



# South Dakota Board of Examiners in Optometry

## Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2020  
8:00 AM (CST)  
Telephonic/Zoom Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES  
HAVE NOT BEEN  
APPROVED BY THE  
BOARD

Board Members		Board Staff Present	
Craig Dockter, OD, President	Present	Deni Amundson, Executive Secretary	
Jamie Farnen, Consumer Member	Present	Naomi Cromwell, Board Attorney	
Allen Haiar, OD, Vice President	Present	Jon Van Patten, Assistant Attorney General	
Angela Hase, OD	Present	<b>Guests</b>	
Scott Schirber, OD	Present	Deb Mortenson, South Dakota Optometric Society-telephonically	

**Attendance:** President Dockter called the meeting to order at 8:05 AM on August 21, 2020.

### 1. Approval of Agenda:

Board Action: S Schirber moved to approve the agenda, seconded by J Farnen. Vote:

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

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

### 3. Approval Minutes:

Board Action: A Hase moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on March 6, 2020, and the telephonic meetings on April 3, 2020, May 5, 2020, and June 18, 2020, seconded by A Haiar. Vote:

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

### 4. Financial Reports:

Deni Amundson presented the treasurer's report found on page 12 of the agenda packet. S Schirber moved to accept treasurer's report, seconded by J Farnen. Vote:

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

### 5. Board Review and Approve CE Courses:

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the board discussed ARSD 20:50:08:02, and the challenges of the board approving individual continuing education courses through a digital meeting format.

**Board Action:** A Hase moved to authorize Deni Amundson, Executive Secretary, to approve any continuing education courses submitted to the board from March 1, 2020, through March 31, 2021, seconded by A Haiar. Vote:

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

Also, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the board discussed their previous motion, from the April 3, 2020 meeting, to allow licensees to obtain more online continuing education. Previous approved motion read:

**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.

**Board Action:** J Farmen moved to extend this waiver until March 31, 2021, and it will be reviewed again at the next meeting, seconded by S Schirber. Vote:

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

## 7. Old Business

**A. National and State Issues Monitored:** No new information or action taken.

**B. Pharmacy Board Database Integration:** Deni Amundson updated that they are in the final process of this integration project. It will be removed from the agenda for future board meetings. No action taken.

## 8. New Business:

### A. Licensing:

Board reviewed application 20-8.

**Board Action:** A Hase moved to approve application 20-8, seconded by S Schirber. Vote:

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

New Licensee:

- Sarah Petereit

Board reviewed application 20-9. Application was missing one component. Tabled until next meeting.

**B. Procedural Codes:** No action taken.

**C. Legal Counsel Update:**

Deni Amundson updated the board on the South Dakota Department Health's (DOH) decision to restructure legal counsel for their boards. They have hired a full time attorney, Megan Borchert, to represent the DOH boards. We have a contract with Naomi Cromwell, of Tieszen Law Office until May 31, 2020. Amundson will continue provide updates to the board members as they work through the transition. No action taken.

**9. Public Comment:** No public comment

**10. Time and Place of Next Regular Meeting:**

Next Meeting: Friday, March 26, 2021, 8:00AM (CST), Tieszen Law Office Conference Room, 306 East Capitol, Pierre, SD 57501 (May change in response to COVID-19 pandemic at that time.)

**11. Adjournment:**

Board Action: S Schirber moved to adjourn meeting at 9:06 AM, seconded by J Farmen. Vote:

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