

**Department of Financial and Professional Regulation
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Date: February 21, 2017
 Meeting Convened: 3:14 P.M.
 Meeting Adjourned: 3:40 P.M.
 Location: IDFPR Chicago Office, 100 W Randolph St. 9th Floor Conference Room
 375, Chicago, IL 60601

Board Members Present: Vince Brandys, OD
 Sohail Hasan, M.D., Ph.D
 Michael Horstman, Board Member
 Erin O'Brien, Board Member

Board Member(s) Absent: N/A

Staff Present: Kathleen Alcorn, Office of the Secretary
 Azeema Akram, Assistant General Counsel
 Meghan Kolassa, Legislative Liaison
 Milana Lublin, Assistant General Counsel

Guests Present: In Person: Richard Paul, Illinois Society of Eye Physician & Surgeons.
Video Conference: Matthew Jones, Illinois Optometric Association.

Topic	Discussion	Action
Roll Call	<p>Each task force member, Department staff, and guests introduced themselves.</p> <p>Milana Lublin, present in Chicago Azeema Akram, present in Chicago Meaghan Kolassa, present in Chicago Richard Paul, present in Chicago Sohail Hasan, present in Chicago Erin Obrien, present by means of video conference Matthew Jones, present by means of video conference Vince Brandys, present by means of video conference Michael Horstman, present by means of video conference</p>	
Introductions	Announced that Milana Lublin taking over as legal counsel to the task force.	

<p>Approval of January 17, 2017 Minutes</p>		<p>A motion made by Mr.Horstman/seconded by Ms.O'Brien to approve the January 17, 2017 meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.</p>
<p>Analysis of Task Force Action</p>	<p>Ms. Lublin and the task force reviewed a document produced by task force member, Horstman titled, "Advanced Optometric Procedures". The document outlined current procedures listed as minor optometric procedures and purported advanced optometric procedures.</p> <p>Ms. Lublin suggested that the task force begin to draft educational standards for each item, starting with injections.</p> <p>Dr. Hasan stated that this approach would not be possible since many of the procedures on the list are intertwined and should not be considered separately. Dr. Hasan recommended reviewing the list of optometry education methods that ISEPS had previously submitted and which was included in the agenda materials. He noted that it would be important for task force members to have a good understanding of the current training for optometrists in order to establish standards that would apply to those wishing to seek the advanced optometric procedure certification.</p> <p>Mr. Horstman stated that when this information was shared in the past, surgeons at the optometry school subsequently withdrew.</p> <p>Mr. Paul stated that ISEPS had no involvement in decisions or conversations about any ophthalmologist as to their involvement in training optometrists, at the University of Illinois, Chicago Ophthalmology Department.</p> <p>Dr. Hasan apologized for missing the first meeting. He stated that it is critical that we understand the current optometry curriculum in order to form new guidelines for advanced optometric procedures. He made the analogy of a pilot who flies propeller planes wanting to now fly jets. It would be nearly impossible to know what to teach this pilot if we don't know what the</p>	

	<p>pilot has learned thus far with respect to flying.</p> <p>Ms. Lublin recommended that information about the curriculum at the Illinois College of Optometry be made available to the task force at the next meeting.</p> <p><u>Richard Paul, Illinois Society of Eye Physician & Surgeons:</u> Mr. Paul discussed the importance of identifying the current curriculum of optometry practice to define the knowledge gap, determine a starting point for compiling an advanced optometric credential curriculum, and the effects the curriculum will have on actual diagnosis. He presented written material to the task force titled, "Educational Questions or the Task Force," which was included in the task force agenda materials.</p> <p><u>Matthew Jones, Illinois Optometric Association:</u> Goal is ensuring public safety in the practice of optometry and ophthalmology.</p> <p>Mr. Michael Horstman agreed that public safety is the goal.</p> <p>Dr. Hasan agreed that public safety is of the utmost importance.</p>	
Adjournment		<p>There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Ms.O'Brien and seconded by Dr.Brandys to adjourn at 3:40 P.M. Motion passed unanimously.</p>