

TEXAS OPTOMETRY BOARD

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CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2021

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Virtual Meeting - Zoom

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order.**
2. **Roll Call of Committee Members.**
3. **Course Approvals.** Discussion and possible committee actions on continuing education courses to recommend for approval by the Board.
4. **Exemptions and Extensions.** Discussion and possible committee action on requests for exemptions and/or extensions of continuing education requirements. (Lic. No. 2689)
5. **Approval of Continuing Education Providers.** Discussion and possible committee recommendation regarding requirements/process for approving continuing education providers. The committee may also discuss fees associated with becoming a continuing education provider.
6. **Modernizing CE tracking/reporting.** The committee will continue to consider information regarding CE vendors for the purposes of modernizing continuing education tracking and reporting. The committee may take possible action for recommendations to the full Board.
7. **Public Comments.**
8. **Adjourn.**

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RULES COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2021
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting - Zoom

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order.**
2. **Roll Call of Committee Members.**
3. **22 TAC 273.16 Licensee Compliance with Board Investigations and Inspections.** Discussion and consideration of public comments along with possible committee recommendation for adoption on new proposed rule governing licensee compliance with board investigations/inspections.
4. **22 TAC 275.2 Required Education.** Discussion and consideration of public comments along with possible committee adoption on revisions related to 275.2(g) concerning requirements for renewal of license imposed by other state law.
5. **22 TAC 279.16 Telehealth Services.** Discussion and consideration of comments public comments submitted. The committee may consider revisions to the proposed rule.
6. **22 TAC 271.2 Applications.** Discussion and possible proposed changes to Board rule governing application process.
7. **22 TAC 275.3 Continuing Education Tracking System.** Discussion and possible proposal of new Board rule requiring the use of digital reporting system for continuing education compliance.
8. **Future Rulemaking Topics.** Discussion and consideration of future rule making topics.
 - a. **22 TAC 275.4 Continuing Education Providers.** Possible discussion and consideration of a proposal for a new Board rule outlining requirements of approved continuing education providers.
 - b. **22 TAC 279.2 Contact Lens Prescription.** Discussion of possible future changes to the rule regarding the required signature on a prescription.
 - c. **22 TAC 279.3 Spectacle Prescription.** Discussion of possible future changes to the rule regarding the required signature on a prescription.
9. **Public Comments.**
10. **Adjourn.**

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ADMINISTRATIVE/LICENSING COMMITTEE

FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2021

8:15 a.m.

Virtual Meeting - Zoom

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order.**
2. **Roll Call of Committee Members.**
3. **Licensing.** Discussion and possible committee actions regarding licensure applicants, licensure without examination applicants, canceled licenses, expired licenses, transcript requirements for applicants and examination matters. (Lic. No. 8869)
4. **Public Comments.**
5. **Adjourn.**

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COMMITTEE ON PEER ASSISTANCE

FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2021

8:40 a.m.

Virtual Meeting

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1. **Call to Order.**
2. **Roll Call of Committee Members.**
3. **Peer Assistance Program.** Discussion and possible committee action regarding the peer assistance program.
4. **Public Comments.**
5. **Adjourn.**

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BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2021
9:00 a.m. – Conclusion.
Virtual Meeting - Zoom

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1. **Call to Order.**
2. **Roll Call of Board Members.**
3. **Minutes.**
 - a. Discussion and approval of minutes from the February 6, 2021 meeting.
4. **General Matters.** Discussion and possible action on general matters.
 - a. Optometry School Liaison Reports. (Hopping/Patrick)
5. **Board Chair Report.**
6. **Public Comment** (Time certain 10:00 a.m.).
7. **Executive Director's Report.**
 - a. Budget Update & Accounting Staff.
 - b. Licensure Statistics.
 - c. Performance Measures.
 - d. 2021 Legislative Session.
 - e. Remote Inspections 2021.
 - f. Update on online application process.
 - g. Update on office move.
 - h. ED activities since last meeting.
 - i. ARBO meeting, June 19-20, 2021.
8. **Legal Report.** (McKinney)
9. **Committee Reports.**

Administrative/Licensing Committee

- a. Discussion and possible Board actions on Administrative/License Committee report and recommendations. (Lic No. 8869)
- b. Number of candidates receiving licensure.

Continuing Education Committee.

- a. Discussion and possible Board actions on Continuing Education Committee report and recommendations.
- b. Recommendations on continuing education course approvals, exemptions and extensions.
- c. Recommendations and discussion regarding a CE vendor for electronic tracking and reporting.

Investigation-Enforcement Committee.

- a. Discussion and possible Board actions on the Investigation-Enforcement Committee report and recommendations resulting from informal conferences. (Lic No. 4429)
- b. Discussion and possible Board actions on administrative penalties assessed by the Executive Director. (Lic.No.9230)
- c. Quarterly report on complaints and investigations. (Parker)

Rules Committee.

- a. Discussion and possible Board action on Rules Committee report and recommendations.
- b. **Adoption:** 22 TAC 273.16 Licensee Compliance with Board Investigations and Inspections. Discussion and possible Board action on proposed rule governing licensees' compliance with board investigations.
- c. **Adoption:** 22 TAC 275.2 Required Education. Discussion and possible Board action on proposed revisions related to 275.2(g) concerning requirements for renewal of license imposed by other state law.
- d. **Proposal:** 22 TAC 279.2 Applications. Discussion and possible Board action on proposed revisions related to 279.2 concerning the application process.
- e. **Proposal:** 22 TAC 275.3 Continuing Education Tracking System. Discussion and possible proposal of new Board rule requiring the use of digital reporting system for continuing education compliance.
- f. Discussion on comments received related to proposed 22 TAC 279.16 Telehealth Services.

Committee on Peer Assistance.

- a. Discussion and possible Board action on report and recommendations from the Committee on Peer Assistance.

10. Quarterly Board Member Training.

- a. Review of Licensing Process.

11. Announcements.

12. Adjourn.

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