



South Dakota Board of Examiners in Optometry

Telephonic Meeting Minutes

**April 3, 2020
11:00 AM (CST)**

Board Members		Board Staff Present	
Craig Dockter, OD, President	Present	Deni Amundson, Executive Secretary Naomi Cromwell, Board Attorney	
Allen Haiar, OD, Vice President	Present		
Angela Hase, OD	Present	Guests	
Scott Schirber, OD	Present		
Jamie Farmen, Consumer Member	Present		
		Deb Mortenson, South Dakota Optometric Society	
		Bob Mercer, Keloland News	

* A call-in number was noticed as available for public access to listen to and participate in the meeting.

1. Attendance: President Dockter called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM on April 3, 2020.

2. Approval of Agenda

Board Action: J Farmen moved to approve the agenda, seconded by A Haiar. Roll call vote:

Dockter	YES	Hase	YES
Farmen	YES	Schirber	YES
Haiar	YES	5 YES, MOTION CARRIED	

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

4. New Business

A. COVID-19:

Telemedicine:

Board Action: A Haiar moved that the use of telemedicine by a South Dakota licensed optometrist for a patient within the State will not in and of itself be considered unauthorized practice of optometry during the period of the COVID-19 State Emergency. All rules and standards of practice remain in place and must still be met, seconded by S Schirber. Roll call vote:

Dockter	YES	Hase	YES
Farmen	YES	Schirber	YES
Haiar	YES	5 YES, MOTION CARRIED	

Continuing Education:

Board Action: A Hase moved that any continuing education attended from March 1, 2020-September 30, 2020, that would originally fall under categories 2, 3, or 4 of ARSD 20:50:08:02.01 would automatically be classified as "live" CE to meet the continuing education requirements as outlined in 20:50:08:01, 20:50:08:02, and 20:50:08:02.02. CE

must be COPE approved and the 9-hour maximum of self-directed learning shall be waived for this time period, seconded by S Schirber. Roll call vote:

Dockter	YES	Hase	YES
Farmen	YES	Schirber	YES
Haiar	YES	5 YES, MOTION CARRIED	

Center for Disease Control (CDC) Recommendations:

The board reviewed current CDC recommendations. Deni Amundson will share any new South Dakota Department of Health recommendations with the board. No action taken.

5. Public Comment:

Deb Mortenson indicated she may be receiving more information regarding COVID-19 and the American Optometric Association’s guidelines for complying with CDC recommendations. She will share this information with Deni Amundson and Naomi Cromwell.

6. Time and Place of Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: Friday, August 21, 2020, 8:00AM (CST), Tieszen Law Office Conference Room, 306 East Capitol, Pierre, SD 57501

7. Adjournment:

Board Action: S Schirber moved to adjourn meeting, seconded by J Farmen. Roll call vote:

Dockter	YES	Hase	YES
Farmen	YES	Schirber	YES
Haiar	YES	5 YES, MOTION CARRIED	