

South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR)
Board of Examiners in Optometry
Board Minutes
July 29, 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
Dr. James E. Vaught

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT:

Dr. William W. Spearman

VACANT POSITION:

Public Member (One)

SCLLR STAFF PRESENT:

Donnell Jennings, Esquire, Office of Advice Counsel
Angie M. Combs, Administrator
Missy L. Jones, Administrative Assistant
For IRC Report:
David Love, Chief Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement
Lorie Graham, Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement

PRESENT:

Tina F. Behles, Nationally Certified Court Reporter
Wayne Cannon, O.D., S.C. Optometric Physicians Association
Jackie Rivers, S.C. Optometric Physicians Association
Anna Balderson, S.C. Optometric Physicians Association

CALL TO ORDER: At 3:05 p.m. a **motion** was made by Dr. Tucker to call the meeting to order. The motion was seconded by Dr. Vaught and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A **motion** was made by Dr. Candela to accept the order of the July 29, 2015 Agenda. The motion was seconded by Dr. Tucker and carried unanimously.

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

APPROVAL OF MAY 27, 2015 MEETING MINUTES: A **motion** was made by Dr. Vaught to accept the May 27, 2015, minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried unanimously.

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

INVESTIGATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE (IRC) REPORT: Mr. Love provided the IRC Report from the July 21, 2015 IRC meeting. It was recommended to dismiss Case #2015-6, to file a Formal Complaint on Case #2014-8, and dismiss with a Letter of Caution Case #2015-5. A **motion** was made by Mr. Johnson to accept the IRC dismissal recommendations, Formal Complaint recommendation, and one Letter of Caution. The motion was seconded by Dr. Vaught and carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION / 3:15 to 3:42 p.m. – REVIEW INVESTIGATIVE PROCESS: A **motion** was made by Mr. Johnson to go into Executive Session to discuss investigative processes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Vaught. A **motion** was made by Dr. Vaught to come out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried unanimously.

REPORTS / INFORMATION

- Licensee Totals – there are 840 S.C. licensed optometrists; 538 practice in South Carolina.
- Endorsement Applicant Report – three endorsement candidates have been licensed since May 28, 2015 through July 17, 2015.
- Branch Registrations – there was 1 branch office registered with the Board.
- Financial Report - provided and accepted as information.
- Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Report – no cases to report.
- Board Member Election – Mrs. Combs gave a brief report on the upcoming Board member elections that will be held at S.C. Optometric Physicians Association Business Meeting on August 20, 2015.
- Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry (ARBO) Annual Meeting – Dr. Vaught gave a report on the ARBO Annual Meeting.
- Continuing Education (CE) Course Approvals – no courses presented for approval.

NEW BUSINESS

Schedule Change For DEA Registration/DHEC Narcotics License – Mrs. Combs gave a report on the schedule change for DEA registration/ DHEC Narcotics license. Requests must be submitted to DEA and DHEC to add Schedule II – narcotic to these registrations. A letter was sent out to all S.C. actively licensed Optometrists regarding this matter.

Endorsement Application Fees – A **motion** was made by Dr. Vaught to add an additional \$100.00 fee for all Endorsement Applications. The motion was seconded by Dr. Tucker and carried unanimously. Mr. Jennings will research the Board's fee change authority prior to the fee increase being implemented.

Mr. Johnson departed the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Mobile Eye Exam Program – A **motion** was made by Dr. Vaught to send a letter to United Health Care advising them of the licensure requirements in South Carolina. The motion was seconded by Dr. Candela and carried unanimously.

Contact Lens Prescription Expiration – Discussion ensued.

Genetic Test for Macular Degeneration – Discussion ensued.

Endorsement Applicant Discussion – Discussion ensued.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Wayne Cannon provided the Board with information regarding Opternative Eye Examinations. This information will be placed on the next meeting agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Board meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

A **motion** was made by Dr. Vaught, seconded by Dr. Tucker, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Van Veen adjourned the meeting at 4:46 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.