry

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
CALL TO ORDER	Mark Esarey called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting and took roll of Board members and guests participating in the meeting.	
MINUTES ACCEPTANCE	Board members reviewed the minutes of open session from the September 16, 2021 meeting.	Minutes were accepted by roll call vote. Esarey—Yes Sehy—Yes McMahon—Yes Nielsen—Yes Sims-Rucker—Yes Wooley—Yes
NBEO 2023 CHANGES	The Board discussed information recently provided by NBEO regarding coming	

	changes to part III of the exam. NBEO reports that in late 2023 part III will transition to requiring more role play. The consensus of the Board was to adopt a wait and see approach. A potential area of concern is if the new format includes enough technical skills.	
DEPARTMENT TIME	Counsel Breen addressed some continuing education questions that had been raised by the Board regarding new required CE categories, temporary changes to requirements permitted during the pandemic, and the status of the CE rules draft the board reviewed in the previous meeting. Counsel Breen also addressed questions concerning telehealth. Mr. Gerton addressed questions concerning required Board member annual trainings and provided information pertaining to the return to in person meetings.	
ARBO ANNUAL MEETING	Board members had various schedule conflicts and indicated they would not be attending the ARBO annual meeting in 2023.	
CPT CODE REVIEW	Leigh Ann Vanausdoll relayed a few CPT code updates regarding procedures practiced by Illinois Optometrists.	The Board thanked Leigh Ann for maintaining a list for Illinois Optometrists.
LEGISLATION UPDATE	Leigh Ann Vanausdoll provided a brief update of legislation of interest to the	

	IOA and to the Optometric Profession.	
ELECTIONS FOR CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR	An election was held for the roles of Chair and Vice-Chair.	Mark Esarey was retained as Chair by acclamation. In the same way, Brian Sehy was retained as Vice-Chair.
ADJOURNMENT		At 11:29 a.m., the meeting adjourned.