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The February meeting of the Board was convened in accordance with its notice to the Secretary of State, the Bergen Record, the Record of Hackensack, the Trenton Times, the Courier Post and the Star-Ledger and was conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

Secretary Michael Higgins convened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. A roll call was taken and the following attendance was recorded for these minutes:

PRESENT: Joseph Grodman, Michael Higgins, Gary Iavarone, and Jerry McMullin

EXCUSED OR ABSENT: NONE

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: NONE

Also in attendance: Dorcas K. O'Neal, Executive Director, Susan Berger, Deputy Attorney General, and Monica Carrington, staff.

I. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- a. **Election of Officers for 2011 - The Executive Director opened the floor for nomination for President of the Board. Gary Iavarone, nominated Michael Higgins. Executive Director Dorcas K. O'Neal, called for other nomination. Hearing none, she called for a motion to close the nomination. Mr. Higgins was unanimously elected.**

The Executive Director opened the floor for nomination for Secretary of the Board. Gary Iavarone, nominated Jay McMullin. Executive Director, Dorcas K. O'Neal called for other nominations. Hearing none, she called for a motion to close the nominations. Mr. McMullin was unanimously elected.

The Executive Director opened the floor for nomination for Treasurer of the Board. Jay McMullin, nominated Joseph Grodman. Executive Director, Dorcas K. O'Neal called for other nominations. Hearing none, she called for a motion to close the nominations. Mr. Grodman was unanimously elected.

President Higgins appointed Gary Iavarone to oversee the Rules and Regulations and Continuing Education Committees.

II. APPRENTICE MATTERS

- a. Anthony Casile, III submitted transcripts from Rochester Institute of Technology per the Board's request. He is applying for the apprentice ophthalmic dispenser permit. The Board reviewed the transcript provided by Mr. Casile, **it was the consensus of the Board to advise Mr. Casile that Rochester Institute of Technology is not an approved school and he should contact any accredited school where he can challenge the courses. The Board will allow him to apply for a Ophthalmic Technician Permit. Mr. Casile will be so advised.**

III. NEW BUSINESS

NONE

The Board reconvened in Public Session. The next scheduled meeting is March 16, 2011. There being no other business to come before the Board, on a motion by Jay McMullin and seconded by Joseph Grodman, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorcas K. O'Neal
Executive Director

