



South Dakota Board of Examiners in Optometry

Meeting Minutes

**August 25, 2021
8:00 AM (CST)
Telephonic/Zoom Meeting**

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HAVE NOT BEEN
APPROVED BY THE
BOARD

Board Members		Board Staff Present	
Ashley Crouch, OD	Present	Deni Amundson, Executive Secretary	
Jamie Farnen, Consumer Member	Present	Megan Borchert, DOH Board Attorney	
Brian Gill, OD	Absent		
Angela Hase, OD, President	Present		
Scott Schirber, OD	Present		
		Guests	
		Deb Mortenson, South Dakota Optometric Society	
		Aimee Schulte, OD, SDOS President	

Attendance: President Hase called the meeting to order at 8:05 AM on August 25, 2021.

1. Approval of Agenda:

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

Crouch	YES	Hase	YES
Farnen	YES	Schirber	YES
Gill	Absent	4 YES, MOTION CARRIED	

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

3. Approval Minutes:

Board Action: J Farnen moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on March 26, 2021, and the Zoom/telephonic meetings on June 24, 2021, and July 20, 2021, seconded by S Schirber. Vote:

Crouch	YES	Hase	YES
Farnen	YES	Schirber	YES
Gill	Absent	4 YES, MOTION CARRIED	

4. Financial Reports:

Board Action: Deni Amundson presented the treasurer's report found on pages 11-12 of the agenda packet. A Crouch moved to accept treasurer's report, seconded by J Farnen. Vote:

Crouch	YES	Hase	YES
Farnen	YES	Schirber	YES
Gill	Absent	4 YES, MOTION CARRIED	

Deni Amundson reported that she's been researching options to upgrade the current database to a system that provides online renewal and credit card processing. Tabled until next meeting.

5. Board Review and Approve CE Courses:

Board Action: The Board reviewed one request for continuing education as presented in pages 14-16 of the agenda packet. J Farmen moved to decline this request for credit, seconded by S Schirber. Vote:

Crouch	YES	Hase	YES
Farmen	YES	Schirber	YES
Gill	Absent	4 YES, MOTION CARRIED	

7. Old Business

A. National and State Issues Monitored: Deb Mortenson, Executive Director for the South Dakota Optometric Society, provided updates on federal robocall legislation, the expansion of Medicaid, and state level legalization of marijuana issues. No other new information or action taken.

8. New Business:

A. Licensing:

Board reviewed application 22-2.

Board Action: A Crouch moved to provisionally approved application 22-2 and allow her to begin practicing September 1, 2021, pending background check. If the background check had any issues, the license may be suspended or rescinded immediately. Seconded by S Schirber. Vote:

Crouch	YES	Hase	YES
Farmen	YES	Schirber	YES
Gill	Absent	4 YES, MOTION CARRIED	

New Licensee:

- Melanie Hamiel

B. Board Member Seat Updates: President Hase announced the appointment of Brian Gill, OD, to the board. She also opened up nominations for a vice president.

Board Action: J Farmen moved to name S Schirber as vice president of the board. Seconded by A Crouch. Vote:

Crouch	YES	Hase	YES
Farmen	YES	Schirber	YES
Gill	Absent	4 YES, MOTION CARRIED	

C. Legal Counsel Update: Deni Amundson reported that Megan Borchert had accepted a position with the Attorney General's office. She is still representing this board in the interim until the South Dakota Department of Health appoints a replacement. Megan was thanked for her work on this board. An update will be provided again at the next meeting.

D. Statute and Administrative Rule Review:

Pages 17-45 of the agenda packet reflect legal counsel recommendations for amendments to the current administrative rules contained in Administrative Rules and Regulations chapter 20:50. South Dakota Codified Laws chapters 37-7 was omitted from the packet in error. The South Dakota Optometric Society requested a review of 36-7-1.2 be added to the final packet at the next meeting. Tabled until next meeting.

9. Public Comment: No public comment

10. Time and Place of Next Regular Meeting:

TBD

11. Adjournment:

Board Action: J Farmen moved to adjourn meeting at 9:20 AM, seconded by A Crouch. Vote:

Crouch	YES	Hase	YES
Farmen	YES	Schirber	YES
Gill	Absent	4 YES, MOTION CARRIED	

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