

South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation
South Carolina Board of Examiners in Opticianry
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2008
Kingston Plantation Embassy Suites
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

SCLLR STAFF PRESENT:

Angie M. Combs, Board Administrator

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 Kingston Plantation Embassy Suites in 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 8:42 a.m. following the business meeting of the South Carolina Association of Opticians.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Motion** was made and seconded to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A **Motion** was made by Mr. Corley and seconded by Mr. Whitlock to approve the January 20, 2008 minutes as written. The motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS: Chairman Gosnell welcomed all in attendance.

REPORTS / INFORMATION

In the administrative report Ms. Combs reported licensee and apprentice totals to be 468 licensed opticians and 194 licensed contact lens dispensers for a total of 662 licenses; 103 apprentices are registered. At this time twenty-one candidates are registered to sit for the June 5, 2008 Opticianry Practical Examination.

News Media Contact: Ms. Combs advised the Board that Agency policy stipulates if contacted by the news media then instruct the person(s) to contact the Communications and Governmental Affairs Division of LLR.

REPORTS / INFORMATION continued

S.C. Spending Transparency: Governor Sanford has issued an Executive Order directing the Comptroller General's Office to develop and operate a single, searchable website accessible at no cost to the public that provides information regarding expenditures of the state. Individual Board member and staff travel expenditures will be included on that list.

National Committee of State Opticianry Regulatory Boards (NCSORB) Report: Chairman Gosnell attended the January 25-26, 2008 NCSORB meeting held in Charleston, South Carolina. He reported that progress was being made concerning the development of a much needed national practical examination. The Board will be kept informed of new developments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Independent Doctor of Optometry License Coverage: Discussion *deferred* until the June 5, 2008 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Apprentice Formal Optical Training Course Terminated – Apprentice Inquiry: The Florence-Darlington Technical College optical course approved for required formal education for the apprentice program had been discontinued. An apprentice attending that program requested the Board to review the portion of the course she had completed along with other training attended to satisfy the education requirement. Upon review of the information provided the Board determined the education / training received does not meet the requirement. Ms. Combs will inform the apprentice that a Board approved course must be completed to satisfy the formal education requirement.

Liability When Providing PD Measurements for Internet Purchase – Licensee Inquiry: Whenever measurements are taken the licensee is responsible for information provided. All written professional documentation should be signed by the licensee; providing a requested service can be refused by the licensee.

Greenville Technical College Optical Training Course: Greenville Technical College now offers a basic opticianry class. Chairman Gosnell discussed with a school representative the opticianry licensure requirements in South Carolina; he has also offered to speak before the class. Ms. Combs will draft a letter explaining licensure requirements to be sent to Greenville Technical College. The Board will also recommend the Greenville Technical College certificate issued upon completion of the class be referred to as a Basic Opticianry Certificate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next South Carolina Practical Examination in Opticianry will be held Thursday, June 5, 2008, Columbia, S.C., Kingstree Building, Rooms 105 and 107. Candidate registration will begin at 8:30 a.m.

The next General Board Meeting will be held Thursday, June 5, 2008, Columbia, S.C. at 12:00 noon, Kingstree Building, Room 111.

There being no further business, Chairman Gosnell adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Angie M. Combs, Administrator