

South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation
Board of Examiners in Opticianry
Regulation Review Committee Minutes
August 1, 2019
110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Room 204
Columbia, South Carolina

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Keith Hayes, Board Vice Chairman
James L. Rhodes, Board Member
Emily Mikell, Board Member
Samantha Hendrix, Licensed Optician
Cheryl Burgess, Licensed Optician

SCLLR STAFF PRESENT:

Mary League, Office of Advice Counsel
Meredith Buttler, Administrator

CALL TO ORDER: Keith Hayes called the meeting to order at 12:55 p.m.

ADMINISTRATOR REMARKS

Ms. Buttler welcomed and thanked the members for agreeing to be on the committee. Per several requests from the opticianry community to consider part time apprenticeship work and program information on how other states handle their apprenticeship programs, the Board decided to form a committee to review the current regulations. The committee is tasked with the thorough review and revision of the apprenticeship program so as to accommodate the current industry climate and structure a program aimed to bring applicants into licensure.

BOARD REGULATION REVIEW OF APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

a) Review of Current Regulations

Committee members were provided with a copy of all current rules and regulations regarding the registered apprenticeship program found in S.C. Code of Law §40-38 and S.C. Code of Regulations Chapter 96. Additionally, committee members were provided with a document compiling the rules and regulations of other states' apprenticeship program. Ms. Buttler also provided the committee with a suggested revision of the current regulations addressing areas the Board and board staff had expressed concern over.

b) Review and Discussion about Revision Proposal

The committee reviewed and discussed the following program components:

1. Employment: hour requirement versus year requirement for part-time employment consideration

2. Definition of full-time and part-time employment
3. Documentation of work experience: program survey reporting frequency
4. Evaluations: attesting to subject matter covered during apprenticeship and sponsor responsibility
5. Multiple sponsor and work locations
6. Protocol for change in sponsors, work locations, termination of program by apprentice or sponsor
7. Formal education: enrollment notification requirement
8. Protocol for commencement of program and application for licensure
9. Examination stipulations as connected to licensure requirements

Ms. Buttler and Ms. League will draft the revised regulations for review and approval by the committee. The committee will meet again to review and approve the proposed regulations prior to a special call meeting of the full Board.

Adjournment

MOTION To adjourn
Burgess/Rhodes/approved.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.