

LSBOE MEETING
2.7.2020
OFFICIAL MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 10:40 am by Dr. Roy, members present Drs. Roy, Avallone, Wroten, Anastasio and Mrs. Hope Sonnier. Dr. Sandefur and Dale Benoit absent.

Minutes from the LSBOE meeting 1.10.20 were approved by the board with a motion by Dr. Wroten seconded by Dr. Avallone, the motion had no opposition.

Bank card fees were discussed, Mrs. Sonnier was able to research unknown bank charges since our last meeting. It was found the fees were to Pay Save Merchant Services. The board decided to sign bank paperwork to stop the bank fees payable to Pay Save Merchant Services and request return of recent unused service fees. The board will investigate credit card merchant fees to try and secure a rate that is in the best interest of the board.

Reivew of P&L statement from 1/2020. The budget was reviewed and found to be in order.

The discussion of a new CPA firm was discussed. It was decided to reword our request to Payne, Moore & Herrington to be more defined with what the LSBOE needed with the goal to have a contract that allows us to use their experience in governmental reporting and accounting, payroll form preparation, annual audit and see if the quote is more in line with our budget without as much book keeping.

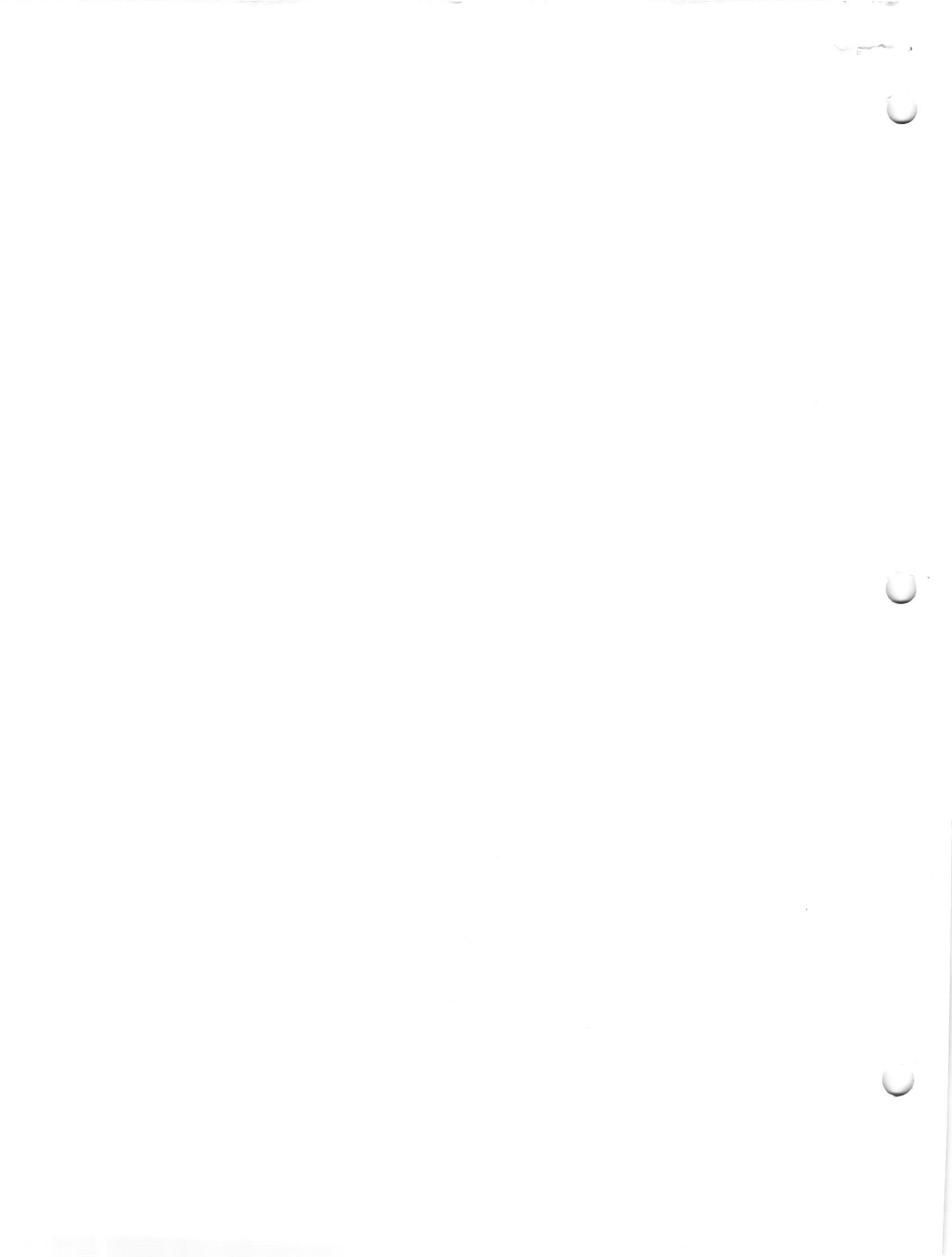
Telehealth: Dr. Avallone presented a draft proposal of a potential rule promulgation of Optometric telemedicine in Louisiana. The board agreed to review the draft and discuss at future meetings.

Stanton Optical: A copy of the formal letter sent by Mr. Theus to the Attorney General of Louisiana was distributed to the board. The letter was reviewed and will be followed up at future meetings.

New Rule Adoption: We have been in contact with the Louisiana Occupational and licensing board they have scheduled their next meeting on February 28, 2020 and will hear our rules. We will explore sending a representative to the meeting.

In office testing: Issue was discussed, board feels no infraction at this time however can be brought up again at a future meeting.

Dr. Kim Ta OD submitted a case where someone fraudulently misrepresented the LSBOE and DEA threatening a fine against Dr. Ta. It was decided the LSBOE would send notification to all Licensed OD's about the nature of the incident. The matter will also be turned over to the Louisiana Attorney General's office.



A formal hearing was held present were Drs. Avallone, Anastasio, Roy, Wroten, Mr. Graves Theus, Sondra Joiner(court reporter),and Scott Abbott, O.D.. Hearing was commenced at 12:28pm. Dr. Abbott currently uses Accuscreen for random toxicology screenings through his parole officer. Dr. Abbott attends a formal program for recovery through Capillary recovery program (CARP). The hearing was concluded at 1:34pm and the board went immediately into executive session.

At conclusion of executive session official motion made by Dr. Wroten seconded by Dr. Anastasio to penalize Dr. Abbot based on his testimony and evidence supporting it with a 60 day suspension retroactive to January 11, 2020, a \$5,000 fine and continued monitoring with periodic reports as required. Motion passed unanimously.

Interrogatories have been sent to Krewe optical waiting on a response from them.

At this time no records of examination have been received from Mrs. Barthelemy, transcripts received today at Mr. Theus office. Dr. Avallone made a motion to fine \$1,000 for failure to produce records the motion was seconded by Dr. Anastasio, the motion passed unanimously.

