

South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR)
South Carolina Board of Examiners in Optometry
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 30, 2006
The Westin Resort – Port Royal Plantation
Hilton Head Island, 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. Hamill called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. David W. Hamill, President
Dr. Kenneth M. Nash, Vice President
Dr. Robert Neal Williams
Dr. Furman Mason Smith

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Dr. Deborah A. Long
Isaac L. Johnson, Jr., Public Board Member

SCLLR STAFF PRESENT:

Angie M. Combs, Administrator

The Agenda for the November 30, 2006 Regular Board Meeting was presented for review and approval.

A **motion** was made to accept the Agenda. The motion was seconded and passed.

A **motion** was made to accept the September 27, 2006 minutes as emailed. The motion was seconded and passed.

REPORTS

Administrative Reports and Information: Ms. Combs reported licensee totals for each type of license as 566 TPA, 51 DPA, and 33 Basic with 650 total licensees. In South Carolina there are 427 TPA, 9 DPA, and 6 Basic licenses for a total of 442 licensees. License renewals were due October 1, 2006. Fifty-five out-of-state licensees did not renew; fifteen in-state licensees did not renew.

New branch office location applications were reviewed for Dr. Lisa Turbeville #968, Dr. Nicholas Vastis #1423, Dr. Michelle Reeves #1038, Dr. Steven Metras #1421, Dr. Nancy Mahlie #1054, Dr. Diane Juras #956, Dr. Vickie Jewell #1043, Dr. Joe Hopkins #1170, Dr. Dwayne Harris #976, Dr. Leann Geerts #1133, Dr. Joseph DiPasqua #1175, Dr. Maria Dickerson (2) #1336, Dr. Lawrence Custer (2) #1237, Dr. James Coker #686, Dr. Danny Burns #658, Dr. Robert Brooks #901, Dr. John Brinkley (2) #656, Dr. John Bankowski #1142, Dr. C. Clark Boyd #909, Dr. William Alexander #1422, and Dr. Edward Weiner #915.
Motion: A motion was made to approve the branch office location applications.

A list of the 2007 Board meeting and examination dates was provided to the Board.

The S.C. Jurisprudence Examination was administered October 18, 2006. Eight candidates sat for the examination; all candidates passed. The next examination date is scheduled for March 28, 2007.

Continuing Education Course Approval: No courses presented for review.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Optometry Regulations Rewrite: The Board reviewed the Optometry Regulations draft. Discussion followed. Dr. Hamill will submit amendments / clarifications for Ms. Dantzler's suggested language.

Council on Endorsed Licensure Mobility for Optometrists (CELMO): The Board had received a request to consider endorsing the Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry (ARBO) administered CELMO program. Discussion followed. **Motion:** Board made a motion to accept a CELMO certificate as a significant credential when considering an actively practicing optometrist for licensure by endorsement.

Newsletter: The Board to send a newsletter to licensees; January is the proposed time of mailing.

NEW BUSINESS

Criminal Background Checks: Dr. Hamill expressed the importance of requiring all applicants for licensure to submit a criminal background check. Discussion followed. The Board agreed to incorporate this as part of the requirements to gain licensure in South Carolina. Ms. Combs to provide procedure details at the March 28, 2007 Board meeting.

Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Codes Review: Ms. Combs had provided to the members a copy of the CPT Codes approved for use by SC optometrists that included the changes authorized by the Board at the September 27, 2006 meeting. The Board approved codes as written.

S.C. Jurisprudence Examination – Procedure for Review: Ms. Combs suggested a periodic review of the examination questions. Dr. Long will be requested to establish a procedure for review.

Election of Board Officers: The results of officers' election are as follows. Dr. David W. Hamill to continue to serve as President; Dr Kenneth M. Nash to continue to serve as Vice President and review candidates for endorsement; Dr. Robert Neal Williams to continue to review continuing education.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for December 1, 2006, 7:45 a.m., The Westin Resort, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. The Board will meet with the South Carolina Optometric Association members.

There being no further business or announcements, Dr. Hamill adjourned the November 30, 2006 meeting at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angie M. Combs
Administrator