



South Carolina
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Board of Examiners in Opticianry



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Minutes of the South Carolina Board of Examiners in Opticianry
June 8, 2006
110 Centerview Drive, Room 111, Columbia, South Carolina

Present: Daniel B. Gosnell, Chairman
C. Milton Corley, Jr., Vice Chairman
Ray A. Sansbury
William M. Whitlock
Debra L. Johnson Austin, Ph.D., Public Member

SCLLR Staff Present: Angela M. Combs, Board Administrator
Sharon Dantzler, Deputy General Counsel
Janice D. Meetze, Administrative Assistant

Present for Hearing: Judith Boone Arnold, License Applicant

CALL TO ORDER:

The Regular Session of the South Carolina Board of Examiners in Opticianry was held on June 8, 2006, in Room 111 at 110 Centerview Drive in Columbia, South Carolina. Whereas, proper notice of date, time, place 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 12:15 p.m.

Chariman Gosnell adjourned the meeting at 12:16 p.m. to conduct the application hearing of Judith Boone Arnold. The meeting reconvened in public session at 12:30 p.m.

The hearing was recorded and transcribed by Eric B. Gore, Court Reporter. Transcript of Proceeding is available upon request.

For the purpose of information: As determined by the hearing, Ms. Arnold will be allowed to be licensed upon passage of the South Carolina Practical Examination.

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 April 23, 2006 minutes as written. The motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

Chairman Gosnell welcomed Board members and reserved further remarks for within the context of the meeting.

REPORTS / INFORMATION:

In the administrative report, Ms. Combs reported licensee and apprentice totals to be 439 licensed opticians and 165 licensed contact lens dispensers for a total of 604 licensees and 85 registered apprentices. The financial and complaint reports were provided for the Board and accepted as information. Five outstanding complaints have been referred to the Investigative Review Committee for the fiscal year 2005-2006 and will be presented at the December 6, 2006 Board meeting. Apprentice renewal applications will be mailed in mid-August 2006. Ms. Combs reported the Board Member election results for the 05/11/2006 – 05/11/2010 term to be Leonard B. Harrington received 72 votes and Ronald Wayne Ham received 77 votes. For the term 09/13/2006 – 09/13/2010 Daniel Gosnell, incumbent, was uncontested. The results were sent to Governor Sanford to await official notification of the appointments. Folders containing Board Member Reference Materials were provided and a web site for Board Members is now available at www.llr.state.sc.us/pol. An updated list of local hotels honoring the State rate was provided.

SOUTH CAROLINA PRACTICAL EXAMINATION:

The June 8, 2006 Practical Examination was administered to 23 candidates, i.e., one candidate requested special accommodations in the form of extended time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DEFINITION OF DISPENSING CONTACT LENSES – INQUIRY:

The Board received an inquiry as to the definition of dispensing contact lenses in South Carolina as it pertains to the necessity of a licensed contact lens dispenser, optometrist, or medical doctor being present at the time contact lenses are dispensed, and what “dispensing” means. Discussion followed. Dispensing is a word used without a statutory definition.

Motion: Mr. Corley made a motion that the Board has come to a consensus that the word “dispense” in the context of contact lenses, is that the contact lens prescription must be verified by a licensed professional, either a contact lens dispensing optician, optometrist, or medical doctor, and can be delivered at a later date by a designated staff person. The motion received a second. The motion carried. Ms. Dantzler will prepare for Board review a draft Board position statement on the definition of dispensing.

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS/IRC MEMBER:

Motion: A motion was made to nominate Daniel Gosnell as Chairman. The motion received a second. The motion carried.

Motion: A motion was made to nominate Milton Corley as Vice Chairman. The motion received a second. The motion carried.

Motion: A motion was made to nominate George Lee as the Investigative Review Committee member. The motion received a second. The motion carried.

**NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF STATE OPTICIANRY REGULATORY BOARDS (NCSORB)
UPDATE/MINUTES:**

Ms. Combs presented the minutes from the National Committee of State Opticianry Regulatory Boards annual meeting held January 27, 2006 in Savannah, Georgia; Mr. Gosnell attended and reported the development of a national practical examination was the major topic of this meeting; the National Practical Examination job analysis survey was voted on and approved by the NCSORB Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next South Carolina Practical Examination in Opticianry will be held Wednesday, December 6, 2006 at 8:30 a.m., Columbia, S.C., Kingstree Building, Rooms 105 and 107.

The next general Board meeting will be held Wednesday, December 6, 2006 at 12:00 noon, Columbia, S.C., Kingstree Building, Room 107, at 12:00 noon.

There being no further business, Chairman Gosnell adjourned the meeting at 1:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angie M. Combs
Administrator