



**South Dakota Board of Examiners in Optometry**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**August 19, 2024**  
**8:00AM (CST)**  
**In-Person Meeting**  
**Americinn Conference Room**  
**312 Island Drive, Fort Pierre, SD 57532**

DRAFT MINUTES  
 HAVE NOT BEEN  
 APPROVED BY THE  
 BOARD

| Board Members   | Board Staff Present   |
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| Ashley Crouch, OD Absent<br>Jamie Farmen, Consumer Member Present<br>Brian Gill, OD Present<br>Angela Hase, OD, President Present<br>Scott Schirber, OD, Vice President Present | Deni Martin, Executive Secretary<br>Megan Borchert, Board General Counsel |
|   | Guests  |
|   | Deb Mortenson, SD Optometric Society<br>Shane Hartman, OD                 |

**Attendance:** President Hase called the meeting to order at 8:02am on August 19, 2024.

**1. Approval of Agenda:**

Board Action: B Gill moved to approve the agenda, seconded by J Farmen. Vote:

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| Crouch | ABSENT | Hase                  | YES |
| Farmen | YES    | Schirber              | YES |
| Gill   | YES    | 4 YES, MOTION CARRIED |     |

**2. Conflict of Interest:** All board members reported no conflict with agenda items.

**3. Public Comment:** No public comment; however, Shane Hartman, OD has been identified by the Governor’s office as the new board member who will be taking over Ashley Crouch’s seat on the board. He has completed the paperwork; however, we haven’t received official notification from the state. He was invited to participate in any discussion, but would not be able to officially vote yet.

**4. Approval Minutes:**

Board Action: S Schirber moved to approve the minutes from the virtual meeting on May 20, 2024, seconded by J Farmen. Vote:

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| Crouch | ABSENT | Hase                  | YES |
| Farmen | YES    | Schirber              | YES |
| Gill   | YES    | 4 YES, MOTION CARRIED |     |

**5. Financial Reports:**

Board Action: D Martin presented the treasurer’s report found on pages 5-7 of the agenda packet. J Farmen moved to accept treasurer’s report, seconded by B Gill. Vote:

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|--------|--------|-----------------------|-----|
| Crouch | ABSENT | Hase                  | YES |
| Farmen | YES    | Schirber              | YES |
| Gill   | YES    | 4 YES, MOTION CARRIED |     |

## 6. Board Review and Approve Non-COPE CE Courses:

Board Action: Non-Cope CE was reviewed and approved via signature vote with the documents.

## 7. New Business

**A. National and State Issues Monitored:** D Mortenson reported that the American Optometric Association (AOA) was seeking input on their telehealth position statement. She will continue to monitor that and send any relevant information to this board. The AOA has also been encouraging states to take action on reimbursement and coverage with insurance plans. The SDOS is also monitoring “not a doctor” bills in other states.

D Mortenson also indicated that they are going to check in with their membership at the beginning of 2025 to see if there was enough interest to provide the advanced procedures course again in 2025.

**B. Statute & Administrative Rule Review:** As a result of South Dakota optometry’s expanded scope and ARBO telehealth model language presented on pages 8-10 of the agenda packet, M Borchert presented potential amendments to the South Dakota optometric administrative rules. Based on board member recommendations, she will revise the rules package. Once those revisions are complete, M Borchert and D Martin will share the draft with interested parties for feedback. Any comments or concerns will be shared at the next meeting. Tabled until next meeting.

\*9:20am- Break- End part 1 of audio.

\*9:28am- Meeting called back into session- Start part 2 of audio

## 8. Old Business

**A. Updates from ARBO Annual Meeting:** A Hase attended the Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry (ARBO) meeting June 16-18, 2024, in Nashville, TN. She reported on her experience. No action taken.

**B. Licensing:** Fourteen applications were reviewed and ratified by signature vote.

- 24-7 Desaray Varland
- 24-8 Clarence Vanderlei
- 24-9 Deborah Bessler
- 24-10 Matthew Moe
- 24-11 Hannah Nohrenberg
- 24-12 Jackson Pond
- 24-13 Samantha Rivet
- 24-14 Micah Hoellein
- 25-1 Lucas Rockne
- 25-2 Rachel Osmundson
- 25-3 Claire Purser
- 25-4 Tomas Sundet
- 25-5 McKenzee Hamlin
- 25-6 David Bane

**9. Time and Place of Next Meetings:**

- **Monday, April 7, 2025- In-Person Meeting**  
AmericInn- Conference Room  
312 Island Drive, Fort Pierre, SD 57532  
8:00am (CST)

**11. Adjournment:**

Board Action: J Farnen moved to adjourn meeting at 9:55am, seconded by B Gill

Vote:

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| Crouch | ABSENT | Hase                  | YES |
| Farnen | YES    | Schirber              | YES |
| Gill   | YES    | 4 YES, MOTION CARRIED |     |

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