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## **FINAL MINUTES FOR REGULAR SESSION MEETING: JULY 10, 2007**

### **Board Members**

Christina M. Sorenson, O.D., President  
Caroline Griego, O.D., Vice-President  
Robert B. Pinkert, O.D.  
Robert J. Maynard, O.D.  
Curtis R. Winkler, M.D.  
Melissa Bengtson, Public Member

### **Staff:**

Margaret Whelan, Executive Director  
Paula Hollins, Licensing Administrator

### **Legal Counsel:**

Elizabeth Campbell, Assistant Attorney General

**A. CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Sorenson**

Dr. Sorenson called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL: Ms. Hollins**

Board Members Present: Christina M. Sorenson, O.D., President  
Caroline Griego, O.D., Vice President  
Robert J. Maynard, O.D.  
Robert B. Pinkert, O.D (at 12:36 p.m.)  
Melissa Bengtson, Public Member

Board Members Absent: Curtis R. Winkler, M.D.

Legal Counsel Present: Elizabeth Campbell, Assistant Attorney General

Staff Present: Margaret Whelan, Executive Director  
Paula Hollins, Licensing Administrator

**C. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Sorenson**

Good and welfare: Wishing Board members Drs. Winkler and Pinkert speedy recovery from broken bones. The Arizona State Board of Optometry was well represented at the Annual ARBO meeting in

Boston. Dr. Griego was appointed to the NBERC Committee. Ms. Whelan was placed on the Executive Directors Committee of ARBO and Dr. Sorenson was elected President of ARBO.

**D. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE BLOCK VOTE ON PENDING REGULAR LICENSE APPLICATIONS:**

1. Bergeson, Jeffrey
2. Gorger, Ryan
3. Hooper, James
4. Jackson, Jeffrey
5. Johnson, Justin
6. Lee, Yung
7. McCord, Jason
8. McMullen, Taylor
9. Palmer, Bryce
10. Pham, Karen Thu
11. Porzukowiak, Tina
12. Sinn, Robin
13. Terry, Joshua
14. Theriot, Pamela
15. Usleman, Benjamin

**MOTION:** Dr. Maynard moved to approve items 2 thru 15 for licensure. Dr. Griego seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Motion passed 4-0.

**MOTION:** Dr. Maynard moved to approve item 1 for licensure. Dr. Sorenson seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Motion passed 3-0. Dr. Griego abstained.

**E. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE BLOCK VOTE ON PENDING ENDORSEMENT APPLICATIONS:**

16. Fathali-Dashti, Helen

**MOTION:** Dr. Sorenson moved to approve item 16 for licensure. Dr. Griego seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Motion passed 4-0.

17. Kutinsky, Harvey

**MOTION:** Dr. Griego moved to approve item 17 for licensure. Dr. Sorenson seconded the motion.

**AMENDED MOTION:** Dr. Griego moved to tabled item 17 for further information regarding Dr. Kutinsky's employment history since 2003 for the purposes of endorsement. Dr. Maynard seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Motion passed 4-0.

Dr. Sorenson moved to go into executive session for legal advice regarding item #18. Dr. Maynard seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Board went into executive session for legal advice at 12:25 p.m.

Board reconvened regular session at 12:33 p.m.

18. Ruppe, Lane

**MOTION:** Dr. Sorenson moved to approve item 18 for licensure with a consent agreement. If no response to the consent agreement is received within 14 days from date of receipt by Dr. Ruppe, the license application will be automatically denied. Motion fails due to lack of a second.

Dr. Pinkert joins the teleconference at 12:36 p.m.

**SECOND MOTION:** Dr. Maynard moved to deny item 18 for licensure. Dr. Griego seconded the motion.

	Vote	Caroline Griego, O.D.	Robert Maynard, O.D.	Melissa Bengtson, Public Member	Curtis Winkler, M.D.	Robert Pinkert, O.D.	Christina Sorenson, O.D.
YES	2	X	X				
NO	3			X		X	X
ABSTAIN	0						
ABSENT	1				X		

**VOTE:** Motion failed 2-3. Drs. Sorenson and Pinkert voted nay.

**THIRD MOTION:** Dr. Pinkert moved to offer Dr. Ruppe licensure subject to the proposed consent agreement. Dr. Ruppe has 14 days to accept the consent agreement. In the event that he does not accept the consent agreement within 14 days from date of receipt the license application will be denied. Dr. Sorenson seconded the motion.

	Vote	Caroline Griego, O.D.	Robert Maynard, O.D.	Melissa Bengtson, Public Member	Curtis Winkler, M.D.	Robert Pinkert, O.D.	Christina Sorenson, O.D.
YES	3			X		X	X
NO	2	X	X				
ABSTAIN	0						
ABSENT	1				X		

**VOTE:** Motion passed 3-2. Drs. Griego and Maynard voted nay.

19. Walker, Karen

**MOTION:** Dr. Griego moved to approve item 19 for licensure. Dr. Sorenson seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Motion passed 4-0.

**F. REVIEW, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION AS PROVIDED BY A.R.S. §32-1704 (D) and A.A.C. R4-21-208.**

**Fiscal Year 2006/2007**

	<b>Continuing Education</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>No. of hours requested</b>
a.	International Vision Expo West 2007	October 3-6, 2007	181 Regular 24 PM
b.	New Clinical Perspectives	February 24, 2007	5.5 Regular
c.	Optimizing Therapy for Wet Macular Degeneration	April 10, 2007	2 Regular
d.	National Optometric Association Continuing Professional Education Meeting	July 10-15, 2007	2 Regular 8 Diagnostic & Therapeutic
e.	Tahoe Seminar 2007	July 27-29, 2007	13 Regular

**MOTION:** Dr. Griego moved to accept items a thru e. Ms. Bengtson seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** The motion passed 4-0.

**G. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES.**

- 20. April 20, 2007 Regular Session Minutes
- 21. April 20, 2007 1<sup>st</sup> Executive Session Minutes
- 22. April 20, 2007 2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Session Minutes
- 23. April 20, 2007 3<sup>rd</sup> Executive Session Minutes

**MOTION:** Ms. Bengtson moved to approve tab 20 as written. Dr. Griego seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Motion passed 4-0.

**MOTION:** Ms. Bengtson moved to approve tabs 21 thru 23 as written. Dr. Maynard seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Motion passed 4-0.

**H. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

- 24. 2007 ARBO Conference

25. Administrative updates/Budget
26. Board representative for Licensing Workshop

Ms. Whelan reported on tabs 24 thru 26 inclusive.

**I. CALL TO PUBLIC:**

**Dr. Sorenson**

Dr. Sorenson made a call to the public at 12:46 p.m. No one was present to address the Board.

Dr. Sorenson moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:47 p.m. Dr. Maynard seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

**END OF MINUTES:**

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Margaret Whelan, Executive Director

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Date