

South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (SCLLR)
Board of Examiners in Opticianry
Meeting Minutes
October 9, 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
John Hollis Inabinet, Esquire, Public Member

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT: Margie L. Chapman

PUBLIC MEMBER (1): Vacant

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Amy Stutsman, S.C. Association of Opticians
Emily F. Mikell (arrived 9:30 a.m.)
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. Hayes to accept the order of the October 9, 2014 Agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rhodes and carried unanimously.

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER: John Hollis Inabinet was welcomed as a new public Board member.

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. Rhodes and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A **motion** was made by Mr. Hayes to accept the June 5, 2014 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Corley and carried unanimously.

REPORTS / INFORMATION

Information provided by Ms. Combs concerning the following topics:

- **Licensee Totals Report** – 532 licensed opticians / 442 practice in state, 274 licensed contact lens dispensing opticians, 153 registered apprentices. Apprentices are currently in renewal.
- **Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) Report** – one case is under investigation at this time.
- **Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Report** – no cases are residing in ODC.
- **Financial Report** was provided and accepted as information.
- **S.C. Practical Examination** – 19 candidates were administered the June 2, 2014 examination; 12 passed.
- **Board Member Election** – Daniel Gosnell was reappointed to the Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Apprenticeship Program Requirement Review – Discussion ensued. A **motion** was made by Mr. Hayes to have Ms. League and Ms. Combs draft regulation language within the guidelines that the Board discussed at this meeting concerning apprenticeship program requirements. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rhodes and carried unanimously.

Patient Access to Eye Care – Discussion ensued.

NEW BUSINESS

Concerned Opticians of Florida Letter – A letter was received at the Board office expressing concerns about the National Practical Opticianry Examination. Discussion ensued. This examination is not used to meet licensure requirements in South Carolina.

Practice Act Legislation – Language was reviewed, recommendations made. A **motion** was made by Mr. Hayes to approve the bill with changes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Corley and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments made.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The upcoming Board meeting date is February 12, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

A **motion** was made by Mr. Corley, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Gosnell adjourned the meeting at 9:57 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.