

South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (SCLLR)
South Carolina Board of Examiners in Opticianry
Board Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2012
110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Room 108
Columbia, South Carolina

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Daniel B. Gosnell, Chairman
C. Milton Corley, Jr., Vice Chairman
James L. Rhodes
Keith L. Hayes

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT: Margie L. Chapman

CONSUMER MEMBERS (2): Vacant

SCLLR STAFF PRESENT: James C. Saxon, Esquire, Office of Advice Counsel
Jennifer Cooper, Office of Advice Counsel
Angie Combs, Board Administrator

IN ATTENDANCE: Amy Stutsman, S.C. Association of Opticians
Ronald Harbert, S.C. Association of Opticians
Gary A. Haygood, Professional Court Reporter,
Capital City Reporting, L.L.C.

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 / ATTENDANCE/ APPROVAL OF ABSENCES: The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chairman Gosnell. A **motion** was made by Mr. Corley that the Board considers Ms. Chapman absence as unexcused. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rhodes and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A **motion** was made by Mr. Hayes to accept the November 8, 2012 Agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Corley and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A **motion** was made by Mr. Hayes to approve with one change the September 27, 2012 Board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rhodes and carried unanimously.

OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL (OGC) REPORT: Ms. Baldwin reported there is one case moving forward in the Office of General Counsel. This case was previously approved for a formal complaint by the Board.

REPORTS / INFORMATION

Information was provided concerning the following topics:

- Licensee Totals Report – there are 524 licensed opticians, 266 contact lens dispensing opticians, and 82 apprentices.
- Financial Report - provided as information.
- Board Member License Plates – information provided concerning obtaining a specialized license plate.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Temporary License for Military Spouse:** A Bill has passed to allow licensing agencies to issue a temporary professional license for one year to the spouse of any active duty member of the United States Armed Forces if the member is assigned to a duty station in South Carolina. A **motion** was made by Mr. Rhodes that the Board would offer one-year temporary licensure if licensed in good standing in a state, possession or territory of the United States to the spouse of an active U.S. Armed Forces member who is on active duty in South Carolina. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hayes and carried unanimously.
2. **Signature on Letter of Caution** – Prior to being issued, Letters of Caution are approved by the Board as part of the complaint process. A **motion** was made by Mr. Corley to have the administrator sign the Letter of Caution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hayes and carried unanimously.

MOTION FOR REINSTATEMENT OF LAPSED LICENSE / Gordon Scott – Hearing conducted. A **motion** was made by Mr. Corley for the Board to accept Mr. Scott's motion for reinstatement. Mr. Scott will need to obtain all continuous education hours that are due plus pay back fees before the license is reinstated. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hayes and carried unanimously.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Practice Act Legislation Discussion: The Board discussed changes to the Practice Act to be submitted in the upcoming Legislative Session. A **motion** was made by Mr. Corley that in the *proposed* Practice Act language to change the requirement of nine hours of continuing education to eight hours and remove the statement that one hour shall be in S.C. Optical Law. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rhodes and carried unanimously. A **motion** was made by Mr. Rhodes that the Board accepts proposed and amended changes to the Opticianry Practice Act with the remainder of the language to remain the same. The motion was seconded by Mr. Corley and carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Board meeting to be determined; Ms. Combs will contact the members with available dates.

The next South Carolina Practical Examination in Opticianry will be held December 3, 2012, Kingstree Building, Room 115, Columbia, South Carolina.

ADJOURNMENT

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

There being no further business, Mr. Gosnell adjourned the meeting at 11:09 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.