

**STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF OPHTHALMIC DISPENSERS
AND OPHTHALMIC TECHNICIANS
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
APRIL 11, 2007**

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

President Cohen convened the meeting at 9:15 a.m. A roll call was taken and the following attendance was recorded for these minutes:

PRESENT: Linda Cohen, Joseph Grodman, Michael Higgins, Gary Iavarone, Jane Kenny, Jerry McMullin and John Valeri, Esq.

EXCUSED OR ABSENT:

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: NONE

Also in attendance: Dorcas K. O'Neal, Executive Director, Tobey Palan, Deputy Attorney General, Monica Carrington, staff.

I. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES

The Board reviewed the Public Session Minutes for March 14, 2007. On a motion by John Valeri, seconded by Joseph Grodman, the minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

II. OLD BUSINESS

NONE

III. APPRENTICE MATTERS

a. The Board reviewed a letter submitted by Elsie Jakovics requesting to be excused from the March 2007 examination due to a family emergency. It was the consensus of the Board to grant an extension to the September 2007 examination. Ms. Jakovics will be so advised.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

a. The Board reviewed the Fiscal Year 2007 Budget Report - 1st half as informational. b. The Board reviewed the Board of Optometrists Regular Session Agenda for March 21, 2007 as informational. c. The Board reviewed the Board of Optometrists Regular Session Minutes for February 21, 2007. On page 4 items D and E reference is made to the notification sent by this Board to all optical establishments in the state. The Board of Optometry is advising its licensees that responding to the letter is on a "voluntary basis". The Board spoke with Mr. DeMarzo regarding this matter and he advised the Board that he would speak with the Optometry Board President and advise him that licensees should comply with the letter. d. The Board reviewed a list of Assembly Bills previously reviewed by the Board as informational.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

a. In other discussion Executive Director Dorcas O'Neal advised the Board that she had received a call from Nancy Mamms of the Ohio Optical Dispensing Board who advised that the National Committee of State Regulatory Boards have increased its fee from \$350.00 to \$700.00 per annum, New Jersey did not send a representative to the January meeting. Ms. Mamms stated that no reason was offered for the 100% increase nor

was an explanation given as to what value States would receive as a result of the increase. When she and her Board President questioned the reason, they received no satisfactory response.

She also advised that the State of Ohio is presently in contact with the FTC regarding establishing regulations for out of state vendors. Ohio is considering registration for such vendors. The Board had considered a registration in the past for out of state vendors selling in New Jersey.

There being no other business to come before the Board in Public Session, on a motion made and seconded, the Board convened in Executive Session to receive counsel, to review one apprentice matter(CBC), one consumer complaint, and six matters of old business.

The Board reconvened in Public Session. The next scheduled meeting will be held on May 9, 2007. There being no other business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorcas K. O'Neal
Executive Director