

South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (SCLLR)
South Carolina Board of Examiners in Opticianry
Board Meeting Minutes
June 5, 2014
110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Room 105
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: Margie L. Chapman

CONSUMER MEMBERS (2): Vacant

SCLLR STAFF PRESENT: Mary Sowell League, Esquire, Office of Advice Counsel
Angie Combs, Board Administrator

IN ATTENDANCE: Jeremy R. Anderson, Present for Reinstatement Hearing
Tina F. Behles, Certified Verbatim 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 8:59 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A **motion** was made by Mr. Corley to accept the order of the June 5, 2014 Agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hayes and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL / DISAPPROVAL OF ABSENT BOARD MEMBER(S): A **motion** was made by Mr. Corley to disapprove the absence of Ms. Chapman. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hayes and carried unanimously

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A **motion** was made by Mr. Hayes to accept the April 3, 2014 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Corley and carried unanimously.

MOTION FOR REINSTATEMENT OF LAPSED LICENSE / Jeremy R. Anderson – Hearing conducted. (9:00 a.m. – 9:22 a.m.)

Executive Session (9:08 a.m. to 9:20 a.m.) No votes were taken during Executive Session.

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

A **motion** was made by Mr. Corley to grant Mr. Anderson'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. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hayes and carried unanimously.

REPORTS / INFORMATION

Information provided by Ms. Combs concerning the following topics:

- **Licensee Totals Report** – there are 520 licensed opticians / 432 practice in state, 266 licensed contact lens dispensing opticians, 129 registered apprentices.
- **Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) Report** – there are no cases ready for review at this time.
- **Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Report** – there are no cases residing in ODC.
- **Financial Report** was provided and accepted as information.
- **S.C. Practical Examination** – 19 candidates were administered the examination on June 2, 2014.
- **Board Member Election** – Ballots mailed June 3, 2014 and due using postmarked date of June 16, 2014.
- **National Commission of State Opticianry Regulatory Boards (NCSORB)** – update information provided.
- **American Board of Opticianry & National Contact Lens Examiners (ABO/NCLE)** - information was provided concerning the increase in examination administrations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Apprenticeship Program Requirement Review – Board reviewed requirements. Discussion ensued.

NEW BUSINESS

Patient Access to Eye Care – Discussion ensue. Emily Foline, licensed optician, offered comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments made.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The upcoming Board meeting date is October 9, 2014.

The next South Carolina Practical Examination in Opticianry will be held December 1, 2014, Kingstree Building, Room 115, Columbia, South Carolina.

ADJOURNMENT

A **motion** was made by Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Hayes, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Gosnell adjourned the meeting at 10:20 am.

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.