

KANSAS BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY
Minutes of the July 12-13, 2024 Meeting

- I. 8:33 AM, called to order by Dawn Bircher, OD, Board President. Members of the Board present were Drs Sheena Nagaraja, Philip Walters, and Gary Beaver and public member Seth Katz. Also in attendance were Tim Resner, Board Counsel and Jan Murray, Executive Officer. Members of the public in attendance were Todd Fleischer, KOA Representative, Wayne Gilmore, Thompson Sowash, Chelsea Scriven and Cassidy Nelson.
- II. Hearing on Proposed Administrative Regulations:
 - A. K.A.R. 65-5-6 Continuing Education
 - B. K.A.R. 65-5-15 Active Practice

Hearing concluded at 8:40 AM.

- III. Reciprocities:
 - A. Motion (Nagaraja/Walters/5-0): That the reciprocity of Thompson Sowash, OD be approved.
 - B. Motion (Bircher/Katz/5-0): That the reciprocity of Chelsea Scriven, OD be approved.
- IV. The agenda was approved by consensus.
- V. Review and approval of the last meetings:
 - A. Motion (Beaver/Katz/5-0): That the minutes from the April 10, 2024, meeting be approved.
 - B. Motion (Katz/Beaver/5-0): That the minutes from the May 13, 2024, meeting be approved.
- VI. Trade Names:
 - A. Motion (Beaver/Walters/5-0): That the trade name of *Framed*, 1331 Laramie St., Manhattan, KS 66502 be approved for Cassidy Nelson, OD.
 - B. Motion (Walters/Nagaraja/5-0): That the trade name transfer of *Osage Vision Clinic*, 131 W Market St, Ste A, Osage City, KS 66523 from David Jacoby, OD to Jody Buller, OD be approved.
 - C. Motion (Walters/Nagaraja/5-0): That the trade name of *Abilene Eyecare Associates*, 1000 N Brown-A, Abilene, KS 67410 be approved for Jeffrey Luty, OD.
- VII. Report of the President:
 - A. Dr Bircher discussed the ARBO conference that she, Dr Nagaraja and Ms Murray attended in June. She also encouraged other Board members to attend the 2025 conference.
- VIII. Report of the Vice-President:
 - A. Dr Nagaraja discussed visiting the National Board of Examiners in Optometry testing site in Charlotte, NC, September 14, 2024.
- IX. Report of the Secretary-Treasurer

- A. Dr Beaver discussed the use of radiofrequency in optometry offices. Mr Resner suggested reviewing the Kansas Statutes to confirm that it is not prohibited.

Dr Beaver moved to go into executive session, the reason being to consult with the Board's counsel which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship returning into open session at 9:35 AM. The motion was seconded by Dr Nagaraja.

The Board adjourned into executive session at 9:12 AM.

The Board reconvened at 9:35 AM.

- X. Report of the Member at Large:
 - A. No Report

- XI. Report of the Public Member:
 - A. No Report

- XII. Report of the Legal Counsel:
 - A. Mr Resner discussed the next steps for the Abbey matter.

- XIII. Report of the Executive Officer:
 - A. Ms Murray gave an update on the 2024 Renewals.
 - B. Ms. Murray talked about the upcoming FY2026 and FY2027 budgets, which she will start working on soon. Dr Bircher inquired about increasing the budget for legal expenses. Ms Murray explained about litigation fund.

- XIV. Public Comments:
 - A. No Comments

- XV. Next Meeting
 - A. October 15, 2024 at 8:30 am. Ms Murray was asked to confirm the date with Judge Snell for the Abbey hearing.
 - B. January 8, 2025.

The Board recessed at 10:00 AM for the annual exam

The Board reconvened on Saturday July 13, 2024 at 12:34 PM.

- XVI. Exam Scores:
 - A. Motion (Nagaraja/Katz/5-0): To pass 18 candidates for licensure to practice optometry in the state of Kansas.

- XVII. Adjournment:
 - A. Motion (Nagaraja/Katz/5-0): to adjourn the meeting.

The Board adjourned at 12:55 PM.