

Minutes of the South Carolina Board of Examiners in Opticianry
April 23, 2006
Ocean Drive Beach and Golf Resort
North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Daniel B. Gosnell, Chairman
C. Milton Corley, Jr., Vice Chairman
Leonard B. Harrington, Jr.
William M. Whitlock

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ray A. Sansbury / excused
Debra L. Johnson Austin, Ph.D., Public Member / excused
One Board Member Position is Vacant

ALSO PRESENT:

Members of the South Carolina Association of Opticians

CALL TO ORDER:

The Regular Session of the South Carolina Board of Examiners in Opticianry was held at the Ocean Drive Beach and Golf Resort in North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Whereas, proper notice of date, time, place, and agenda information having been properly provided to THE STATE NEWSPAPER and ASSOCIATED PRESS and proper notice also having been posted at the LLR Office Building 24 hours prior to the time scheduled for the meeting and a quorum having been determined, Chairman Gosnell called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. following the South Carolina Association of Opticians' business meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made and seconded to approve the January 15, 2006 minutes as written.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

Chairman Gosnell welcomed the S.C. Association of Opticians to the Board of Examiners meeting. The Board members were introduced.

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REPORTS / INFORMATION

In the administrative report Chairman Gosnell reported licensee and apprentice totals to be 434 licensed opticians and 163 licensed contact lens dispensers for a total of 597 licenses; 80 apprentices are registered. It was reported that Board member election ballots for the term dated May 11, 2006 – May 11, 2010 are due Wednesday, April 26,

2006; at this time 108 ballots have been received at the Board office. Chairman Gosnell reported on his attendance at the January 27–28, 2006 National Committee of State Opticianry Regulatory Boards.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

LAPSED LICENSE NOTIFICATION TO EMPLOYER: At the January 15, 2006 Board meeting the Board requested that Ms. Combs consult with the Board's advice attorney concerning sending letters to notify employers of employees with a lapsed license. Ms. Combs reported to Chairman Gosnell that it is legally acceptable to do this type of notification; employers can check on line through licensee look-up for the status of any South Carolina licensed optician; we will be limited to the last business address that was reported by the licensee. Discussion followed. The Board decided to pursue lapsed license notification to employers.

NEW BUSINESS

DEFINITION OF DISPENSING CONTACT LENSES IN SOUTH CAROLINA / LICENSE REQUIRED?

The Board received a request to define dispensing contact lenses in South Carolina and who must be present for contact lenses to be dispensed. The Board deferred addressing this topic until the June 8, 2006 Board meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next South Carolina Practical Examination in Opticianry will be held Thursday, June 8, 2006, Columbia, S.C., Kingstree Building, Rooms 105 and 107, at 8:30 a.m.

The next General Board Meeting will be held in Columbia, S.C. on Thursday, June 8, 2006, Columbia, S.C., Kingstree Building, Room 111, at 12:00 noon.

There being no further business, Chairman Gosnell adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel B. Gosnell
Chairman