

**Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation  
Division of Professional Regulation**

**Illinois Optometric Licensing and Disciplinary Board  
Open Minutes**

Date: January 17, 2019  
 Meeting Convened: 10:30 a.m.  
 Meeting Adjourned: 11:59 a.m.  
 Locations: IDPR Chicago Office  
 Room 9-171A

Board Members Present: Janice M. McMahon, O.D., Chairperson  
 Mark D. Esarey, O.D., Member  
 Mary Lou French, O.D., Member  
 Valerie Sims-Rucker, Public Member  
 R. Scott Wooley O.D., Member

Board Members Absent: Charlotte F. Nielsen, O.D., Vice-Chairperson  
 Dennis Rabe, O.D., Member

Visitors Present: Michael Horstman

Staff Present: Keri Ginger, Manager, Health Services Section  
 Donald R. Gordon, O.D., Optometry Coordinator  
 Lucienne Doler, General Counsel  
 Jennifer Uhles, General Counsel

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	The Board members and DPR staff introduced themselves.	
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	The Open Minutes from the July 19, 2018 Board Meeting were reviewed by the Board Members.	Motion was made and seconded to approve the Open Minutes of the Optometric Licensing and Disciplinary Board meeting with changes. Motion carried.
<b>Old Business</b>	The Board discussed member terms. Board members generally remain on the board after term expiration until new board members can be added.	

<p><b>ARBO</b></p> <p><b>New Business</b></p> <p><b>Elections</b></p> <p><b>Drug Classifications and Prescribing Rights</b></p> <p><b>Legislation</b></p>	<p>Board member Mary Lou French reported on the continuing education tracking system - OA Tracker. She is the OA Tracker Committee Chair. ARBO's Annual Meeting is scheduled for June 16-18, 2019 in St. Louis.</p> <p>The elections for the Chair and Vice-Chair were tabled until the next meeting.</p> <p>The Board discussed the drug Gabapentin and its classification. The Board also discussed the optometrist's role in dealing with patient finger-prick blood testing.</p> <p>An update on Legislation was given by Lucienne Doler, General Counsel. Two pieces of legislation relate to continuing education. One requiring sexual harassment CE classes and one requiring opioid addiction CE classes. These hours will be included in the current total CE hour requirement for renewal. Rules are being promulgated for the sexual harassment CE.</p>	<p>A motion was made and seconded to appoint Mark Esarey to represent Illinois at the ARBO Annual Meeting. Motion carried.</p>
<p><b>Closed Session</b></p>	<p>There being no business for Closed Session, the meeting remained in Open Session.</p>	
<p><b>Chairman Time</b></p>	<p>The Chair had no further business to bring before the Board.</p>	
<p><b>Optometric Coordinator Time</b></p>	<p>D.R. Gordon, O.D., informed the Board of the role of the Department's Optometric Coordinator and his plan to retire in the near future as the Coordinator. He also discussed the importance of the</p>	

	Department's complaint process. The Board held a discussion on complaints for dispensing contact lenses.	
<b>Board Liaison Time</b>	The next scheduled meetings of the Optometric Board are March 21, 2019 in Springfield and May 16, 2019 in Chicago.	
<b>Adjournment</b>		A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:59 a.m. Motion carried.