

**SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
August 30, 2023 at 3:00 PM  
110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210  
Live Stream

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dr. Wayne Cannon, President  
Dr. Michelle Cooper, Vice President  
Dr. Brad Majors  
Dr. Melissa Wood  
Dr. Michael Campbell  
Mr. Charles Hill  
Mr. Jesse Price

**SCLLR STAFF PRESENT:**

Megan Flannery, Esq., Office of Advice Counsel  
Shelby Sutusky, Esq., Office of Disciplinary Counsel  
Tracy Adams, Board Executive  
Jacquelyn White, Program Coordinator  
Mark Sanders, Office of Investigations and Enforcement  
Kasey Williams, Office of Investigations and Enforcement

**PRESENT:**

Robin Reibold, Court Reporter  
Dr. Jeffrey Doty, OD  
Jackie Rivers, SCOPA  
Anna Balderson

**CALL TO ORDER:** Dr. Cannon, President called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion:** To approve the agenda with the amendment to delete 9a, Donnell Jennings, Esq., isn't available.  
Cooper/Majors/Approved.

**BOARD MISSION AND MEMBER STATISTICS**

Dr. Cannon read the mission statement of the Board.  
At this time there are no vacant seats.

## **INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Members of the Board introduced themselves.

## **APPROVAL OF EXCUSED ABSENCES**

No absences during the Board meeting.

## **APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Motion:** To approve the May 24, 2023 Board Meeting minutes with the correction, Marcie Greene is from Office of Advice Counsel.

Cooper/Wood/Approved.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) Statistical Report

Mr. Sanders reported on behalf of Mr. Ervin Bond from May 17, 2023 to August 21, 2023. There are currently, 2 active investigations. This was reported for information purpose only.

### Office of Investigations and Enforcement (IRC) Report

Mr. Sanders reported the IRC recommends 2 cases for dismissal.

**Motion:** To accept two cases for dismissal.

Cooper/Majors/Approved.

### Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Report

Ms. Sutusky reported there are 2 open cases, 2 cases pending, 1 case closed since May 24, 2023 and 2 cases closed since January 1, 2023.

## **APPLICATION HEARING**

### a. Jeffrey Doty

Dr. Doty appeared before the Board for an application hearing. He was not represented by counsel and was sworn in. Application hearings are recorded by a certified court reporter in the event a verbatim transcript is necessary.

**Motion:** To enter an executive session for legal advice.

Campbell/Majors/Approved.

**Motion:** To return to public session.

Cooper/Campbell/Approved.

**Motion:** To approve license to be issued.

Cooper/Campbell/Approved.

## **REPORT**

### Administrator's Report

Ms. Adams reported to date, the Board has 1012 active licensees, 2 pending applications and 1 mobile unit. From May 24, 2023 through August 21, 2023, there have been 37 licenses issued and 3 licenses reinstated.

The Board's current cash balance as of July 31, 2023 is \$336,768.86.

## NEW BUSINESS

b. Hearing Officer

Ms. Flannery, Esq., reported that a Hearing Officer for Emergency Hearings only. There will not be a term but will be at the Board's discretion.

**Motion:** To conduct a search for a potential Hearing Officer.  
Cooper/Wood/Approved.

c. 2024 Board Meeting Dates

**Motion:** To table the dates until the Special Call meeting.  
Campbell/Cooper/Approved.

d. Elections

Ms. Adams reported that Dr. Cannon and Dr. Majors seats are up for election. If you choose to seek re-election, a petition will be sent to you.

e. Mobile Unit Inspection

Ms. Adams reported the last inspection for the mobile unit was June 6, 2023. An optometrist can accompany the inspector during an inspection. The inspections are conducted annually.

f. Forms Review/Website Update

Ms. Adams reported that all forms and the website is currently being reviewed for updates due to the regulation changes. All changes will be sent to Ms. Greene, Esq., to review.

g. Conferences/Tours

I. NBEO Tour Report:

Dr. Cannon reported that he attended the NBEO Conference on May 25, 2023, along with Ms. Adams, Jackie Rivers, SCOPA & Executive Director and Dr. Felix Barker, Consultant. The conference was very informative. He encouraged other Board members to schedule a tour of the facility.

II. ARBO Conference

Dr. Cannon and Dr. Cooper attended the ARBO conference in Washington, DC June 17, 2023 through June 20, 2023.

III. SCOPA Conference

Dr. Cannon and Tracy Adams presented at the SCOPA Conference in Hilton Head, SC.

1. Ms. Flannery addressed the question raised in at the conference regarding the ordering of blood work. Optometrist can order labs if it is within your scope of practice. The drawing of bloodwork is not within the scope of practice of an Optometrist.

h. Old Documents for Review

Ms. Adams reported some old documents were found into the archives. Documents were provided for Board review.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

The next scheduled meeting is November 29, 2023.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** To adjourn.

Cooper/Majors/Approved.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m.