

**FLORIDA** | Board of Optometry

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

February 8, 2019

Rosen Plaza  
9700 International Drive  
Orlando, Florida 32819



Stuart Kaplan, O.D., *Chair*  
Christopher King, O.D., *Vice-Chair*  
Anthony Spivey, DBA, *Executive Director*

The Florida Board of Optometry held a meeting on Friday, February 8, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. This meeting was held at Mission Inn Resort, 10400 County Road 48, Howey-In-The-Hills, Florida 34737 to which all persons were invited to attend. Participants in this public meeting were made aware that these proceedings were being recorded and that an audio file of the meeting will be posted to the board's website.

**AGENDA**

**Section I began at 9:00 a.m.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER (Roll Call):**

Stuart Kaplan, O.D., Chair  
Christopher King, O.D., FAAO (Vice-Chair)  
Katie Spear, O.D.  
David Rouse, O.D.,  
Stephen Kepley, O.D.  
John Griffin, J.D.

**Board Staff Present:**

Dr. Anthony Spivey, DBA, Executive Director  
Gail Curry, Program Operations Administrator

**Board Counsel:**

Lawrence Harris, Assistant Attorney General

**Prosecution Services:**

Rose Garrison, Assistant General Counsel

**Court Reporter:**

American Court Reporting  
(407)-896-1813

**Section I ended: 9:04 a.m.**

**Section II began: 9:04 a.m.**

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**i. November 16, 2018**

Dr. King requested revision to Line 125-126 by removing "exception of".

**Action:** Motion to approve the meeting minutes with revision made by Dr. Rouse.

38 Second made by Dr. Kepley.

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40 **Vote:** 6 yeas/0 opposed. Motion Carried.

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42 **Section II ended: 9:05 a.m.**

43 **Section III began: 9:05 a.m.**

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45 **III. FINAL ORDER:**

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47 **i. Settlement Agreement**

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49 **Clyde D. Reynolds, O.P., Case No.: 2016-19383**

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51 Present and represented by counsel, Thomas Gonzalez, Esq.

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53 Ms. Garrison presented case details and proposed settlement agreement as  
54 follows: Require appearance before the board; letter of concern; \$2,000 fine to be  
55 paid within one year of final order; reimbursement of administrative costs of  
56 \$3,000 to be paid within two years of final order; and 3 hours of board approved  
57 continuing education in the category of glaucoma, diagnosis, and treatment within  
58 6 months of final order. Discussion ensued regarding case dismissal and the  
59 difference between a letter of guidance versus a letter of concern.

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61 **Action:** Motion to accept settlement agreement as proposed made by Mr. Griffin.  
62 Second made by Dr. Kepley.

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64 **Vote:** 5 yeas/0 opposed. Motion Carried. Dr. Spear recused.

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66 **Wesley T. Mayes, O.P., Case No.: 2016-19021**

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68 Present and represented by counsel, Kathryn Hood, Esq.

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70 Ms. Garrison presented case details and proposed settlement agreement as  
71 follows: Require appearance before the board; letter of concern; \$500 fine to be  
72 paid within one year; Administrative costs not to exceed \$4000 within 2 years of  
73 final order; and 3 hours of board approved continuing education in the category of  
74 glaucoma, diagnosis, and treatment within 6 months of final order.

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76 Mr. Harris introduced the board's new counsel, Deborah Loucks.

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78 **Action:** Motion to reject settlement agreement and dismiss the case made by Dr.  
79 King. Second made by Dr. Rouse.

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81 **Vote:** 1 yeas/5 opposed. Motion Failed.

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83 **Action:** Motion to accept the settlement agreement as proposed made by Mr.  
84 Griffin. Second made by Dr. Rouse

85 **Vote:** 5 yeas/1 opposed. Motion Carried.

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87 **Section III ended: 9:36 a.m.**

88 **Section IV began: 9:36 a.m.**

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90 **IV. PROSECUTION REPORT:**

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92 Ms. Rose Garrison, Assistant General Counsel provided statistics regarding the  
93 prosecutions currently open in the Department.

