

South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (SCLLR)
Board of Examiners in Opticianry
Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2015
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 Chapman

PUBLIC MEMBER (1): Vacant

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Amy Stutsman, President, S.C. Association of Opticians
Ron Harbert, S.C. Association of Opticians
Emily Mikell
Jennifer Wiegand
Ronald Wayne Ham
Jay Simon
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 9:02 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A **motion** was made by Mr. Rhodes to accept the order of the June 18, 2015 Agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hayes and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL / DISAPPROVAL OF ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS(S): A **motion** was made by Mr. Rhodes to disapprove the absence of Ms. Chapman. The motion was seconded by Mr. Corley and carried unanimously

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A **motion** was made by Mr. Hayes to accept the February 12, 2015 and April 2, 2015 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** – 554 licensed opticians / 457 practice in state, 280 licensed contact lens dispensing opticians, and 144 registered apprentices.
- **2015 License Renewal** - Mrs. Combs reported that renewal notices will be mailed out the first part of August 2015.
- **Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) Report:** Mr. Love, Chief of Investigations and Enforcement, provided the OIE Statistical Report; the Board accepted this as information.
- **Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Report** – no cases are residing in ODC.
- **Financial Report** was provided and accepted as information.

- **S.C. Practical Examination** – 23 candidates were administered the June 1, 2015 examination; 12 passed.
- **New Application for Examination Candidates that Failed Twice** – Application has been modified to comply with Regulations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

S.C. Opticianry Practice Act Legislation Update – There was no update at this meeting.

S.C. Opticianry Legislation Update – Advice Counsel, Mrs. League, reported that the Regulation to move the Board's fees into umbrella chapter in the Regulations Chapter 10 became effective in April.

NEW BUSINESS

G. William Brown / Request to Appear: Mr. Brown could not appear at this time.

Jay Simon / Request to Appear: Mr. Simon submitted questions regarding the definition of dispensing eyeglasses in South Carolina, current requirements for examination in South Carolina and if there are any legislative changes being made to change the current requirements, and are eyeglasses dispensed required to meet ANSI standard. Discussion ensued. The Board referenced the Law and Regulations in answering Mr. Simon's questions.

USC Sumter Opticianry Program Review for Apprenticeship Formal Education: A **motion** was made by Mr. Rhodes to request additional information on the Opticianry Program at USC Sumter prior to making a decision on accepting as an approved formal education. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hayes and carried unanimously.

Notice of Changes in the National Academy of Opticianry (NAO) Career Progression Program (CPP): The Board reviewed the information provided by the NAO announcing the newly updated text to the Ophthalmic Career Progression Program to include a new section that addresses contact lenses. Since a contact lens license is optional for S.C. licensed opticians the Board decided to not require the contact lenses portion of the CPP for apprentices selecting the CPP for their required formal education.

ABO & NCLE Examiners Practical Examinations: The ABO and NCLE announced the creation of the American Board of Opticianry Practical and the National Contact Lens Practical Examinations. The Board accepted this announcement as information.

Examination Equipment: After a brief discussion, the Board determined that the examination equipment should be kept at the Board's South Carolina Department of LLR location.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Harbert discussed with the Board the definition of dispensing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next South Carolina Board Examiners in Opticianry Board Meeting will be held October 8, 2015 in Room 204.

The next South Carolina Practical Examination in Opticianry will be administered December 7, 2015, Kingstree Building, Room 115, Columbia, South Carolina.

ADJOURNMENT

A **motion** was made by Mr. Corley, seconded by Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Hayes, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Gosnell adjourned the meeting at 10:15 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.