

**South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (SCLLR)**  
**South Carolina Board of Examiners in Opticianry**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Embassy Suites, 200 Stoneridge Drive, Columbia, South Carolina**  
**January 24, 2010**

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

CONSUMER MEMBERS (2): Positions Vacant

SCLLR STAFF PRESENT: Angie M. Combs, Board Administrator  
Janice D. Meetze, Administrative Assistant

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Jerry Beasley

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**CALL TO ORDER:** The regular session of the South Carolina Board of Examiners in Opticianry was held January 24, 2010, Embassy Suites, 200 Stoneridge Drive, 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 8:30 a.m.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** **Motion** was made by Mr. Corley and seconded by Mr. Whitlock to approve the December 7, 2009 minutes as written. The motion carried.

### **REPORTS / INFORMATION**

#### **Administrative Reports and Information Update**

Ms. Combs reported the following:

- There are 475 currently licensed opticians and 217 contact lens dispensers; 95 apprentices are registered.
- Continuing Education Audit Report – A computer-generated random audit was conducted of 15% of licensees at the conclusion of the 2009 renewal period.
- December 7, 2009 Practical Examination – The examination was administered by Dr. Roy Ferguson of The Learning Curve. Seventeen candidates sat for the examination; ten passed, seven failed.
- Board member notice of election to fill two seats that will become vacant in 2010 had been mailed to all currently licensed opticians. Petitions to place nominees on the ballot are due at the Board office February 10, 2010.

- LLR Office of Licensure and Compliance Update – OLC is preparing to process initial license applications in the near future. OLC currently handles the renewal process for the Opticianry Board.
- Effective January 4, 2010, the Office of Board Services (OBS) was created to provide the day-to-day services to the all licensing boards and commissions. All administrators and assistants are part of OBS.
- Travel Reimbursement - The South Carolina Office of Comptroller General notified the Agency finance director that effective January 1, 2010 the standard business mileage rate established by the Internal Revenue Service has been decreased from 50.5 cents to 50 cents per mile.
- 2010 Statement of Economic Interests - The 2010 Statement of Economic Interests form is due to the State Ethics Commission by April 15, 2010. Late filing and failure to file will result in penalties starting at \$100 if the form is not received within five days of the deadline; the form can be completed online.

**Investigative Review Committee (IRC) Report** – Ms. Combs presented the IRC Report outlining the results from the January 13, 2010 IRC meeting held to determine recommendations for two pending complaints. The IRC recommended dismissal of the two cases presented. **Motion:** Mr. Harrington made a motion to accept the IRC recommendations of dismissal for case number 2009-8 and case number 2009-11. Mr. Corley seconded the motion and the motion carried.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None to discuss.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Opticianry Practice Act – Future Legislation:** Chairman Gosnell stated that a Board meeting would be called in the near future that would include a working session concerning future legislation to clarify and update the current Opticianry Practice Act. Agendas are sent to The State Newspaper and all meetings are open to the public.

**Election of Board Officers / IRC Professional Member:** **Motion:** Mr. Whitlock made a motion that Mr. Gosnell continue to serve as Chairman of the South Carolina Board of Examiners in Opticianry. The motion was seconded by Mr. Corley. The motion carried. **Motion:** Mr. Whitlock made a motion that Mr. Corley continue to serve as Vice Chairman of the South Carolina Board of Examiners in Opticianry. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harrington. The motion carried. **Motion:** Mr. Harrington made a motion that Ray Sansbury continue to serve as the professional member on the Investigative Review Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Corley. The motion carried.

Due to the impending preparation of legislation, Mr. Jerry Beasley addressed the Board regarding this topic. The Board appreciated the information Mr. Beasley provided.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next scheduled Board meeting will be held Thursday, March 18, 2010 at 110 Centerview Drive, Room 107, Columbia, South Carolina.

The next opportunity for licensed opticians and apprentices to obtain continuing education in South Carolina will be through the S.C. Association of Opticians on Saturday, April 24, 2010 at Litchfield Beach and Golf Resort.

The next South Carolina Practical Examination in Opticianry will be administered Monday, June 7, 2010, 110 Centerview Drive, in Columbia, South Carolina.

There being no further business, Chairman Gosnell adjourned the meeting at 9:26 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.*