

South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (SCLLR)
Board of Examiners in Opticianry
Special Called Board Meeting Minutes
April 2, 2015
110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Room 107
Columbia, South Carolina

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Daniel B. Gosnell, Chairman
C. Milton Corley, Jr., Vice Chairman
James L. Rhodes
John Hollis Inabinet, Esquire, Public Member

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT: Keith L. Hayes

PUBLIC MEMBER (1): Vacant

SCLLR STAFF PRESENT: Mary Sowell League, Esquire, Office of Advice Counsel
Angie M. Combs, Board Administrator
Missy L. Jones, Administrative Assistant

IN ATTENDANCE: Emily Mikel, S.C. Licensed Optician
Tina F. Behles, Certified Court 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 9:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A **motion** was made by Mr. Corley to accept the order of the April 2, 2015 Agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rhodes and carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Review Regulations for Updates:

A **motion** was made by Mr. Corley to leave Regulation 96-105(A)(2) as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rhodes and carried. Mr. Inabinet opposed leaving the following language: Application to take the practical examination the third and succeeding times shall be accompanied by a statement of additional training, work or study completed by the applicant since the time of the most recent notice of failure of the examination.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Corley for clarification purposes to change *the calendar year* to *a year* in Section 96-105(A)(2), it would now read: an applicant will not be permitted to take the examination within a year following notice of the second or succeeding failures. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rhodes and carried unanimously.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Inabinet to remove Regulation 96-107(C) Apprenticeships may only be reinstated when the apprenticeship training has been continuous. The motion was seconded by Mr. Corley and carried unanimously.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Corley to amend Regulation 96-106(A)(2) to read: be for a period of two continuous years. The motion was seconded by Mr. Inabinet and carried unanimously.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Rhodes to add to the end of Regulation 96-106(A)(3): and must be full-time employment training in the practice of opticianry. Full-time is defined as a minimum of thirty-two hours a week. The motion was seconded by Mr. Corley and carried unanimously.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Corley for Regulation 96-106(F) to read: The Board may extend the apprenticeship for an additional year upon request of the apprentice for good cause shown, and payment of a fee as specified by the Board. The request must be accompanied by a statement signed by the apprentice's sponsor providing the proposed curriculum for the extended apprenticeship period, to be approved by the Board. A written evaluation signed by the apprentice and the sponsor shall be submitted at the conclusion of the extended period. If the apprentice does not take the opticianry examination within five years from the commencement of the apprenticeship, the apprentice must begin training over, but must wait for one year from the conclusion of the apprenticeship before recommencing the training period. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rhodes and carried unanimously.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Inabinet to re-number the current section F in Regulation 96-106 to G. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rhodes and carried unanimously.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Rhodes to create a Policy that for grandfathering purposes, currently registered apprentices would have five years from the effective date of the revised regulation within which to take the Opticianry Examination. 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 June 1, 2015, Kingstree Building, Room 115, Columbia, South Carolina.

ADJOURNMENT

A **motion** was made by Mr. Inabinet, seconded by Mr. Corley, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

RECONVENE

A **motion** was made by Mr. Corley, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, and unanimously carried to reconvene the meeting.

APPROVAL / DISAPPROVAL OF ABSENT BOARD MEMBER: A **motion** was made by Mr. Corley to approve the absence of Mr. Hayes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rhodes and carried unanimously

ADJOURNMENT

A **motion** was made by Mr. Inabinet, seconded by Mr. Corley, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Gosnell adjourned the meeting at 10:42 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.