

South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR)
South Carolina Board of Examiners in Optometry
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 1, 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 7:45 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Isaac L. Johnson, Jr., Public Board Member

SCLLR STAFF PRESENT:

Ms. Angie M. Combs, Administrator

PRESENT:

Members of the South Carolina Optometric Association

The Agenda for the December 1, 2006 Regular Board Meeting was presented for review and approval.

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

Dr. Hamill introduced Board members and staff present.

Dr. Hamill presented a plaque to Dr. Vaughn Parfitt in honor and appreciation for his service as a Board member on the South Carolina Board of Examiners in Optometry from March 24, 2000 until March 22, 2006.

Dr. Hamill 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.

Dr. Hamill reviewed continuing education requirements and emphasized maintaining proof of CE; reported the Optometry Regulations are being rewritten to be introduced in the 2007 legislative session; reminded licensees that all SC optometrists must be TPA certified by September 30, 2008 in order for a license to be renewed. Dr. Hamill reviewed advertising issues and language; no optometrist can advertise that he/she is a specialist; when advertising it should be clear the licensee is an optometrist. The Board has authority over the licensee not the business; the licensee can be held responsible for his actions. The licensees were reminded that if practicing at more than one location a branch application must be completed.

Dr. Hamill opened the floor for questions or comments; there were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The South Carolina Jurisprudence Examination will be held March 28, 2007, 2:00 p.m. in Columbia, S.C., Kingtree Building, Room 105.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for March 28, 2007, 3:00 p.m., in Columbia, S.C., Kingtree Building, Room 111.

There being no further business or announcements, Dr. Hamill adjourned the December 1, 2006 meeting at 8:15: a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angie M. Combs
Administrator