

South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (SCLLR)
Board of Examiners in Opticianry
Board Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2011
Embassy Suites, Room 230
200 Stoneridge Drive
Columbia, South Carolina

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

CONSUMER MEMBERS (2): Positions Vacant

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

CALL TO ORDER: The regular session of the South Carolina Board of Examiners in Opticianry was held January 23, 2011, Embassy Suites, 200 Stoneridge Drive, Room 230, 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, Chairman Gosnell called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion was made by Mr. Corley and seconded by Mr. Whitlock 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 6, 2010 minutes as written. The motion carried.

REPORTS / INFORMATION

Administrative Reports and Information:

- **New Director:** Former Charleston, S.C. labor attorney, Ms. Catherine Templeton, was appointed by Governor Nikki Haley and confirmed by the S.C. Senate on January 11, 2011 as Director of the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation.
- **Licensee Count:** There are currently 508 licensed opticians, 233 licensed contact lens dispensers, and 73 registered apprentice opticians.
- **Office of Investigations and Enforcement** currently has two active investigations.
- **Office of General Counsel** has no opticianry cases residing in its area.
- **Board Member Election:** Two seats on the Board have terms expiring September 13, 2011. Shortly, a Notice of Election will be mailed announcing the Board will be accepting nominations by petition for a Board member election with February 28, 2011 as the deadline date to place nominees on the ballot.

- **South Carolina Practical Examination:** The examination was administered December 6, 2010 to 13 candidates for licensure; 7 successfully completed the examination. Dr. Roy Ferguson, The Learning Curve Examination Administrator, provided the Board with the results of methods used to evaluate test reliability; using Cronbach's Alpha and KR-21 Formula, the rating for the examinations administered December 2009, June 2010, and December 2010 falls in the "good" classification.
- **Continuing Education (CE):** SECO International will be offering ABO approved CE hours March 2-6, 2011 in Atlanta, Georgia; South Carolina licensees and apprentices are required to obtain ABO approved education to maintain a license or registration.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Future Board Meeting Dates: Ms. Combs requested Board members to check their schedules for availability for proposed future meeting dates of May 26, 2011 and September 22, 2011.

NEW BUSINESS

National Committee of State Opticianry Regulatory Boards Letter (NCSORB) – National Practical Examination: NCSORB and the Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology (JCAHPO) have joined together to create standardized examinations for opticians and contact lens dispensers along with computer simulated performance examinations. Ms. Combs was asked to contact Jon Bright, Examination Chairman of NCSORB, to request their appearance at the September meeting to demonstrate an overview of the examinations for future consideration.

DEFERRED: Commission on Opticianry Accreditation Letter – Review Proposed Changes

Election of Board Officers / Investigative Review Committee (IRC) Professional Member:

Motion: Mr. Whitlock made a motion to nominate Mr. Gosnell as Chairman. The motion was seconded by Mr. Corley. The motion carried.

Motion: Mr. Whitlock made a motion to nominate Mr. Corley as Vice Chairman. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rhodes. The motion carried.

Motion: Mr. Whitlock made a motion to nominate Mr. Ray Sansbury to continue as the IRC professional member. The motion was seconded by Mr. Corley. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next general Board meeting will be held, Thursday, May 26, 2011, 9:00 a.m., Kingstree Building, Room 105, Columbia, South Carolina.

The next South Carolina Practical Examination in Opticianry will be held June 6, 2011, Kingstree Building, Room 115, Columbia, South Carolina.

There being no further business, Chairman Gosnell adjourned the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting recorded and minutes transcribed by Janice Meetze, Administrative Assistant.

Minutes reviewed and edited by Angie Combs, Administrator.

Minutes presented to the Board for final approval.