

South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR)
Board of Examiners in Optometry
Board Minutes
November 2, 2011
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. A quorum was present at all times. Dr. Williams called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Robert Neal Williams, President
Dr. William W. Spearman, Vice President
Dr. Derek Van Veen
Dr. Thomas E. Tucker
Dr. Peter V. Candela
Isaac L. Johnson, Jr., Esquire, Public Board Member

VACANT POSITION: Public Member (One)

SCLLR STAFF PRESENT:

Dean Grigg, Esquire, Office of Advice Counsel
David Love, Chief Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement
Gwen Morris, Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement
Angie M. Combs, Administrator

IN ATTENDANCE:

Terri A. Winiarski, Certified Verbatim Reporter

A **motion** was made by Dr. Spearman to accept the August 3, 2011 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Dr. Van Veen and carried unanimously.

The agenda for the August 3, 2011 Board meeting was presented for review and approval. Dr. Williams requested to deviate from the agenda due to the Board receiving legal counsel. A **motion** was made by Dr. Van Veen to go into Executive Session to receive legal counsel. The motion was seconded by Dr. Tucker and carried unanimously.

Executive Session 3:05 p.m. – 3:22 p.m.

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) Report: Mr. Love, Office of Investigations and Enforcement, provided the OIE Report.

Investigative Review Committee (IRC) Report: Mr. Love, Office of Investigations and Enforcement, provided the IRC Report. The IRC met and recommended two dismissals. **Motion:** Dr. Spearman made a motion to accept the recommendations of the IRC for Case #2011-15 and Case #2011-18. The motion was seconded by Dr. Van Veen and carried unanimously.

Mr. Love and Ms. Morris departed the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion: Dr. Spearman made a motion to deny a request from the Association for the Blind for an exception to the South Carolina Optometry Law that would allow the PediaVison screening device to be used for vision screenings conducted without the presence of a licensed professional. The motion was seconded by Dr. Tucker and the motion carried unanimously.

Continuity of Patient Care / Patient Record Responsibility: Discussion ensued.

NEW BUSINESS

Results of Practice Act and Regulations Review: Discussion ensued.

REPORTS / INFORMATION

Information was provided concerning the following topics:

- Licensee Totals
- Financial Report
- Office of General Counsel
- Branch Registrations
- Board Member Election
- Cease and Desist Orders Issued
- Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry National Meeting
- Continuing Education

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting is February 15, 2012, Room 204, 3:00 p.m.

There being no further business or announcements, Dr. Williams adjourned the meeting at 5:15 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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