

**South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR)**  
**South Carolina Board of Examiners in Opticianry**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**110 Centerview Drive, Room 105, Columbia, South Carolina**  
**June 7, 2010**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: C. Milton Corley, Jr., Vice Chairman  
William M. Whitlock  
James L. Rhodes  
Margie L. Chapman

EXCUSED ABSENCE: Daniel B. Gosnell, Chairman

CONSUMER MEMBERS (2): Positions Vacant

SCLLR STAFF PRESENT: Sharon A. Dantzler, Office of General Counsel  
Angela M. Combs, Board Administrator  
Janice D. Meetze, Administrative Assistant

ALSO PRESENT: Ray Sansbury

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**CALL TO ORDER:** The regular session of the South Carolina Board of Examiners in Opticianry was held June 7, 2010, 110 Centerview Drive, Room 105, 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. After a quorum having been determined, Vice Chairman Corley called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion was made by Ms. Chapman and seconded by Mr. Whitlock to approve the January 24, 2010 minutes as written. The motion carried.

### **REPORTS / INFORMATION**

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

- There are 485 currently licensed opticians and 224 contact lens dispensers; 116 apprentices are registered.
- The *Office of Licensure and Compliance* is now processing opticianry initial license applications and renewal applications.
- The *Office of Investigations and Enforcement* reported the following statistics: Nine cases were closed for the period 1/1/2009 through 12/31/2009; for the period 1/1/2010 through 5/28/2010 there are two active investigations and three closed cases.
- The *Office of General Counsel* has no opticianry cases residing in its area.
- State agencies are facing budget cuts. In addition to the required 10% that is turned over annually to the General Fund, LLR gave back nine million dollars with anticipation that additional cuts will be made.

- A Board member election was conducted in February 2010; the candidates were: Ms. Margie Chapman, Mr. Grant Brown, and Ms. Amy Prenatt. Ms. Margie Chapman was appointed to the Board by the Governor.
- Electronic voting online may be available in the future.
- The South Carolina Practical Examination in Opticianry was administered by The Learning Curve to 22 candidates this day, June 7, 2010.
- The S.C. Board of Examiners in Opticianry Newsletter provides valuable information; it can be found on the Board's Web site at [www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Opticians/](http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Opticians/). At this site, licensees can change an address, renew a license, review their profession's Laws and Regulations, see a listing of Board members, view past meeting minutes, review how a complaint is processed, etc.
- The Agency now has the capability to do e-mail blasts to licensees.
- The Board agreed to keep the previously scheduled Board meeting date of Monday, December 6, 2010 and discuss future meeting dates at that time.
- Ms. Combs attended the May 4, 2010 House, Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee meeting for House Bill 4819 that, if passed, would amend the current Optometry Practice Act; the Committee decided to adjourn debate on the bill.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No Unfinished Business to discuss.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Penn Foster Career School – Opticianry Program Available:** The Board discussed adding the Penn Foster Career School Opticianry Program as an approved program for the formal education requirement portion of the S.C. Apprenticeship Program. Handouts were provided for Board members to review the program; discussion was deferred to the December 6, 2010 meeting.

**Discussion – Language for Future Opticianry Practice Act Legislation:** In consultation with Ms. Sharon Dantzler, LLR Advice Counsel, the Board discussed language for future Opticianry Practice Act legislation. It was decided that a work session will be held in the near future; interested individuals / parties are free to attend.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The next general Board meeting will be held Monday, December 6, 2010, 9:00 a.m., Kingstree Building, Room 105, Columbia, South Carolina.

The next South Carolina Practical Examination in Opticianry will be held on Monday, December 6, 2010, Kingstree Building, Room 115, Columbia, South Carolina.

There being no further business, Vice Chairman Corley adjourned the meeting at 11:12 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.*