

**South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (SCLLR)**  
**Board of Examiners in Opticianry**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 12, 2015**  
**110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Room 204**  
**Columbia, South Carolina**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Daniel B. Gosnell, Chairman  
C. Milton Corley, Jr., Vice Chairman  
James L. Rhodes  
Keith L. Hayes

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT: John Hollis Inabinet, Esquire, Public Member

PUBLIC MEMBER (1): Vacant

SCLLR STAFF PRESENT: Alex Imgrund, Esquire, Office of Advice Counsel  
Angie M. Combs, Board Administrator  
For IRC Report:  
David Love, Chief Investigator, Office of Investigations and  
Enforcement  
Lorie Graham, Investigator, Office of Investigations and  
Enforcement

IN ATTENDANCE: Ron Harbart, S.C. Association of Opticians  
Kathryn B. Bostrom, Court Reporter, Capital City Reporting, LLC

Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the Board office and provided to any requesting persons, organizations, or 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 was present at all times.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Gosnell called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** A **motion** was made by Mr. Rhodes to accept the order of the February 12, 2015 Agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hayes and carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A **motion** was made by Mr. Hayes to accept the October 9, 2014 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Corley and carried unanimously.

**OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT (OIE) REPORT:** Mr. Love, Chief of Investigations and Enforcement, provided the OIE Statistical Report; the Board accepted this as information.

**INVESTIGATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE (IRC) REPORT:** Mr. Love presented the IRC Board Report with a recommendation to dismiss Case #2014-1 with a Cease and Desist Order. A **motion** was made by Mr. Hayes to accept the recommendation of the IRC. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rhodes and carried unanimously.

**MOTION FOR REINSTATEMENT OF LAPSED LICENSE / Ted M. Lepp** – Hearing conducted, 9:05 a.m. – 9:25 a.m.

**Executive Session** (9:15 a.m. to 9:23 a.m.) No votes were taken during Executive Session.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Hayes and seconded by Mr. Corley to go into Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously. A **motion** was made by Mr. Rhodes and seconded by Mr. Hayes to come out of Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Corley to grant Mr. Lepp's motion for reinstatement of his license to practice opticianry in South Carolina upon paying the past due fees and providing proof of required education hours. Mr. Lepp will need to obtain additional continuing education hours for the renewal due October 1, 2015; the S.C. Association of Opticians will offer education at their April 25, 2015 seminar. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hayes and carried unanimously.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Hayes and seconded by Mr. Corley to break for a short period. Motion carried unanimously.

*Meeting Break from 9:28 a.m. – 9:32 a.m.*

#### **REPORTS / INFORMATION**

Information provided by Ms. Combs concerning the following topics:

- **Licensee Totals Report** – 544 licensed opticians / 449 practice in state, 276 licensed contact lens dispensing opticians, 97 registered apprentices.
- **Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Report** – no cases are residing in ODC.
- **Financial Report** was provided and accepted as information.
- **S.C. Practical Examination** – 23 candidates were administered the December 1, 2014 examination; 11 passed.
- **Statement of Economic Interests** – due March 30, 2015 by Noon.
- **Notice of Board Member Election** – two Board member terms will be expiring in September 2015, notices to be sent out in April 2015.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Practice Act Legislation** – Status provided by Mr. Gosnell; senator reviewing language.

**Apprenticeship Program Requirements** – Discussion ensued. Continue to address at next meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Consider Updating Additional Regulations** – To be discussed at next meeting.

**National Commission of State Opticianry Regulatory Boards (NCSORB) Correspondence/Minutes** – Ms. Combs provided NCSORB information to the Board for their review.

**Election of Officers:** A **motion** was made by Mr. Hayes for Mr. Gosnell to remain as Chairman. The motion was seconded by Mr. Corley and carried unanimously. A **motion** was made by Mr. Hayes for Mr. Corley to remain as Vice Chairman. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rhodes and carried unanimously.

**Investigative Review Committee (IRC) Professional Members:** Ms. Combs reported that most professions have two IRC professional members. Discussion Ensued. To be finalize at the next meeting.

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#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No comments made.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next South Carolina Practical Examination in Opticianry will be held June 1, 2015, Kingstree Building, Room 115, Columbia, South Carolina.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A **motion** was made by Mr. Corley, seconded by Mr. Hayes, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Gosnell adjourned the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

*These minutes are a record of the official actions taken by the Board and a summary of the meeting provided by Angie M. Combs, Administrator. Minutes are presented to the Board for final approval.*