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The May meeting of the Board was convened in accordance with its notice to the Secretary of State, Lt. Governor, the Bergen Record, the Record of Hackensack, the Trenton Times, the Courier Post, the Star Ledger and was posted at the Division's website. The meeting was conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

President Michael Higgins convened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. A roll call was taken and the following attendance was recorded for these minutes:

PRESENT: Peter Goetz, Michael Higgins, Gary Iavarone, Jay McMullin, and Norman Schleiffer

EXCUSED OR ABSENT:

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: NONE

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

I. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES FOR APRIL 9, 2014

The Board reviewed the Public Session Minutes for April 9, 2014. **On a motion by Peter Goetz, seconded by Gary Iavarone, the minutes were unanimously approved as corrected.**

II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Executive Director opened the floor for nominations for President of the Board. Board member Peter Goetz nominated Michael Higgins. Nominations were closed. The Board unanimously elected Michael Higgins as President.

The floor was open for nominations for Secretary to the Board. Board member Jay McMullin nominated Norman Schleiffer. Nominations were closed. The Board unanimously elected Norman Schleiffer, Secretary to the Board.

The floor was open for nominations for Treasurer to the Board. Board member Jay McMullin nominated Peter Goetz. Nominations were closed. The Board unanimously elected Peter Goetz, Treasurer to the Board.

III. ETHICS REVIEW

- a. **Robert Campanelli - Division of Ethics Officer gave an overview of ethics for Board Members.**

IV. STATUTES AND LEGISLATION

- a. **The Board reviewed the List of Ophthalmic Rulemaking by Regulatory Analyst Chuck Manning as informational.**

V. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **The Board reviewed a memo from James M. Morris, Esq. American Board of Opticianry & National Contact Lens Examiners, Executive Director regarding future ABO and NCLE Exam administrations as informational.**

VI. OTHER BUSINESS/INFORMATIONAL

- a. **Narda Pelham of Arnold & Porter, LLP submitted a letter asking whether a non-resident manufacturer of contact lens can ship contact lenses directly to patients in New Jersey and whether there are any licensing or other requirements. Secondly, she asked whether an entity, licensed in its home state as a pharmacy, can ship contact lenses directly to patients and whether there are licensing or other requirements. The Board found the questions to be vague and requests specific questions. The Board will also forward this inquiry to the Board of Pharmacy and the Board of Optometrists.**
- b. **Jeanne Sciacchitano submitted a letter requesting that the Board review her transcript from Suffolk County Community College to see if she can sit for the next Ophthalmic Dispensers Examination. It was the consensus of the Board to advise Ms. Sciacchitano that she must contact the Commission of Accreditation to find out if Suffolk County College was an approved school in 1994. She must also take the courses missing in her transcripts.**

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

There being is no other business to come before the Board in Public Session, on a motion by Norman Schleiffer seconded by Jay McMullin, the Public Session was adjourned and the Board convened in Executive Session for the purpose of receiving counsel, to review six matters of old business, to review one complaint, to review one matter under investigation, to review one advertisement and one matter of new business.

The Board reconvened in Public Session. The next scheduled meeting is June 11, 2014. There being no other business to come before the Board, on a motion by Jay McMullin and seconded by Peter Goetz, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorcas K. O'Neal
Executive Director