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Draft Minutes — Not Formally Approved

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Patient Safety in Expanded Therapeutic Procedures Workgroup

DRAFT- Meeting Minutes

Date: July 13, 2026

Time: 7:35 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Location: Videoconference

Members Present- Dr. Mary Beth Morris, O.D., Dr. Ian McWherter, O.D., Dr. Mohammed Naja, O.D., Dr. Inder Singal, M.D., Dr. Nathan Lighthizer, O.D., Dr. Ben Gaddie, O.D.

Call to Order

Dr. Mary Beth Morris, O.D., called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. A quorum was confirmed.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Dr. Ian McWherter to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ben Gaddie. The motion carried unanimously.

Final Workgroup Recommendations Document

The workgroup reviewed and discussed the final recommendations document regarding Kentucky's credentialing process for expanded therapeutic procedures.

The document contained fifteen recommendations developed through the workgroup's review of the existing regulatory framework and its prior discussions regarding education, procedural competency, candidate requirements, proctor qualifications, standardized evaluation tools, oversight, documentation, patient safety, access to care, and emerging technologies.

Members discussed presenting the completed recommendations to the Kentucky Board of Optometric Examiners for its review and consideration.

A motion was made by Dr. Ian McWherter to present the Final Recommendations Document to the Kentucky Board of Optometric Examiners for its review and consideration in updating the regulations governing expanded therapeutic procedures as the Board deems appropriate. The motion was seconded by Dr. Mohammed Naja. The motion carried unanimously.

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Closing Remarks

Dr. Morris expressed her sincere appreciation to each member for their service to the Commonwealth of Kentucky and for the time, expertise, and thoughtful consideration contributed throughout the workgroup's proceedings.

Dr. Morris stated that the workgroup's efforts had remained focused on improving patient safety, strengthening the credentialing process, and maintaining high professional standards for optometry in Kentucky. She noted that the discussions throughout the process had been thorough, respectful, and productive and that the recommendations reflected the collective experience and professional judgment of the workgroup members.

Dr. Morris stated that she looked forward to presenting the recommendations to the full Kentucky Board of Optometric Examiners for its review and consideration.

No additional workgroup meeting was scheduled. Dr. Morris advised that the workgroup may be reconvened if the Board determines that additional input would be beneficial, including in response to emerging technologies or the need for clarification and guidance as the Board considers updates to the expanded therapeutic procedures regulation.

Dr. Morris again thanked the members for their service, commitment to patient safety, and contributions to the workgroup.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Dr. Ben Gaddie to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Inder Singal. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.