

South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR)
Board of Examiners in Optometry
Special Called Board Meeting Minutes
December 19, 2018 12:00P.M., Room 108
Synergy Business Park
110 Centerview Drive, Kingtree Building, Room
Columbia, South Carolina

Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the South Carolina Board of Examiners in Optometry, Synergy Business Park, Kingtree Building and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL:

Dr. James Vaught, President
Dr. Michelle Cooper, Vice President
Dr. Thomas E. Tucker
Dr. Peter Candela called in at 12:12 P.M.
Mr. Jesse Price
Mr. Charles Hill

SCLLR STAFF PRESENT:

Stacey Hewson, Esquire, Office of Advice Counsel
Holly Beeson, Counsel to the Office of Communications and Governmental Affairs
Kathy Burgess, Program Coordinator

PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL:

Jackie Rivers, Executive Director, SCOPA
Anna Baldison
Dr. Justine O'Dell
Dr. Heather Smith
Dr. Johndra McNeeley
Dr. Michael Zolman
Dr. James Hill
Pete Smith called in at 12:11 P.M.

ALSO PRESENT:

Tina Behles, Court Reporter

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Vaught called the meeting to order at 12:02 P.M.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A **motion** was made by Dr. Cooper to accept the Agenda. The motion was seconded by Dr. Tucker and carried unanimously.

Discussion with SCOPA representatives regarding SCOPA's request to revise the language of the Board's proposed amendments to S.C. Regulations. 95-3 and 95-5: Dr. Zolman expressed concerns with the proposed regulation changes, specifically identifying the following language in the proposed regulations:

S.C. Reg. 95-3: "a passing score on those parts of the National Board of Examiners in Optometry examination as designated by the Board"

S.C. Reg. 95-5, Licensure by Endorsement; A. To demonstrate that he or she is currently licensed and practicing at the therapeutic level in another jurisdiction, an endorsement candidate should

provide evidence of active practice for the twelve (12) month period immediately preceding application or in the alternative evidence of active practice during twenty four (24) of the last thirty six (36) months. B. To demonstrate that he or she has practiced at the therapeutic level in another jurisdiction, an endorsement candidate should provide evidence that he or she was authorized by law to treat glaucoma in the other jurisdiction. C. The Board recognizes satisfactory completion of the examination by the National Board of Examiners in Optometry offered at the time of first licensure (if 1985 or later), or satisfactory completion of the TMOD and satisfactory completion of the South Carolina Optometry Jurisprudence Examination as appropriate prerequisites for licensure by endorsement.

The Board Members and Representatives from SCOPA addressed each concern and discussed the proposed changes. No votes were taken.

A **motion** was made by Dr. Peter Candela to go into executive session at 1:18 P.M. Mr. Jesse Price seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

A **motion** was made by Dr. Cooper to go back into open session at 1:33 P.M. Dr. Candela seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

A **motion** was made by Dr. Tucker to move forward with the language as the Board has proposed. Dr. Cooper seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Board meeting is February 6, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

A **motion** was made by Dr. Cooper, seconded by Dr. Tucker, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 1:34 P.M.

These minutes are a record of the official actions taken by the Board and a summary of the meeting provided by Meredith Buttler, Administrator. Minutes are presented to the Board for final approval.