

The mission of the California State Board of Optometry is to protect the health and safety of California consumers through licensing, registration, education, and regulation of the practice of Optometry and Opticianry.

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APPROVED BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 11, 2020

This public meeting was held via WebEx Events.

Members Present	Staff Present
Mark Morodomi, President	Shara Murphy, Executive Officer
Glenn Kawaguchi, Vice President	Cheree Kimball, Assistant Executive Officer
Debra McIntyre, Secretary	Marc Johnson, Policy Analyst
Jeffrey Garcia, OD	Natalia Leeper, Licensing Coordinator
David Turetsky, OD	Rebecca Bon, Legal Counsel
Lillian Wang, OD	Matt McKinney, Enforcement Analyst
Members Absent	
Cyd Brandvein	

Link for the audio of discussion:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QaaPqjQI7JE&feature=youtu.be>

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

Audio of Discussion: [0:02 / 44:26](#)

Mr. Morodomi called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A 6-1 quorum was established. Ms. Brandvein was absent.

2. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Audio of Discussion: [1:18 / 44:26](#)

There were no requests for public comment.

3. Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on Optometry Board Sunset Review

Audio of Discussion: [3:51 / 44:26](#)

Ms. Murphy invited comments, and thoughts about the report, and its reflection on the Board. She expressed her gratitude for all the work that was dedicated to its development.

Dr. Kawaguchi noted that each time the Board undergoes a Sunset Review, it amazes him how much the Board has accomplished (especially over this past year). He considers this a testament to members and staff. He conveyed his gratitude to everyone for their part in the Board's accomplishments. Dr. Garcia echoed these thoughts.

Ms. Murphy explained that the purpose of the Sunset Review is to show that the Board is still relevant and needed in overseeing the professions of optometry and opticianry. During each Sunset, the Board is provided a "check-up" by the Legislature, which comments on what the Board has done and what the Board should be looking at going forward. That information is then incorporated into the Board's daily activities to push those goals forward. The plan will need to be submitted to the Legislature by January 4th.

Dr. McIntyre commented that she is impressed by the sheer amount of information in the report and does not have any additions or amendments. Dr. Turetsky noted that on page 74 a notation was made showing that roughly 31 percent of CE audits fail. If this were to come up with the Legislature, members should consider having a response ready should this issue be brought up. Dr. Turetsky noted that this is an outreach issue. He also commented on the inspection program on page 79 where it talks about the Board having inspection authority of optometric and opticianry practices. He noted that this would be labor-intensive and expensive and wondered if, rather than utilizing Board resources, there was any way the Board could be notified of or be privy to audit information obtained by other agencies, such as VSP or Medi-Cal. Additionally, Dr. Turetsky pointed out the sheer amount of work state employees perform. Perhaps something can be placed on the board website acknowledging their hard work and dedication to consumer protection.

Public Comment:

[Joe Nevel](#). Mr. Nevel congratulated staff on the remarkable work done on the Strategic Plan document. He pointed out a couple of errors relating to opticians for the sake of accuracy.

President Morodomi noted that on page 88 - line 33, he does not understand what it is saying. Ms. Murphy explained that staff did not receive explicit instructions and that there will be some reshuffling of the new issues section. The new issues previously discussed in this report will be moved to new issues that are identified by the Board. Assembly Bill (AB) 655 will move to the new issues identified by the Board in this report.

President Morodomi opened the floor for a second comment. There were no requests for public comment.

Glenn Kawaguchi moved to approve the 2020 Sunset Review Report as presented and delegate authority to the Executive Officer and Sunset Review Workgroup to make any

needed changes prior to submission. Lillian Wang seconded. The Board voted 6-Aye; 1-Absent and the motion passed.

Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Mr. Morodomi	X				
Dr. Kawaguchi	X				
Dr. McIntyre	X				
Dr. Garcia	X				
Dr. Turetsky	X				
Dr. Wang	X				
Ms. Brandvein				X	

4. Future Agenda Items

Audio of Discussion: [30:56 / 44:26](#)

Dr. Kawaguchi stated that based on letters received from the NBO and the California optometry Deans, he believes the Board needs to make certain that the next agenda discusses a path to licensure for new graduates. This issue continues to be complicated. Perhaps research is needed to discover whether there will be an access problem to optometry if this is not corrected. Dr. Wang noted that Part II of the NBEO was partially canceled due to the new shelter in place order from the Governor. 50 percent of the graduates who were canceled were not able to get rescheduled. Something is wrong with the testing situation.

President Morodomi suggested a possible discussion regarding where the optometric profession is regarding vaccinations. Dr. Kawaguchi replied that there are two parts needed for this discussion; (1) optometrists' ability to vaccinate patients and having an extended scope of practice that may include the COVID-19 vaccination; and (2) where optometrists and opticians are in California's rollout tier for the COVID-19 vaccination.

Public comment:

- Kristine Schultz, California Optometric Association (COA). She was asked to provide an update legislatively. COA is looking at a couple of legislative bills next year; one is related to the NBEO testing issue. COA is currently looking for an author for this bill. Regarding testing and immunizations, COA intends to pursue legislation next year. Ms. Schultz added that she believes the Board is in Sub Tier 3 under the type of facility; therefore, optometry is in Phase 1A; however, the COA believes there will not be enough of the vaccine to include all the public health providers in the first tier. They believe optometrists are alongside dentists and other specialty clinics. COA is seeking clarity from the Guidelines Committee to specifically list optometrists so that it is not unclear about when they will be provided the vaccine.
- Another public comment was heard from [Tiffany Witherspoon](#), Director of Continuing Education at Western University. She asked if there has been an update to glaucoma grand rounds? Ms. Murphy replied that this issue will appear on an additional agenda. Staff has been undergoing a review of the program which appears to have been

successful. The findings will be brought back to the Practice and Education Committee (PEC) and then to the Board for the next agenda.

5. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.