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PRACTICE AND EDUCATION MEETING BOARD MEETING FINAL MINUTES

Friday, March 4, 2022

This public meeting was held via WebEx Events.

Members Present	Staff Present
Jeffrey Garcia, OD, Chair	Shara Murphy, Executive Officer
Joseph Pruitt, OD	Randy Love, Assistant Executive Officer
Madhu Chawla, OD	Mark Johnson, Policy Analyst
	Natalia Leeper, Lead Licensing Analyst
	Brad Garding, Enforcement Analyst
Members Absent	Guests
	On File

Link for the audio of discussions: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ds-s3qVX6Cg>

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Audio of Discussion: [0:05](#)

Committee Chair, Dr. Jeffrey Garcia called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. and roll call was taken. All Members were present, and a quorum was established.

2. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Note: The committee may not discuss or take action on any matter raised during this public comment section, except to decide whether to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting. (Government Code § [11125](#), § [11125.7\(a\)](#).)

Audio of Discussion: [0:37](#)

There were no requests for public comment.

3. Discussion and Possible Action on the January 28, 2022 Practice and Education Committee Meeting Minutes

Audio of Discussion: [1:39](#)

Madhu Chawla moved to accept the January 28, 2022 Practice and Education meeting minutes as written. Joseph Pruitt seconded. The Committee voted unanimously (3-Aye; 0-No) and the motion passed.

Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Dr. Garcia	X				
Dr. Pruitt	X				
Dr. Chawla	X				

4. Discussion and Possible Action on Continuing Education Course Approval Requests Pursuant to Title 16, California Code of Regulations Section 1536 (KAISER APPLICATIONS)

Audio of Discussion: [2:34](#)

Kaiser Permanente – Dr. Aileen Nokes

- A. 1. Refer Retina or Relax Retina
2. Retina OCT Grand Rounds
3. A Roadmap for Making the Diagnosis in Glaucoma
4. Glaucoma Treatment Consideration
5. Managing Glaucoma Over Time and Detecting Glaucoma that is Getting Worse

There were no requests for public comment.

Madhu Chawla moved to accept all courses as presented in agenda action Item 4.A 1-5. Joseph Pruitt seconded. The Committee voted unanimously (3-Aye; 0-No) and the motion passed.

Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Dr. Garcia	X				
Dr. Pruitt	X				
Dr. Chawla	X				

5. Discussion and Possible Action on Continuing Education Course Approval Requests Pursuant to Title 16, California Code of Regulations Section 1536 (ONLINE WEBINAR APPLICATIONS)

Audio of Discussion: [5:14](#)

Coastal Vision Medical Group – Mr. Manny Monroy

- A. 1. Eyecare: Life and Death
2. Presbyopia Correction: How to Avoid the Abyss

Coastal Vision Medical Group – Mr. Manny Monroy

- B. Challenging Anterior Segment Cases: How to Manage Patient Outcomes with Advanced Technology

Coastal Vision Medical Group – Mr. Manny Monroy

- C. Microinvasive Glaucoma Surgery (MIGS) With or Without Concurrent Cataract Surgery

Livermore Optometry Group – Dr. Steven Faith, MD

- D. Anterior Segment Grand Rounds
Dougherty Laser Vision – Ms. Carolina Guardado
- E. Refractive Surgery Cases Part III
Coastal Vision Medical Group – Mr. Manny Monroy
- F. Managing Glaucoma Patients: A General Eye Provider's Perspective
MBKU – Dr. John Lee
- G. 1. Secondary Glaucomas: When Your Condition Brings a Plus One
2. Go with the Flow: Exploring OCT-A

There were no requests for public comment.

Madhu Chawla moved to approve all courses as presented in agenda action Item 5. A-G. Joseph Pruitt seconded. The Committee voted unanimously (3-Aye; 0-No) and the motion passed.

Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Dr. Garcia	X				
Dr. Pruitt	X				
Dr. Chawla	X				

6. Discussion and Possible Action on Continuing Education Course Approval Requests Pursuant to Title 16, California Code of Regulations Section 1536 (COMPLETE APPLICATIONS)

Audio of Discussion: [7:31](#)

- Helm Vision Group – Dr. Craig Helm**
 - A. Treatment of Fungal Keratitis
- Family Eye Care – Dr. Jeffrey Garcia, OD**
 - B. Hands on Dry Eye
- Dougherty Laser Vision Group – Ms. Carolina Guardado**
 - C. 1. Breaking Down Vision Therapy
2. Who Needs Vision Therapy?

Dr. Garcia noted for transparency purposes that Item 6.B. is a course he submitted for himself.

There were no requests for public comment.

Madhu Chawla moved to approval all courses in agenda action Item 6. Joseph Pruitt seconded. The Committee voted unanimously (3-Aye; 0-No) and the motion passed.

Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Dr. Garcia	X				
Dr. Pruitt	X				
Dr. Chawla	X				

7. Future Agenda Items

Audio of Discussion: [9:35](#)

Dr. Chawla explained that although the Board currently has an immunization certification application, it has not yet fully agreed upon a designation process. Therefore, she is not currently offering immunizations. Dr. Chawla has the experience to know that an optometrist

must wait for notification from the Board that their certification has been granted. She noted that others may assume “I submitted my application and check; the check was cashed; therefore, I am good to start offering immunizations”. Additionally, the public has no way of determining who these optometrists are since the Board has not formally discussed and decided upon how to designate the immunization classification on the license.

Dr. Chawla stated that she and President Wang have briefly discussed the issue. Dr. Chawla suggested that the PEC offer up to the Board the designation of TGI since a licensee must already be certified for therapeutics prior to receiving immunization certification.

Lead Licensing Analyst, Natalia Leeper announced that she is the sole person handling the immunization applications. She explained that staff does have a plan and has not forgotten about this matter. She cannot discuss it in detail currently since it is not on the agenda. However, there is a plan to keep it along the same lines as the TLG designations and it is her understanding that this will be discussed at the March 11th Board meeting next week.

There were no requests for public comment.

8. Adjournment

Audio of Discussion: [14:11](#)

Jeffrey Garcia moved to adjourn the meeting. Madhu Chawla seconded. The Committee voted unanimously (3-Aye; 0-No) and the motion passed.

Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Dr. Garcia	X				
Dr. Pruitt	X				
Dr. Chawla	X				

The meeting was adjourned at 1:21 p.m.