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95 Total cases: 10

96 Cases resolved during this meeting: 2

97 Cases older than 1 year continued for prosecution: 4

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99 **Action:** Motion to continue prosecution of cases older than one year made by Dr.  
100 Kepley. Second made by Dr. Rouse.

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102 **Vote:** 6 yeas/ 0 opposed. Motion carried.

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104 **Section IV ended: 9:37 a.m.**

105 **Section V began: 9:37 a.m.**

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107 **V. PETITION FOR WAIVER/VARIANCE:**

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109 **i. Krystle Knoepffler, OD**

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111 Not present, nor represented by counsel.

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113 Mr. Harris presented the facts of the petition.

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115 **Action:** Motion to grant the petition made by Dr. King. Second made by Dr.  
116 Spear.

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118 **Vote:** 6 yeas/0 opposed. Motion Carried.

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120 **Section V ended: 9:47 a.m.**

121 **Section VI began: 9:47 a.m.**

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123 **VI. JURISPRUDENCE CE VARIANCE REQUEST:**

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125 Mr. Harris advised of the ongoing issues pertaining to the change of Rule 64B13-  
126 5.001 that went into effect October 2, 2018 requiring out of state licensees to  
127 complete a live course as opposed to certifying the requirement.

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129 Mr. Harris advised that there were a few options that the board may consider as  
130 follows: 1) Direct board staff to allow renewal of out of state licensees if they are  
131 missing the jurisprudence only; 2) Consider Dr. Sterling's request for a one-time

132 exception for those affected; 3) Require affected licensees to file a petition and  
133 conduct a special meeting. Mr. Harris explained that by statute, delinquency fees  
134 may not be waived. Dr. King asked what the penalty was for licensees that falsely  
135 certified compliance with reading the laws and rules. Mr. Harris explained that  
136 those licensees who falsely certified should be referred to consumer services.  
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138 **Action:** Motion to direct board staff to allow renewal of out of state licensees if  
139 they are missing *only* the jurisprudence *for this biennium only* and refer licensees  
140 to consumer services if they falsely certified reading the laws and rules after  
141 October 2, 2018 by submitting certification for the purposes of complying with  
142 the 2-hour jurisprudence CE made by Dr. King. Second made by Dr. Rouse.  
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144 **Vote:** 6 yeas/0 opposed. Motion Carried.  
145 The board agreed to provide relief to those licensees affected.  
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147 **Action:** Motion to deny all petitions as they are moot made by Mr. Griffin.  
148 Second made by Dr. King.  
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150 **Vote:** 6 yeas/0 opposed. Motion Carried.  
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152 **i. Jamie Hogan, OD**  
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154 **ii. Sidney A. Gottlieb, OD**  
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156 **iii. Robert & Kimberly Molter, OD**  
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158 Drs. Robert Molter and Kimberly Molter were present and addressed their  
159 concerns with the board.  
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161 **iv. Alice Sterling, OD**  
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163 Dr. Sterling was present and addressed her concerns with the board.  
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165 **v. Jennifer Prunty, OD**  
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167 **Break 10:20-10:26 a.m.**  
168 **Section VI ended: 10:55 a.m.**  
169 **Section VII began: 10:55 a.m.**  
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171 **VII. REQUEST FOR ADDITIONS TO TOPA FORMULARY:**  
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173 **i. Kala Pharmaceuticals**  
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175 **Action:** Motion to approve the addition of Inveltys to Florida Administrative  
176 Code 64B13-18.002 (Subsection 5 - Add P.) made by Dr. Kepley. Second made  
177 by Dr. Rouse.  
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**Vote:** 6 yeas/0 opposed. Motion Carried.

Mr. Harris asked whether the proposed rules would have adverse impacts on small business and whether regulatory costs would exceed two hundred thousand dollars within one year of implementation. The board agreed there would be no adverse impact or increase of costs.

