



## ISSUE MEMORANDUM

<b>DATE</b>	July 9, 2021
<b>TO</b>	Members, California State Board of Optometry (CSBO)
<b>FROM</b>	Mark Morodomi, Board President
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Agenda Item #5 – Recognition of Service of Dr. Debra McIntyre, O.D.

The Board will recognize the service of Dr. Debra McIntyre, O.D., who served on the Board from March 15, 2016 until June 1, 2021.

### Biography:

Debra McIntyre was appointed by Governor Brown as a professional member on March 15, 2016. McIntyre has been an optometrist at West Coast Eyecare since 2013, and from 2002 to 2003. She was chief executive officer and an optometrist at Accent on Eyes Optometry from 2003 to 2013. Previously, she was chief executive officer and an optometrist at Paradise Optical in Florida from 1999 to 2002. While in Florida, she served on the board of the Florida Keys Optometric Society. McIntyre is a member of the Escondido Sunrise Rotary and participated in various vision and eye health screening programs in Mexico and Haiti to serve the underprivileged. She earned her Doctor of Optometry degree from the Marshall B. Ketchum University, Southern California College of Optometry.

### Statement from Dr. McIntyre:

*Dear Board Members and Staff of the California Board of Optometry,*

*I would like to express my appreciation for the opportunity to serve the Board in several capacities over the last five years. As a Board member, I have had the privilege to serve on various committees as well as functioning as Board Secretary twice. These positions have raised my awareness of the magnitude of the responsibility we have to not only protect consumers and patients of California, but to find ways to improve their access to care.*

*When I was first appointed to the Board in 2016, I was very excited about the opportunity to start addressing the subject of telemedicine/telehealth and online refractions. Once on the Board, I realized how many issues the Board must contend with on a continuing basis. From legislation to enhance or provide children's vision, mobile optometry and home health care, our plate has been full. Add in Covid-19 and its*

*subsequent challenges for both the profession, patients, and optometric students, and we were barely able to scratch the surface of telemedicine, which will undoubtedly be afforded a greater portion of our attention in the future.*

*At this time, I would like to specifically express my appreciation for my fellow Board Members and the supporting staff. Every person I have had the honor to work with has been kind, considerate, objective and thoughtful in their position and duties. It has been my honor to serve alongside these wonderful people.*

*Finally, I hope to continue involvement in our state's optometric regulation in some capacity. As a subject matter expert, I may be able to address my preferred subject in greater depth and help guide the profession carefully and safely into the world of advancing technology.*

*Again, thank you for allowing me to participate and serve. I wish the best of luck to new members and will happily provide support when and where it is needed.*

*Sincerely,*

*Dr. Debra McIntyre*