

South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (SCLLR)
Board of Examiners in Opticianry
Board Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2018
110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Room 204
Columbia, South Carolina

Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the South Carolina Board of Examiners in Opticianry, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. A quorum was present at all times.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Daniel B. Gosnell, Chairman
Keith Hayes, Vice Chair
Grant Brown
Emily Mikell
James L. Rhodes
John Hollis Inabinet, Esquire, Public Member

SCLLR STAFF PRESENT:

Stacey Hewson, Esquire, Office of Advice Counsel
April Koon, Administrator
Trish Lutz, Administrative Assistant
Tina Brown, Esquire, Office of Disciplinary Counsel

PRESENT:

Kitty Lindler, Court Reporter

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Gosnell called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A **motion** was made by Mr. Hayes to accept the October 4, 2018 Agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brown and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF ABSENT BOARD MEMBER(S): All Board Members were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A **motion** was made by Mr. Rhodes to accept the May 17th, 2018 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hayes and carried unanimously.

OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT (OIE) STATISTICAL REPORT: Mr. Love presented the IRC Statistical Report. The case activity presented is within the time period between Jan. 1st, 2018 & Aug. 20th, 2018. They have closed six cases. Eight are do not open, six cases are pending board action. The Board accepted this as information.

INVESTIGATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE (IRC) REPORT: Mr. Love provided the IRC Report from August 21, 2018 and July 11, 2018 IRC meetings. It was recommended dismissal on case #'s 2017-7, 2018-1, 2018-2, 2018-3, and 2018-4. A **motion** was made by Mr. Hayes to accept the IRC recommendations. The motion was seconded by Ms. Mikell and carried unanimously.

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL (ODC) REPORT: Ms. Brown reported that there were no cases pending in the Office of Disciplinary Counsel. The Board received this as information.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: There was no legislative updates for this Board meeting.

APPLICATION HEARING: Eniko Thomas – Review of Education for Licensure:

Ms. Thomas brought her transcripts from the University of Phoenix where she is attending.

Ms. Thomas attended a vocational school of opticianry for 3 years in Munich, Germany from the dates of September of 2008 to May of 2011. She has passed her ABO and her NCLE and is dual certified. She has taken additional continuing education classes from the ABO & NCLE from TOP Optician website.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A **motion** was made by Mr. Inabinet to go into executive session to receive legal advice. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rhodes and carried unanimously.

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A **motion** was made by Mr. Gosnell to approve this education for licensure. Motion was seconded by Mr. Brown and carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

APPOINTMENT OF IRC MEMBER: The Board is in need of additional IRC members. Ms. Koon suggested they revisit the subject and come up with new recommendation and come prepared at the next meeting with names of licensees willing to serve.

REPORTS / INFORMATION

- **Licensee Totals Report** - 552 S.C. licensed opticians; 460 opticians practice in S.C.; 92 practice out-of-state, 148 registered apprentices.
- **Financial Report** – presented as information.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **ABO Hands on Practical Exam Review:** Ms. Koon placed the exam on the agenda to make the board aware of the some discrepancies in previous exams. Some of the documents were an email from Randy Smith from the ABO. There had been 3 incidents in a row where discrepancies were found with the scoring. Some people failed when in fact that they passed. People have challenge the exam, the ABO gave their reasons on why the mistakes have happened. The board would like to monitor & review the test to ensure there are no more discrepancies. Ms. Koon suggested to the Board to invite James Morris and Randy Smith from the ABO to come to our meeting in February to refresh the board on the exam.
2. **Approval of Board Meeting Dates:** February 28, 2019, May 30, 2019, August 1, 2019, October 3, 2019

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next South Carolina Board Examiners in Opticianry Board Meeting will be held February 28, 2019.

The next South Carolina Practical Examination in Opticianry will be administered December 4, 2018, SC Fire Academy, 141 Monticello Trail, Columbia, South Carolina.

ADJOURNMENT

A **motion** was made by Mr. Hayes to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Inabinet and unanimously carried.

These minutes are a record of the official actions taken by the Board and a summary of the meeting.