

South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR)
Board of Examiners in Optometry
Board Minutes
February 18, 2015
Synergy Business Park
110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Room 204
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
Isaac L. Johnson, Jr., Esquire, Public Member

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT:

Dr. William W. Spearman
Dr. James E. Vaught

VACANT POSITION:

Public Member (One)

SCLLR STAFF PRESENT:

Alex Imgrund, Esquire, Office of Advice Counsel
Angie M. Combs, Administrator
For IRC Report:
Mark Sanders, Chief Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement
Lorie Graham, Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement

PRESENT:

Kathryn B. Bostrom, Nationally Certified Court Reporter
Wayne Cannon, O.D., S.C. Optometric Physicians Association
Jackie Rivers, S.C. Optometric Physicians Association

CALL TO ORDER: At 3:05 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. Candela to accept the order of the February 18, 2015 Agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS: A **motion** was made by Dr. Tucker to approve Dr. Vaught's and Dr. Spearman's absence from the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Candela and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 29, 2014 MEETING MINUTES: A **motion** was made by Mr. Johnson to accept the October 29, 2015 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Dr. Candela and carried unanimously.

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

INVESTIGATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE (IRC) REPORT: Mr. Sanders provided the IRC Report from the February 3, 2015 IRC meeting. It was recommended to dismiss Cases #2014-9, #2014-10, #2014-11, and #2014-15; dismiss with a Cease and Desist Order Cases #2014-13 and #2014-14; dismiss with a Letter of Caution Case #2014-12. A **motion** was made by Dr. Candela to accept the IRC dismissal recommendations, the two Cease and Desists Orders, and one Letter of Caution. The motion was seconded by Dr. Tucker and carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION / 3:29 p.m. - 3:52 p.m.: A **motion** was made by Dr. Tucker to go into Executive Session to receive legal advice. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously carried.

A **motion** was made by Dr. Tucker to come out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Candela and unanimously carried. No actions or votes were taken.

REPORTS / INFORMATION

- Licensee Totals – there are 786 S.C. licensed optometrists; 522 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.
- Statement of Economic Interests - due to be completed by Board members no later than March 30, 2015 by noon.
- Continuing Education (CE) Course Approvals – no courses presented for approval.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill to Maintain Scope of Practice – Board reviewed House Bill 3443.

Response from COPE concerning Board Questions on Policy Changes – Ms. Combs reviewed with the Board information provided by COPE.

NEW BUSINESS

IRC Members - A **motion** was made by Dr. Tucker to approve Dr. Wayne Cannon and Dr. Timothy Stafford as members of the Investigative Review Committee. The motion was seconded by Dr. Candela and unanimously carried.

Process of Reviewing Endorsement Candidate Applications – Ms. Combs will present a report as part of future Board meetings providing information on licensees that applied by endorsement.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Wayne Cannon updated the Board on legislative activities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Board meeting date is scheduled for May 27, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

A **motion** was made by Dr. Candela, seconded by Dr. Tucker, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Van Veen adjourned the meeting at 4:31 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.