

STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF OPHTHALMIC DISPENSERS
AND OPHTHALMIC TECHNICIANS
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
JULY 9, 2008

The July 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.

President Cohen convened the meeting at 9:00 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, Jerry McMullian, and John Valeri, Esq.

EXCUSED OR ABSENT: Jane Kenny

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: NONE

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

I. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES

The Board reviewed the Public Session Minutes for April 9, 2008. On a motion by Michael Higgins, seconded by Jay McMullin, the minutes were unanimously approved as amended.

II. OLD BUSINESS/REAGENDIZED

NONE

III. APPRENTICE MATTERS

NONE

IV. NEW BUSINESS

a. The Board reviewed a letter from Russell Hess resigning as exam consultant for the written portion of the State Board examination. It was the consensus of the Board to ask Mr. Hess to proctor the September 2008 examination while the board prepares a request for proposal for bidding by new proctors or organizations for the 2009 examination. Also President Cohen will conduct an exit interview for Mr. Hess.

b. The Board reviewed an email from Jeanne Giordano of Raritan Valley Community College stating that all facility fees will be waived for the September 2008 examination, as informational.

c. The Board reviewed an email from Michelle Tomlinson on behalf of Mr. LeGrand of LeGrand Associates inquiring as to whether he needs an Ocularist license in New Jersey to practice. It was the consensus of the Board to check with the Board of Prosthetics to inquire whether they license Ocularist.

d. R. Gonzalez submitted a fax inquiring as to whether photocopied or facsimile prescriptions presented by the patient are valid for eyeglasses and whether out-of-state/country prescriptions for eyeglasses/contact lenses are valid in New Jersey. As to question one an ophthalmic dispenser may accept a valid prescription photocopied or by facsimile. As to question two, out-of-state/country prescriptions for eyeglass/contact lenses may be accepted. Mr. Gonzales will be so advised.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

There being is no other business to come before the Board, on a motion by John Valeri seconded by Michael Higgins the Public Session was adjourned and the Board convened in Executive Session for the purpose of receiving counsel, to conduct two investigative inquiry, to review one consumer complaint, to review five criminal history summaries, three inspection of premises, and three matters of old business.

The Board reconvened in Public Session. The next scheduled meeting is September 10, 2008. There being no other business to come before the Board, on a motion made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorcas K. O'Neal
Executive Director