Mr. Harris asked whether the proposed rules would have adverse impacts on small business and whether regulatory costs would exceed one million dollars within five years of implementation. The board agreed there would be no adverse impact or increase of costs.

Mr. Harris asked whether the proposed rules would be subject to a minor violation. Minor violation means that it will not directly affect the public health, safety, or welfare and is able to be resolved with citation or notice of non-compliance. The board agreed there would be no minor violations.

**Action:** Motion to approve the board’s response made by Dr. King. Second made by Dr. Rouse.

**Vote:** 6 yeas/0 opposed. Motion Carried.

**Section VII ended: 10:59 a.m.**  
**Section VIII began: 10:59 a.m.**

**VIII. RATIFICATION LIST:**

**a. Licensure**

**i. Optometrist**

**Action:** Motion to approve the ratification of licensees made by Mr. Griffin. Second made by Dr. Kepley.

**Vote:** 6 yeas/0 opposed. Motion Carried.

**b. Continuing Education**

**i. Report of Continuing Education Providers & Courses approved by Board Staff**

**ii. Report of Continuing Education Providers & Courses approved by CE Committee**

**Action:** Nothing to report.

**Section VIII ended: 11:00 a.m.**

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**Section IX began: 11:00 a.m.**

**IX. CHAIR/VICE CHAIR REPORT:**

Dr. Kaplan reminded the board to send in their annual ethics documentation.

**Section IX ended: 11:01 a.m.**

**Section X began: 11:01 a.m.**

**X. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Dr. Spivey advised that the Chair/Vice Chair meeting will be held on May 31, 2019 in Tallahassee.

Dr. Spivey presented tentative board meeting dates for the year 2020 as follows: January 17<sup>th</sup>, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, June 26<sup>th</sup>, and September 11, 2020. Dr. Kaplan advised that the board usually schedules their summer meetings associated with the Florida Optometric Association meeting which will be held July 15, 2020.

**i. Confidential and Exempt from Public Records Disclosure  
December 6, 2018 BOM Minutes**

Dr. Spivey explained that the department determined that some of the health history questions appear to be too invasive and most boards are replacing the history questions with alternate questions to allow applicants to answer accurately.

**Action:** Motion to accept the revision made by Dr. Kepley. Second made by Dr. King.

**Vote:** 6 yeas/0 opposed. Motion Carried.

**ii. Optometry Contract  
iii. Memorandum of Agreement**

Dr. Spivey presented the finalized contract and memorandum of agreement. Dr. King advised that NBEO is increasing the fee of the examination and recommended execution of the contract.

**Action:** Motion to approve signature made by Dr. King. Second made by Dr. Kepley.

**Vote:** 6 yeas/0 opposed. Motion Carried.

**Section X ended: 11:15 a.m.**

**Section XI began: 11:15 a.m.**

**XI. BOARD COUNSEL REPORT:**

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**i. January Rules Report**

Mr. Harris presented the rules report.

**ii. 64B13-5.001**

Mr. Harris addressed concerns with the rule related to obtaining credit for Florida jurisprudence by attending a disciplinary board meeting. Mr. Harris suggested revising the language to variate from the 4-hour attendance requirement as the meetings do not typically last a duration of 4 hours. Mr. Harris proposed the following revised language: “for no less than 4 continuous hours -or the duration of the meeting”.

**Action:** Motion to amend language in Rule 64B13-5.001, Florida Administrative Code as proposed made by Dr. King. Second made by Dr. Spear.

**Vote:** 6 yeas/0 opposed. Motion Carried.

Mr. Harris asked whether the proposed rules would have adverse impacts on small business and whether regulatory costs would exceed two hundred thousand dollars within one year of implementation. The board agreed there would be no adverse impact or increase of costs.

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**Action:** Motion to approve the board’s response made by Mr. Griffin. Second made by Dr. Kepley.

