

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

**Board Meeting
 Open Session**

Date: January 18, 2018

Call to Order: 10:00 a.m.

Location: James R. Thompson Center
 9th Fl. Rm 9-171C
 100 W. Randolph St.
 Chicago, Illinois

Adjournment: 11:20 a.m.

Board Members Present: Janice McMahon O.D., Chairperson
 Charlotte F. Nielsen, O.D., Vice-Chairperson
 P. Douglas Becherer, O.D., Member
 Mark Esarey, O.D., Member
 Mary Lou French, O.D., Member
 Dennis Rabe, O.D., Member
 Valerie Sims-Rucker, Public Member

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Robert Gerton, Board Liaison
 D. R. Gordon, O.D., Optometric Coordinator
 Lucienne Doler, Esq., Office of General Counsel

Guests Present: Michael Horstman

| TOPIC | DISCUSSION | ACTION |
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| Call to Order | Board Chairperson Janice McMahon, O.D., called the meeting to order at 10:00a.m. | |

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| Introductions | Board members, Department staff, and guests introduced themselves. | |
| Minutes Acceptance | The Board and Department Staff reviewed the open session minutes from November 16, 2017. | Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from November 16, 2017 Open Session. Motion carried. |
| Board Member CE | Mr. Gerton collected documentation of Board Members' Continuing Education. | |
| FY2019 Meeting Schedule | Board members discussed proposed meeting dates, times, and locations for FY 2019. | The Board will meet: July 19, 2018 September 20, 2018 November 15, 2018 January 17, 2019 March 21, 2019 May 16, 2019 |
| Task Force Report | Lucienne reported that proposed Rules have been published in the Illinois register and are currently on first notice. | |
| Disciplinary Reports | Lucienne shared various statistics with the Board pertaining to volumes of complaints, cases, and investigations dealing with optometry. She stated she was not able to disclose specifics of individual cases. | |
| Practice Act & Administrative Rules review | Lucienne thanked the Board for their suggestions for future legislative and administrative rules changes. | |

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| <p>NBEO Online State Law Examinations</p> | <p>The Board reviewed information provided by NBEO pertaining to states that administer law examinations through NBEO.</p> | <p>It was noted that the Department is interested in protecting the health of Illinoisans while reducing barriers to licensure.</p> |
| <p>Optometric Coordinator Report</p> | <p>D.R. Gordon, O.D., discussed a concern that optometrists in various settings maintain the required minimum equipment (68 IAC Section 1320.95).</p> <p>D.R. Gordon informed board members of the passing of a former DPR investigator and employee.</p> | |
| <p>Adjournment</p> | | <p>At 11:20 a.m. motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.</p> |