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**PRACTICE AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE
 FINAL MEETING MINUTES**

Friday, January 27, 2023

Attendance was Remote

Members Present	Staff Present
Jeffrey Garcia, O.D., Chair	Gregory Pruden, Interim Executive Officer
Jonathon Ross, O.D.	Randy Love, Assistant Executive Officer
	Joely Walker, Enforcement Manager
	Arsha Qasmi, Lead Licensing Analyst
	Brad Guarding, Enforcement Analyst
	Erica Bautista, Administrative Analyst
	Kathleen Gregorio, Application Technician
	Monica Peterson, Application Technician
	Pink Crosby, Enforcement Technician
	Kristina Eklund, Administrative Technician
	Brittany Ng, Legal Counsel
Members Absent	Guests
Madhu Chawla, O.D.	On File

Link for the audio of discussions: <https://youtu.be/jYPMcVyNiGI>

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Establishment of a Quorum

Audio of Discussion: [0:12](#)

Committee Chair, Dr. Jeffrey Garcia called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. He called roll and a quorum was established. Dr. Madhu Chawla was absent.

2. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Note: The committee may not discuss or take action on any matter raised during this public comment section, except to decide whether to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting. (Government Code § 11125, § 11125.7(a).)

Audio of Discussion: [1:15](#)

There were no requests for public comment.

3. Discussion and Possible Approval of the November 18, 2022 Practice and Education Committee Draft Meeting Minutes

Audio of Discussion: [2:00](#)

There were no requests for edits or comments.

There were no requests for public comment.

Jonathan Ross moved to accept the November 18, 2022 Practice and Education Committee meeting minutes as written. Jeffrey Garcia Seconded. The Committee voted unanimously (2-0) and the motion passed.

Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Dr. Garcia	X				
Dr. Ross	X				
Dr. Chawla				X	

4. Discussion and Possible Action on Continuing Education Course Approval Requests Pursuant to Title 16, California Code of Regulations Section 1536 (COMPLETE APPLICATIONS)

Audio of Discussion: [3:42](#)

a) Loma Linda University – David Hong

- i) Reimbursement – An Update
- ii) Secondary Glaucomas
- iii) Update on IOL Technology
- iv) Thyroid Orbitopathy

Dr. Ross commented on Agenda Item 4.a.i. stating that although the topic is practical and interesting, it is not appropriate for continuing education. Additionally, he feels that there may be some sort of bias in this lecture since it was sponsored by a single consulting firm (Cochran Consulting). He noted that the lecture is seems to be an advertisement for their services. On this particular lecture he would vote not to approve. Dr. Garcia agreed.

Dr. Ross noted (as stated during the last PEC meeting) that Agenda Item 4.a.iv. (Having not received any additional information) is a high-quality lecture; nevertheless, it appears to have the issue of bias since the slide deck appears to have been compiled

by a single drug company. Dr. Garcia noted that although modification to remove bias would be nice for future applications, this lecture has already been presented. Dr. Ross explained that he would prefer to avoid issues of bias in future CE Course Approval Application reviews. He recommended that the Board's decisions regarding approval meet similar qualifications that entities like the Council on Optometric Practitioner Education (COPE) use to determine whether a course meets an objective threshold, and he will address this issue during Agenda Item 5. Future Agenda Items. Dr. Ross stated that since the lecture was already presented and is good quality CE material, he would vote to approve 4.a.iv.

There were no requests for public comment.

Jonathan Ross moved to approve Agenda Items 4.a.ii., 4.a.iii., 4.a.iv., and to deny Agenda Item 4.a.i. Jeffrey Garcia seconded. The Committee voted unanimously (2-0) and the motion passed.

Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Dr. Garcia	X				
Dr. Ross	X				
Dr. Chawla				X	

b) Eye Care Institute – Dr. Bruce Abramson
Neuro-Ophthalmic Emergencies

There were no requests for public comment.

Jonathan Ross moved to approve Agenda Item 4.b. Jeffrey Garcia seconded. The Committee voted unanimously (2-0) and the motion passed.

Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Dr. Garcia	X				
Dr. Ross	X				
Dr. Chawla				X	

c) ReVision Optometry – Dr. Brian Chou, OD
Fighting Misinformation in the Treatment & Management of Keratoconus

Dr. Ross commented that although the topic of the presentation (Keratoconus) is certainly applicable to continuing education and is certainly interesting, the content of this lecture lacks the educational or scientific rigor that he would expect from a continuing education course. Therefore, his vote would be to not approve this lecture. Drs. Garcia and Ross agreed that the lecture did not provide any good clinical information about the treatment or management of Keratoconus and that an optometrist attending this lecture would not gain much clinical benefit to take to their practice.

There were no requests for public comment.

Jonathan Ross moved to deny Agenda Item 4.c. Jeffrey Garcia seconded. The Committee voted unanimously (2-0) and the motion passed.

Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Dr. Garcia	X				
Dr. Ross	X				
Dr. Chawla				X	

d) Furlong Vision – Dr. Parul Patel, OD

- i) IOL Options for 2023 and Beyond
- ii) The Next EVOLution in Phakic IOLs

There were no requests for public comment.

Jonathan Ross moved to approve Agenda Items 4.d.i. and 4.d.ii. Jeffrey Garcia seconded. The Committee voted unanimously (2-0) and the motion passed.

Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Dr. Garcia	X				
Dr. Ross	X				
Dr. Chawla				X	

5. Future Agenda Items

Audio of Discussion: [20:03](#)

Dr. Ross requested a few future agenda items as follows:

- Discussion regarding the interface between BreEZe and ARBOs OE Tracker system – Updates and next steps.
- Review of the CE Course Approval Request application checklist, and possible addition of a stand-alone financial disclosure slide at the beginning of the presentation.
- Discussion on the current review process for continuing education course applications, qualification standards and a consistent review process.
- Possibility of adding a Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belong (DEIB) requirement to the Board’s continuing education.

Additionally, Dr. Ross requested that the DEIB topic be referred to the Legislation and Regulation Committee (LRC). Assistant Executive Officer, Randy Love assured that this topic will be added to a future agenda for the LRC.

Dr. Garcia asked Dr. Ross to provide some guidance regarding what he envisions should be added to the checklist. Dr. Ross clarified that COPEs Course

Qualification Manual breaks down specifically on pages 7-12 what may be included in the agenda items for the next meeting. Two sections Dr. Ross finds particularly helpful are the COPE Standards for Integrity and Independence in Accredited Continuing Education on pages 7-10, and COPE Requirements for Course Qualification on pages 11-12. Dr. Ross noted that this information defines objectively criteria that needs to be met for continuing education to be considered high-quality. He believes this would certainly benefit the licensees taking the courses and will also be helpful to providers who are preparing their presentations.

6. Adjournment

Drs. Garcia and Ross agreed to adjourn the meeting.