

South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR)
Board of Examiners in Optometry
Board Meeting Minutes
July 25, 2018 at 3:00 P.M.
Synergy Business Park
110 Centerview Drive, Kingtree Building, Room 204
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:

Dr. James Vaught, President
Dr. Derek Van Veen
Dr. Thomas E. Tucker
Charles Hill, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dr. Michelle Cooper, Vice President
Jesse W. Price, III, Public Member
Dr. Peter Candela

SCLLR STAFF PRESENT:

Stacey Hewson, Esquire, Office of Advice Counsel
Tina Brown, Esquire, Office of Disciplinary Counsel
April Koon, Administer
Trish Lutz, Administrative Assistant
For IRC Report:
David Love, Chief Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement
For ODC Report:
Tina Brown, Esquire, Office of Disciplinary Counsel

PRESENT:

Tina Behles, Court Reporter
Rebecca Leach, Office of Communications and Governmental Affairs
Kara Harmon – Special Olympics Director of Program Services for S.C.

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Vaught called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A **motion** was made by Dr. Tucker to accept the February 21, 2018 Agenda. The motion was seconded by Dr. Van Veen and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF ABSENT BOARD MEMBER(S): A **motion** was made by Dr. Tucker to approve Dr. Cooper, Dr. Candela, and Mr. Price's absence. The motion was seconded by Dr. Van Veen and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 21st, 2018 MEETING MINUTES: A **motion** was made by Dr. Tucker to accept the February 21, 2018 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hill and carried unanimously.

OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT (OIE) STATISTICAL REPORT:

Mr. Love presented the IRC Statistical Report from January 1st to July 18th, 2018. There were a total of twenty cases. Three cases are actively being investigated. Five cases have been closed. Nine were do not open cases. Three cases are pending board action. The Board accepted this report as information.

OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT (OIE) REPORT:

Mr. Love provided the IRC Report from May 30, 2018. It was recommended to dismiss case 2017-14. A **motion** was made by Dr. Tucker to accept the IRC dismissal recommendation. The motion was seconded by Dr. Van Veen and carried unanimously. Mr. Love provided the IRC Report from July 18, 2018. It was recommended to dismiss case 2018-2 and 2018-3. A **motion** was made by Dr. Tucker to accept the IRC dismissal recommendations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hill and carried unanimously.

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL (ODC) REPORT: Ms. Brown reported that there were no cases pending. The Board accepted this report as information.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Ms. Leach reported on 5 Bills.

H. 4672 Vision Screening Requirements in order to obtain and renew your drivers license from the DMV. Requirement was removed by 2017 legislation & added back in 2018 legislative session. The effective date is October 1, 2020.

H. 3826, Tamper Resistant Prescription Pads for controlled substances, only pertains to written prescriptions C2-5. Effective date July 16, 2018. In 2008, Medicaid requirements were instituted to have these pads. If you fax or orally transmit a prescription it is not required.

H. 3819, Opioids Prescribed to a Minor. Requirements are that you must consult with a guardian on the dangers & risks. If prescription is less than 5 days then it's not necessary. Effective date is November 17, 2018.

S. 918 Acute Pain Management, placed 7 day limitations on additional prescriptions for opioids effective May 15, 2018. S. 918 also created a monitoring program to provide report cards to practitioners to inform them about certain prescribing trends. Report cards effective date on November 17, 2018.

S. 345 APRN expanding scope of practice, providing prescribing of C-II allows for practice of tele-medicine for APRN & Physician Assistants.

REGULATORY REVIEW: Ms. Hewson provided the Board with the 2017 Regulatory Review Report for approval. After review, the Board proposed limiting online continuing education credits to 10 hours. A **motion** was made by Dr. Van Veen to approve 10 hours of online CE only. The motion was seconded by Dr. Tucker and carried unanimously. A **motion** was made by Dr. Van Veen to approve the 2017 Regulatory Review Report with changes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Tucker and carried unanimously.

REPORTS / INFORMATION

- **Licensee Totals Report** – S.C. 953 licensed optometrists; 596 practice in S.C.; 357 practice out-of-state.
- **Endorsement Applicant Report** – 2 Optometrists were licensed in S.C. since February 21, 2018 – July 13, 2018.
- **Pending Applications** - 14
- **Financial Report** – Every year our budget fluctuates as we go into renewals. The director has reviewed are budget & is pleased of where we stand. We pulled in enough revenue with the renewals during the year and with applications so that we are in a good place.

SCOPA Annual Meeting: Approval of Administrator to travel to SCOPA Annual Meeting August 15-19, 2018. A **motion** was made by Dr. Van Veen and seconded by Dr. Tucker to allow the Board Administrator to travel to SCOPA to attend meeting and conduct elections. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS - Kara Harmon spoke to the Board concerning approval of continuing education for licensees participating in care of Special Olympics Healthy Athletes. They are one of the largest public health organizations that started back in 1997 with healthy athletes. They have eight different disciplines with free screening to the athletes. One of them is the Opening Eyes Programs that was original started in 1991.

Dr. Vaught had stated he didn't see any issue on getting it approved. Dr. Tucker agreed. Ms. Harmon stated she would be in contact with April regarding the specifics of the training & the certificate

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Board meeting is October 10th, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

A **motion** was made by Dr. Vaught to adjourn the meeting at 4:14 p.m. The motion was seconded by Dr. Tucker and carried unanimously.

These minutes are a record of the official actions taken by the Board and a summary of the meeting.