**Vote:** 6 yeas/0 opposed. Motion Carried.

**Section XI ended: 11:29 a.m.**  
**Section XII began: 11:29 a.m.**

**XII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**a. Budget – Dr. Kepley**

Dr. Kepley reported that the board is in a healthy financial position.



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**b. Continuing Education – Dr. Rouse**

Nothing to report

**c. Complaints, Investigation, and Enforcement Liaison – Dr. Kaplan**

Nothing to report

**d. Disciplinary Compliance – Dr. Kaplan**

Nothing to report

**e. Examination – Dr. King**

Dr. King reported that NBEO is updating certain aspects of the practical examination but that it should not have any affect on the Florida practical examination.

**f. FOA – Dr. Kaplan**

Nothing to report

**g. Healthiest Weight – Dr. King**

Nothing to report

**h. Legislative – Dr. Kaplan**

Nothing to report

**i. Probable Cause - Dr. Spear**

Nothing to report

**j. Probationary – Dr. Kaplan**

Nothing to report

**k. Rules – Dr. Kaplan**

Nothing to report

**l. Unlicensed Activity – Dr. Rouse**

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367 **Section XII ended: 11:30 a.m.**

368 **Section XIII began: 11:30 a.m.**

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370 **XIII. OLD BUSINESS:**

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374 **Section XIII ended: 11:30 a.m.**

375 **Section XIV began: 11:30 a.m.**

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377 **XIV. NEW BUSINESS:**

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379 Dr. Michelle Rountree was in attendance for the purposes of satisfying the 2-hour  
380 Florida Jurisprudence requirement. However, Dr. Rountree was unaware that she  
381 would need to file a formal petition if the meeting did not last the required amount  
382 of hours by per Rule 64B13-5.001(6) (b). The board found that Dr. Rountree met  
383 the purposes of the underlying statute.

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385 **Action:** Motion to propose the submission of a formal petition and approve  
386 petition upon receipt made by Dr. Rouse. Second made by Mr. Griffin.

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388 **Vote:** 6 yeas/0 opposed. Motion Carried.

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390 Dr. Spear advised that it is difficult locating information of when a drug's  
391 addition to the formulary has become effective. Dr. Spear requested that each  
392 notice be placed on the website banner when the addition becomes effective as  
393 opposed to when the board proposes the addition. Dr. Kepley agreed that he  
394 would rather see notice that licensees are allowed to write the prescriptions.

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396 Dr. Rouse addressed the topic of standard of care and equipment used in practice.  
397 Dr. Rouse advised that the rules for minimum equipment (64B13-3.004) are  
398 outdated. Dr. Rouse advised that there was some inconsistency with the standards  
399 expected via Florida practical examination versus the minimum requirements. Dr.  
400 Rouse requested historical perspective as to why the rule does not include  
401 binocular indirect ophthalmoscopy and non-contact fundus lens as a minimum  
402 requirement.

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404 **Action:** Motion to open rule Chapter 64B13-3.004, FAC for development made  
405 by Dr. Kepley. Second made by Dr. Rouse.

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407 **Vote:** 6 yeas/0 opposed. Motion Carried.

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409 The board scheduled a rule workshop for the July 2019 meeting.

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411 Dr. King announced that it would be Mr. Harris' last meeting as board counsel

412 and extended his appreciation to Mr. Harris.

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414 **Section XIV ended: 11:42 a.m.**

415 **Section XV began: 11:42 a.m.**

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417 **XV. NEXT MEETING DATE:**

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419 **i. May 10, 2019**

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421 **Section XV ended: 11:42 a.m.**

422 **Section XVI began: 11:42 a.m.**

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424 **XVI. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

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428 **Section XVI ended: 11:42 a.m.**

429 **Section XVII began: 11:42 a.m.**

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431 **XVII. ADJOURNMENT:**

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433 Motion to adjourn at 11:43 made by Dr. Kepley. Second made by Mr. Griffin.

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435 **Vote:** 6 yeas/0 opposed. Motion Carried.

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