

**MEETING OF THE OPTOMETRISTS & DISPENSING OPTICIANS BOARD  
HELD IN THE BOARDROOM AT LEVEL 7, 22 WILLESTON STREET,  
WELLINGTON AT 9.00 AM ON 26 FEBRUARY 2021**

**Meeting Attendee:**

**Board:**

Jayesh Chouhan, Optometrist and Board Chair; Kristine Hammond, Dispensing Optician & Deputy Chair; Ravi Dass, Optometrist; Sean McKinley, Lay Member; Annette Morgan, Optometrist; Ross Tayler, Optometrist; Zoe Ross, Dispensing Optician; Irene Durham, Lay Member

**Board Staff in attendance:**

**Registrar:** Antony McFelin

**Deputy Registrar:** Annette McCoy

**Recertification Officer:** Hannah Baker

**Professional Standards Advisor:** Dr Phil Turnbull

**Administrator:** Bridget Mestrom

**Visitors:**

Victoria University of Wellington: Cherie Chu-Fuluifaga

**Optometrists Scope:**

In order to help the Board assess extensions of scopes of practice for optometrists the Registrar will contact the PSA, Phil Turnbull to find out what is being taught at an undergraduate level, especially around restricted tasks.

**Dispensing Optician numbers:**

The Board enquired as to what the current trends are in optical dispensing graduate's versus those who are registering with the Board. The Deputy Registrar will assess numbers graduating versus those that are registering and look at the trend over the last 3 years.

**CPD:**

It was decided that on the ODOB website there will be pages added for links to cultural CPD, and ethical CPD. On the CPR page to add CPR course options to make this information more readily available for practitioners.

**Amniotic Membrane:**

Amniotic membrane treatment is now available in NZ. It was decided that the Registrar would draft a position statement for this treatment for the Chair and then subsequently the Board for review. It was discussed that this treatment needs to sit within the ODOB standards and to sit within the Scope of Practice.

**Board Elections:**

The Board, as required by Schedule 3 Clause 3(1), must elect a Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson at the first meeting of the year. Jayesh Chouhan was re-elected as Chairperson and Kristine Hammond was re-elected as Deputy Chairperson.

### **Performance Review:**

It was noted in the meeting there will be a performance review, this will be conducted by an external source. The Registrar and Deputy Registrar will review the legislation and collate the evidence. They are to raise any gaps they find to the Board and try to correct them. This work is to be documented on Stellar.

### **Policy Revisions**

The Board received revisions to the *Policy on Financial Conditions and Limits to Financial Delegations*. The Board members agreed to the revised changes. It was approved.

The Board reviewed the *Policy on Social Media Management for Facebook and LinkedIn*. The Board agreed to change the title to include "Facebook and LinkedIn". This Policy was approved.