

South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR)
Board of Examiners in Optometry
Board Minutes
February 15, 2012
Synergy Business Park
110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Room 204
Columbia, South Carolina

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. Dr. Williams called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Robert Neal Williams, President
Dr. Derek Van Veen
Dr. Peter V. Candela
Isaac L. Johnson, Jr., Esquire, Public Board Member

MEMBERS ABSENT (Excused): Dr. William W. Spearman, Vice President
Dr. Thomas E. Tucker

VACANT POSITION: Public Member (One)

SCLLR STAFF PRESENT:

James Saxon, Esquire, Office of Advice Counsel
Angie M. Combs, Administrator
For Hearing:
Erin Baldwin, Esquire, Office of General Counsel
For IRC Report:
David Love, Chief Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement
For IRC Report and Hearing:
Cheryl McNair, Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement
Serrena Swartz, Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement

PRESENT:

Respondent
Richard P. Wilson, Esquire, SCRPP
Frank Sheheen, M.S., CACII, SCRPP
Maureece Jones, M.A., CACII, SCRPP
Joey Smoak, Any Length Program
Bryan Rudy
Yvonne R. Bohannon, Certified Verbatim Reporter

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A **motion** was made by Dr. Williams to accept the order of the February 15, 2012 Agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Dr. Van Veen and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A **motion** was made by Mr. Johnson to accept the November 2, 2011 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Dr. Van Veen and carried unanimously.

Mr. Love presented the Investigative Review Committee (IRC) Report and Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) Statistical Report. A **motion** was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to accept the recommendations of the IRC to dismiss Case Numbers 2011-6, 2011-7, 2011-19, 2011-20 with a letter of caution, 2011-25, and 2012-1.

Mr. Wilson and Mr. Sheehen presented updated information on the Recovering Professional Program's (RPP) Abstinence Policy.

A **motion** was made by Dr. Candela to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried unanimously

EXECUTIVE SESSION (3:27 p.m. – 3:43 p.m.): for legal explanations only; no actions or votes were taken.

HEARINGS: Case Nos. 2011-3 and 2011-11.

REPORTS / INFORMATION

Information was provided concerning the following topics:

- Licensee Totals
- License Renewal
- Financial Report
- Office of General Counsel Report
- Branch Registrations
- 2012 Statement of Economic Interests Report
- Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry (ARBO) 2012 Meeting
- Continuing Education (CE) - Course Approvals

A **motion** was made by Dr. Candela to accept the August 2012 SCOPA CE Seminar for required CE due October 2012 or October 2014. The motion was seconded by Dr. Van Veen and unanimously carried.

A **motion** was made by Dr. Candela to classify the American Optometric Society continuing education courses as unlimited hours as defined in Regulations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – No business to discuss

NEW BUSINESS

1. National Board of Examiners in Optometry – Update was presented on Part II & TMOD.
2. Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry (ARBO) – OE Tracker Usage Survey.
3. RPP – Update on Abstinence Policy – Presentation was made earlier in meeting.
4. Board Certification – some discussion ensued / to be continued at the next meeting when more Board members are present.

The next Board meeting will be May 2, 2012. Dr. Williams adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

These minutes are a record of the official actions taken by the Board and a brief summary of the meeting. A transcript of this meeting is available on the Board's website at:

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