ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS TELECONFERENCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 1, 2023

The Arizona State Board of Dispensing Opticians held a Teleconference meeting. The Board meeting commenced at 10:30 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Nyblade, Chairman, Licensed Optician

S. Coleman, Vice-Chairman, Licensed Optician

S. Mayes, Secretary, Licensed Optician

E. Pettit, Licensed OpticianD. Bright, Public MemberM. Searle, Public MemberT. Brown, Licensed Optician

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Megan Darian, Executive Director

Jeanne Galvin, Assistant Attorney General

Jim McClafferty, Investigator

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Nyblade called the telephonic meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. In addition, a roll call was taken. Board members present at this time were Chairman Nyblade, Vice-Chairman Coleman, Secretary Mayes, Board member Pettit, Board member Searle, and Board member Bright. Board member Brown joined the meeting at 10:35.

2. Conflicts of Interest

Secretary Mayes recused herself from item 5 A., Arizona Optometry Partners, PC.

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3. Review, Discussion, and Approval of Minutes

Secretary Mayes moved to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2023, telephonic board meeting, open session. Board member Bright seconded the motion, and unanimously it carried.

4. Agency Operations:

Executive Director Megan Darian reported:

A. Thentia platform update:

Thentia platform is going through its course of progress. The board contracts with Gould Intelligent, a local company of programmers, to protect the board with their expertise. We meet with Thentia daily to ensure everything is programmed correctly. I will know about the launch date when everything is perfectly done.

B. SB1014 eyeglasses; prescriptions:

Prescription for Ophthalmic lenses, other than contact lenses, is valid for two years unless otherwise specified by the prescribing physician.

This bill had House second read on 2/28.

Arizona Board of Optometry is opposed to this bill.

At this time, Vice-Chairman Coleman made a motion for the Board to go to an Executive For legal advice. Board member Searle seconded the motion, and unanimously it carried. Secretary Mayes was recused from attending the Executive session.

The Board went to Executive Session at 10:36 The Board returned from Executive Session at 11:10

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5. A. Arizona Optometry Partners, PC.

Vice-Chairman Coleman made a motion that a meeting to be set up between the Executive Director and AAG to meet with Arizona Optometry Partners to work out a schedule for getting them into compliance based on the Board's Rules and Regulations by the end of the month, so that would be an outcome to be placed on the April Board meeting.

Board member Searle seconded the motion, and unanimously, it carried.

B. Nationwide Vision #33076, 18690 S. Nogales Highway Ste 118, Green Valley, AZ 85614.

LOE-001288

C. Nationwide Vision #33069, 711 E Bell Rd Ste 2, Phoenix, AZ 85022

LOE-001295

Vice-Chairman Coleman made a motion for a meeting between the Executive Director and AAG to meet with Nationwide Vision representative, an Arizona licensed attorney, regarding their non-compliance at this time. Secretary Mayes seconded the motion, and unanimously, it carried.

6. A. Applications for License Optician:

Vice-Chairman Coleman made a motion to approve the License Optician applications for:

Amanda Lynn Scheffler Amy L Welch Chloe Jackson Jeremy John Williams

Secretary Mayes seconded the motion, and unanimously it carried.

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A. Applications for Reinstatement:

Vice-Chairman Coleman made a motion to approve the License Optician reinstatement applications for:

Marveli Uriostegui

Secretary Mayes seconded the motion, and unanimously it carried.

Application for Optical Establishment:

Vice-Chairman Coleman made a motion to approve the License Establishment applications for:

Nationwide Vision Center #3434 – Avondale Pearle Vision #8056 - Phoenix

Secretary Mayes seconded the motion, and unanimously it carried.

7. <u>Future Agenda Items</u>

- A. Arizona Optometry Partners, PC
- B. Nationwide Vision #33076, 18690 S. Nogales Highway Ste 118, Green Valley, AZ 85614. LOE-001288
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8. <u>Call the Public</u>

Meeting Adjournment with no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

Submitted by: Approved: M. Darian

Megan Darian

Executive Director Date: 4/5/2023