

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 8, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Mrs. Chambers called the special meeting of the Texas Optometry Board (TOB) to order at 4:06 pm on September 8, 2022.

2. ROLL CALL.

A roll call vote was taken and quorum was present for the meeting.

Mario Gutierrez, O.D. Chair
Ronald L. Hopping, O.D. Vice Chair
Judy Chambers Secretary/Treasurer
Carey A. Patrick, O.D., Member
John Todd Cornett, O.D. Member
Bill Thompson, O.D. Member
Rene Pena Member
Ty Sheehan Member
Vincent Pina Executive Assistant
Dennis McKinney Assistant Attorney General

Meghan Schutte, O.D. Member was absent.

3. PERSONNEL MATTERS.

Dr. Gutierrez thanked Vincent Pina and the TOB staff for their hard work while the agency was without an Executive Director.

Dr. Hopping moved to go into Executive Session to consult with legal counsel as authorized by Section 551.071 of the Government Code for legal advice and guidance related to personnel matters and Dr. Cornett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (FOR-8/AGAINST-0/ABSTAIN-0).

At 4:09 pm, the Board went into Executive Session. The Board returned to Open Session at 4:27pm. The Board did not take any action during the Executive Session.

Dr. Gutierrez resumed discussion on the personnel matter of hiring an Executive Director. Dr. Gutierrez stated the Search Committee made up of himself, Dr. Hopping, and Mrs. Chambers, interviewed three viable candidates and the Committee moved to extend an offer to Janice McCoy for the position of Executive Director. Dr. Thompson seconded. The motion passed unanimously. (FOR-8/AGAINST-0/ABSTAIN-0) Dr. Gutierrez further noted that he would reach out to Ms. McCoy to make the offer.

4. ADJOURNMENT.

Dr. Patrick moved that the meeting be adjourned, Dr. Hopping seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:29 pm (FOR-9/AGAINST 0/ABSTAIN-0).