

South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (SCLLR)
South Carolina Board of Examiners in Opticianry
Board Meeting Minutes
April 3, 2014
110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Room 105
Columbia, South Carolina

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Daniel B. Gosnell, Chairman
C. Milton Corley, Jr., Vice Chairman
James L. Rhodes
Keith L. Hayes

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT: Margie L. Chapman

CONSUMER MEMBERS (2): Vacant

SCLLR STAFF PRESENT: Mary Sowell League, Esquire, Office of Advice Counsel
Angie Combs, Board Administrator
For IRC Report:
Lorie Graham, Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement

IN ATTENDANCE: William Jeffers, Present for Reinstatement Hearing
Christopher Edgar, Present for Reinstatement Hearing
Kathryn B. Bostrom, Court Reporter, Capital City Reporting, LLC

Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the Board office and provided to any requesting persons, organizations, or news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the 1976 South Carolina Code, as amended, relating to the Freedom of Information Act. A quorum was present at all times.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Gosnell called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A **motion** was made by Mr. Corley to accept the order of the April 3, 2014 Agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rhodes and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A **motion** was made by Mr. Hayes to accept the August 29, 2014 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Corley and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A **motion** was made by Mr. Rhodes to accept the February 24, 2014 conference call minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hayes and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL / DISAPPROVAL OF ABSENT BOARD MEMBER(S): A **motion** was made by Mr. Rhodes to approve the absence of Ms. Chapman. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hayes and carried unanimously.

INVESTIGATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE (IRC) REPORT: Ms. Combs presented the IRC Board Report with a recommendation to dismiss with a Cease and Desist Order Case #2013-3. A **motion** was made by Mr. Corley to accept the recommendation of the IRC. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rhodes and carried unanimously.

REPORTS / INFORMATION

Information was provided by Ms. Combs concerning the following topics:

- Licensee Totals Report – there are 516 licensed opticians / 429 practice in state, 265 licensed contact lens dispensing opticians, 120 registered apprentices.
- Office of General Counsel Report – Ms. Combs reported there are no cases residing in the Office of General Counsel.
- Financial Report was provided and accepted as information.
- December 2, 2013 S.C. Practical Examination Results – 15 candidates passed, 8 candidates failed.
- Board Member Election – Ms. Combs announced election notices will be mailed in 2014 to fill two expiring terms.
- Statement of Economic Interests – the due date was March 30, 2014.
- Board Member Website – available online to all Board members, includes a Board Member Manual.
- Practice Act Legislation Update – contacts are being made with potential sponsors.
- National Commission of State Opticianry Regulatory Boards (NCSORB) – information provided.

MOTION FOR REINSTATEMENT OF LAPSED APPRENTICESHIP / William Michael Jeffers – Hearing conducted. (9:06 am – 9:38 am)

Executive Session (9:17 to 9:26 a.m.) No votes were taken during Executive Session.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Hayes and seconded by Mr. Corley to go into Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously. A **motion** was made by Mr. Hayes and seconded by Mr. Corley to come out of Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Corley to reinstate the apprenticeship upon payment of the fees due and providing proof of past CE; Mr. Jeffers would serve an additional fourteen months as an apprentice plus complete one of the approved formal optical education programs in order to complete the apprenticeship program. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hayes and carried unanimously.

MOTION FOR REINSTATEMENT OF LAPSED LICENSE / Christopher Edgar – Hearing conducted. (9:38 am – 9:53 am)

Executive Session (9:45 to 9:50 a.m.) No votes were taken during Executive Session.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Hayes and seconded by Mr. Rhodes to go into Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously. A **motion** was made by Mr. Corley and seconded by Mr. Rhodes to come out of Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Corley to grant Mr. Edgar's motion for reinstatement of his license to practice Opticianry in South Carolina upon paying the past-due fees and providing proof of education hours. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hayes and carried unanimously

Meeting Break - off the record from 10:25 am – 10:32 am

NEW BUSINESS

APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM REQUIREMENT REVIEW – Ms. Combs reviewed the requirements with the Board. Discussion ensued and will continue at the June 5, 2014 Board meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: A **motion** was made by Mr. Corley for Mr. Gosnell to remain as Chairman. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rhodes and carried unanimously. A **motion** was made by Mr. Hayes for Mr. Corley to remain as Vice Chairman. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rhodes and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments made.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next South Carolina Practical Examination in Opticianry will be held June 2, 2014, Kingtree Building, Room 115, Columbia, South Carolina.

The upcoming Board meeting dates for 2014 are June 5 and October 9.

ADJOURNMENT

A **motion** was made by Mr. Corley, seconded by Mr. Hayes, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Gosnell adjourned the meeting at 10:40 am.

These minutes are a record of the official actions taken by the Board and a summary of the meeting provided by Angie M. Combs, Administrator. Minutes are presented to the Board for final approval.