

South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR)
Board of Examiners in Optometry
Board Minutes
May 27, 2015
Synergy Business Park
110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Room 105
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.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Derek Van Veen, President
Dr. Peter V. Candela, Vice President
Dr. Thomas E. Tucker
Dr. William W. Spearman
Dr. James E. Vaught

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT:

Isaac L. Johnson, Jr., Esquire, Public Member

VACANT POSITION:

Public Member (One)

SCLLR STAFF PRESENT:

Darra Coleman, Esquire, Office of Advice Counsel
Angie M. Combs, Administrator
Missy L. Jones, Administrative Assistant
For IRC Report:
David Love, Chief Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement
Lorie Graham, Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement

PRESENT:

Tina F. Behles, Nationally Certified Court Reporter
Wayne Cannon, O.D., S.C. Optometric Physicians Association
Jackie Rivers, S.C. Optometric Physicians Association
Anna Balderson, S.C. Optometric Physicians Association

CALL TO ORDER: At 3:20 p.m. a **motion** was made by Dr. Candela to call the meeting to order. The motion was seconded by Dr. Tucker and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A **motion** was made by Dr. Vaught to accept the order of the May 27, 2015 Agenda. The motion was seconded by Dr. Tucker and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS: Deferred to later in the meeting due to road closures in Columbia creating major traffic delays.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 18, 2015 MEETING MINUTES: A **motion** was made by Dr. Vaught to accept the February 18, 2015 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Dr. Tucker and carried unanimously.

Dr. Spearman arrived at meeting.

OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT (OIE) REPORT: Mr. Love presented the OIE Statistical Report. The Board accepted this report as information.

INVESTIGATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE (IRC) REPORT: Mr. Love provided the IRC Report from the May 19, 2015 IRC meeting. It was recommended to dismiss Cases #2015-1, #2015-2, #2015-3, and dismiss with a Letter of Caution Case #2015-4. A **motion** was made by Dr. Vaught to accept the IRC dismissal recommendations and one Letter of Caution. The motion was seconded by Dr. Spearman and carried unanimously.

REPORTS / INFORMATION

- Licensee Totals – there are 814 S.C. licensed optometrists; 530 practice in South Carolina.
- Financial Report - provided and accepted as information.
- Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Report – no cases to report.
- Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry (ARBO) Annual Meeting to be held in Seattle, Washington June 21-23, 2015; Dr. Vaught will be attending.
- Endorsement Applicant Report – four endorsement candidates have been licensed in 2015.
- Continuing Education (CE) Course Approvals – no courses presented for approval.
- ARBO Regional Report provided by Dr. Van Veen

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill to Maintain Scope of Practice – House Bill 3443 was passed by the General Assembly on April 28, 2015 and signed by the Governor May 7, 2015. Section 40-37-290 of the South Carolina Optometry Practice Act has been amended to clarify that controlled substances that have been reclassified from Schedule III to Schedule II on or after October 6, 2014 may continue to be purchased, possessed, administered, supplied, and prescribed by an optometrist in the practice of optometry.

Deferred Agenda Item - **APPROVAL OF ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS:** A **motion** was made by Dr. Spearman to approve Mr. Johnson's absence from the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Tucker and carried unanimously. *Due to road closures in Columbia, Mr. Johnson was unable to complete his travel to the meeting location.*

NEW BUSINESS

COPE Call for Comment on New Accreditation Criteria and Processes – The Board reviewed the information provided by ARBO. A **motion** was made by Dr. Vaught to vote no to the concepts under consideration for COPE policy changes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Candela and carried unanimously.

Board Member Election Process – The current election process was discussed. The Board will continue with this process.

Social Media Policy – Discussion ensued.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Wayne Cannon participated in discussions earlier in the meeting. The Board thanked Dr. Cannon for his involvement in the passage of House Bill 3443 and his continued commitment and support to the optometry profession.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Board meeting is scheduled for July 29, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

A **motion** was made by Dr. Spearman, seconded by Dr. Candela, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Van Veen adjourned the meeting at 4:21 p.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.