

AGENDA
ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
June 17, 2021
1:30 PM
Freeway Medical Tower
5800 W. 10th Street Room 906
Little Rock, AR 72204

Dr. Ashley called the meeting to order at 1:33 with all members present. Also in attendance were Tanya Ford, ASBO office; Kevin O'Dwyer, ASBO attorney; Matt Gilmore, ADH; Vicki Farmer, ArOA; Debbie Henley, ArOA; Allison Hall, ArOA, ABDO; Howard Flippin, O.D., former Executive Director, ASBO; Bonita Wiseman, former Administrative Assistant, ASBO; Lacie Kirchner, attorney.

The minutes of the last meeting were presented by Dr. Hennessey. A motion was made by Mr. White to approve the minutes as presented. Dr. Reed seconded. The motion passed.

Mrs. Ford presented the accounting update report. Dr. Hennessey made a motion to approve the report as presented. Dr. Fitzhugh seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Gilmore briefly spoke to the Board regarding some the changes that have and will occur with financial reporting under the direction of the Arkansas Department of Health.

Dr. Ashley introduced Dr. Bob Fitzhugh, a new board member appointed by Gov. Hutchinson to replace Dr. Shane Ford who has finished his term of service.

Dr. Ashley led separate interviews of two doctors, via Zoom, who applied for licensure by endorsement. After an interview and discussion of each applicant, motions were made and seconded to license by endorsement Dr. Desirae Brinkley (Dr. Reed, Mr. White) and Dr. Karman Holdinghausen (Dr. Reed, Dr. Fitzhugh). Both motions passed. The endorsements were made contingent upon each passing a FBI background check.

Dr. Ashley led a discussion on whether to allow the renewal of licensure of Dr. Frannie Davis, who was late in her application to renew licensure. The board considered extenuating circumstances. A motion was made and seconded to allow re-licensure for Dr. Davis. The motion passed.

Mrs. Ford reported on the illegal sale of contact lenses at Hess Gas Station in Rose City and Neighborhood Grocery in Little Rock. Separate motions were made by Mr. White recommending authorization of funding investigations of each entity. These motions were both seconded by Dr. Fitzhugh. Each motion, considered separately, passed.

Dr. Ashley discussed two patient complaints regarding Dr. Tim Norton and his staff. A motion was made by Dr. Hennessey to ask Dr. Norton to appear before the board to address the complaints. The motion was seconded by Dr. Reed. The motion passed.

A discussion took place regarding whether glasses prescriptions must be released if expired. No formal action was taken by the board except to revisit the concern.

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State Board Officer Elections were held.

- A) A motion was made by Dr. DeBlack to nominate Dr. Ashley to continue to fill the office of president. The motion was seconded by Mr. White. The motion passed.
- B) A motion was made by Dr. Reed that Dr. Hennessey be nominated for the position of vice-president. Mr. White seconded. The motion passed.
- C) A motion was made by Dr. Hennessey that Dr. Reed be nominated as Secretary. Dr. Fitzhugh made a second. The motion passed.

Dr. Ashley addressed the board regarding the Advanced Procedure Licensure test on June 19, 2021 at 8 a.m. at Embassy Suites in Little Rock. He also spoke of a State Board Examination for new licentiates. This will take place before the ASBO meeting on Thursday, August 19th at the ASBO office at a time to be determined.

Dr. Ashley announced that the next meeting date will be Thursday August 19, 2021 at 1:30 pm at the Board office in Freeway Medical Center.

A motion was made by Dr. Hennessey that Board members be paid per diem and mileage for today's meeting. Dr. DeBlack seconded. The motion passed.

Dr. Ashley gave special recognition to Ms. Bonita Wiseman for her service to the board as ASBO administrative assistant to Dr. Flippin, Executive Director of the ASBO, over the last 15(?) years. A gift was presented.

A motion was made Mr. White to adjourn the meeting. Dr. DeBlack seconded. The motion passed. The board adjourned at 2:45 pm.

(N.B.) The names of those doctors testing for licensure by examination on this date can be found in the board agenda of the June 17, 2021 ASBO meeting. All doctors testing for licensure passed the examination.

Dr. Bryant Ashley, President

Dr. Daniel Hennessey, Secretary/Treasurer