

**South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (SCLLR)**  
**South Carolina Board of Examiners in Opticianry**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes - May 3, 2009**  
**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  
James L. Rhodes

Two Consumer Board Member Positions are Vacant

SCLLR STAFF PRESENT: Angie M. Combs, Board Administrator

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the South Carolina Association of Opticians

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**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. 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. A quorum having been determined, Chairman Gosnell called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m. following the business meeting of the South Carolina Association of Opticians.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A Motion was made by Mr. Corley and seconded by Mr. Whitlock to approve the January 18, 2009 minutes as written. The motion carried.

**CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:** Chairman Gosnell welcomed all in attendance.

### **REPORTS / INFORMATION**

In the administrative report Ms. Combs reported:

- Licensee and apprentice totals are 494 licensed opticians and 222 licensed contact lens dispensers for a total of 716 licenses; 105 apprentices are registered.
- Sixteen candidates are registered to sit for the June 4, 2009 Opticianry Practical Examination. Ms. Combs informed the Board that Mr. Lee Carter, Examination Administrator, will not be present at the examination; Board members and staff will be present to administer the examination.
- The December 2009 examination and Board meeting will be held December 17, 2009.
- License renewal for Opticians and Contact Lens Dispensers are due this year by October 1, 2009. Registered Apprentices renew their registrations annually and are also due October 1, 2009. The newly formed Office of Licensure and Compliance within LLR will be handling the renewal process.
- As an update, Ms. Combs reported the optometry legislation, H.3303, is residing in the S.C. House Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None to discuss**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Polycarbonate Lenses for Children – Inquiry:** The Board received an inquiry concerning the importance of requiring polycarbonate lenses in spectacles for children. The Board agreed that it is the optician's responsibility to warn/inform a child's parent/guardian of the problems that can arise by not selecting polycarbonate lenses.

**National Opticianry Practical Examination Workshop:** Ms. Combs announced the National Committee of Opticianry Regulatory Boards (NCSORB) will conduct a Regional/National examination workshop May 16-17, 2009 in Durham, North Carolina; a question job bank is to be developed. South Carolina will not be sending a representative.

**Examination Information Letter:** Roy Ferguson, PhD, of The Learning Curve, informed the Board that a spectacle practical examination has been developed and offered additional information if interested. Discussion followed. Ms. Combs will request information for the Board to review.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next South Carolina Practical Examination in Opticianry will be held Thursday, June 4, 2009, Columbia, S.C., Kingstree Building, Rooms 107 and 115. Candidate registration will begin at 8:30 a.m.

The next General Board Meeting will be held Thursday, June 4, 2009, Columbia, S.C. at 12:00 noon, Kingstree Building, Room 107.

There being no further business, Chairman Gosnell adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

*Minutes transcribed by Angie M. Combs, Administrator.  
Minutes presented to the Board for final approval.*