

**South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation
South Carolina Board of Examiners in Opticianry
Regular Meeting Minutes
110 Centerview Drive, Room 105, Columbia, South Carolina
December 7, 2009**

Board Members Present:

Daniel B. Gosnell, Chairman
William M. Whitlock
James L. Rhodes
Leonard B. Harrington

Excused Absence: C. Milton Corley, Jr., Vice Chairman

SCLLR Staff Present:

Angela M. Combs, Board Administrator
Sharon A. Dantzler, Office of General Counsel, LLR
Janice D. Meetze, Administrative Assistant

Also Present: Michael Green, Registered Apprentice, Lapsed
Terri A. Winiarski, CVR, Behles Court Reporting

CALL TO ORDER: The regular session of the South Carolina Board of Examiners in Opticianry was held December 7, 2009 in Room 105 at 110 Centerview Drive in Columbia, South Carolina. At least twenty-four hours prior to the scheduled meeting time, public notice was properly posted at the Board's office and provided to requesting persons, organizations, and 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 having been determined, Chairman Gosnell called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion was made by Mr. Whitlock and seconded by Mr. Rhodes to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Mr. Harrington and seconded by Mr. Whitlock to approve the August 20, 2009 minutes as written. The motion carried.

**REINSTATEMENT APPLICATION HEARING
Michael Green, Registered Apprentice, Lapsed**

The reinstatement application hearing was conducted by the Board and recorded and transcribed by Terri A. Winiarski, CVR, Behles Court Reporting.

The following is provided for information only:

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: A motion was made that the Board be recessed to go into executive session to discuss the reinstatement of Michael Green. The motion received a second. The motion carried. The meeting was recessed at 9:10 a.m.

RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION

Motion: A motion was made that the Board reconvene in public session. The motion received a second. The motion carried. The meeting reconvened at 9:13 a.m.

Motion: *A motion was made by Mr. Harrington to reinstate Michael Green as a registered apprentice contingent upon submission of the required educational hours and payment of past fees. The motion received a second. The motion carried.*

Mr. Green departed the meeting at 9:14 a.m.

REPORTS / INFORMATION

Administrative Reports and Information Update: Ms. Combs reported the following:

- There are 459 licensed opticians and 207 contact lens dispensers; 83 apprentices are registered. Notice of Lapsed License letters have been mailed to licensees whose license lapsed as of November 1, 2009.
- One complaint is pending an Investigative Review Committee meeting.
- The SC Practical Examination was administered by Roy Ferguson, Ph.D., to seventeen candidates.
- Random Continuing Education Audit letters have been mailed to 15% of licensees that have renewed to date.
- The Board agreed to conduct the next regularly scheduled meeting in conjunction with the continuing education hours offered by the South Carolina Association of Opticians on January 24, 2010; meetings will also be conducted in April, June, and December 2010.
- Board Member Election Notices will be mailed out in early January; two seats will be vacant for the following terms: Term 05/11/2010 – 5/11/2014 and Term 09/13/2010 – 09/13/2014.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None to discuss

NEW BUSINESS

Opticianry Practice Act – Preparing for Legislation: Ms. Dantzler stated the process can take two years to move through the House and Senate; she advised pre-filing in 2010 to have the maximum time in the system. Dates of meetings held to discuss legislation should be published to allow involvement of all interested parties.

Accepting Applicants for Licensure from Unlicensed States – Inquiry, Dr. Roy Ferguson: Dr. Ferguson inquired if an optician moved to South Carolina from an unlicensed venue, would the Board consider reviewing the individual for possible licensure if specific state credentials were presented. The Board asked Ms. Combs to notify Dr. Ferguson of the Practice Act requirements.

Practice Clarifications – Inquiries: Ms. Dantzler stated that the inquiries were previously addressed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the Board will be held Sunday, January 24, 2010, at the Embassy Suites, Columbia, South Carolina. The next South Carolina Practical Examination in Opticianry will be held Monday, June 7, 2010, 8:30 a.m., Rooms 115 and 107.

There being no further business, Chairman Gosnell adjourned the meeting at 9:37 a.m.

*Meeting recorded and minutes transcribed by Janice D. Meetze, Administrative Assistant.
Minutes edited by Angie Combs, Administrator.
Minutes presented to the Board for final approval.*