

South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation
South Carolina Board of Examiners in Opticianry
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2007
Kingston Plantation Embassy Suites
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Daniel B. Gosnell, Chairman
C. Milton Corley, Jr., Vice Chairman
Leonard B. Harrington, Jr.
William M. Whitlock

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ray A. Sansbury / excused
Debra L. Johnson Austin, Ph.D., Public Member / excused
One Board Member Position is Vacant

SCLLR STAFF PRESENT:

Angie M. Combs, Board Administrator

ALSO PRESENT:

Members of the South Carolina Association of Opticians

CALL TO ORDER: The Regular Session of the South Carolina Board of Examiners in Opticianry was held at the Kingston Plantation Embassy Suites in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Whereas, proper notice of date, time, place, and agenda information having been properly provided to THE STATE NEWSPAPER and ASSOCIATED PRESS and proper notice also having been posted at the LLR Office Building 24 hours prior to the time scheduled for the meeting and a quorum having been determined, Chairman Gosnell called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. following the South Carolina Association of Opticians' business meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made and seconded to approve the January 28, 2007 minutes as written.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS: Chairman Gosnell welcomed the S.C. Association of Opticians to the Board of Examiners meeting. The Board members were introduced.

REPORTS / INFORMATION

In the administrative report Ms. Combs reported licensee and apprentice totals to be 473 licensed opticians and 183 licensed contact lens dispensers for a total of 656 licenses; 98 apprentices are registered.

At this time nineteen candidates are registered to sit for the June 7, 2007 Opticianry Practical Examination; Mr. Lee Carter is the examination administrator.

Current Board member Mr. C. Milton Corley, Jr. has been nominated as a candidate for Board member election for the term dated September 13, 2007 – September 13, 2011; for election purposes this term position is designated as Term A. Mr. Corley was the only optician nominated to be a candidate for election in Term A. Mr. Corley's name will be submitted to the Governor for consideration for Board member appointment. Mr. James Rhodes and current Board member Mr. Ray Sansbury have been nominated as candidates for Board member election for the term dated September 13, 2007 – September 13, 2011; for election purposes this term position is designated as Term B. Election ballots will be mailed out to all licensees later this month.

As an update, the S.C. Board of Examiners in Optometry rewrite of their Regulations is now going through the Legislative process.

Ms. Combs reported that a Cease and Desist has been issued to an Iowa company that was reported to have been engaged in the practice of opticianry at a mobile location in South Carolina without having proper licensed coverage.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No Unfinished Business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

ON-LINE RENEWALS / CONTINUING EDUCATION AUDIT: Ms. Combs reported that license renewals will be completed on-line beginning with the upcoming 2007 renewal period. This method of renewing brings with it the continuing education audit. The Board would determine a percentage of licensees that would be chosen randomly to submit proof of attendance at continuing education seminars. The Board deferred the discussion to the June 7, 2007 Board meeting.

APPRENTICESHIP REGISTRATION REINSTATEMENT / Length of time lapsed: Ms. Combs inquired if there is a cap on the amount of time an apprentice registration could lapse before a request for reinstatement would be denied. The Board informed Ms. Combs that reinstatement requests will be handled individually and, as stated in the Practice Act, an appearance before the Board will be required if a registration has lapsed for more than two years.

OPTICAL TRAINING INSTITUTE EXAM PREPARATION HOME STUDY COURSES: Ms. Combs presented information concerning the Optical Training Institute request for the Board to review and recommend courses they offer. Ms. Combs will inform the Optical Training Institute that the Board does not endorse or recommend any study materials for examinations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next South Carolina Practical Examination in Opticianry will be held Thursday, June 7, 2007, Columbia, S.C., Kingtree Building, Rooms 105 and 107. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m.

The next General Board Meeting will be held Thursday, June 7, 2007, Columbia, S.C. at 12:00 noon, Kingtree Building, Room 111; a Board Hearing is scheduled for 1:00 p.m.

There being no further business, Chairman Gosnell adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angie M. Combs
Administrator