



**New Jersey State Board of Ophthalmic Dispensers
and Ophthalmic Technicians Minutes
Public Session Minutes
July 10, 2002**

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

Acting Chair, Linda Cohen convened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. A roll call was taken and the following attendance was recorded for these minutes.

PRESENT:

Theodore Bucon
Linda Cohen
Michael Higgins
Jane Kenny
Norman Schleiffer
John Valeri, Esq.

ABSENT:

Robert Kubick
Robert Troast, President
Dorcas K. O'Neal, Executive Director

Public Attendees:

NONE

Also in Attendance:

Rhonda Pope Stephens, Deputy Attorney General; Linda Goba and Monica Perkins, Staff.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the Public Session Minutes of June 12, 2002. On a motion by Jane Kenny seconded by John Valeri the minutes were approved as submitted.

II. APPRENTICE MATTERS

a. Examination review from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. The following candidates attend this review:

Michael Notare Katherine May Jeffrey Miller
Scott Emery Ana Duarte Chanelle Giordano
Joseph Susitzky Caren Stern Gregory Mayliker
Benedict Samedi Morency Lesly Pius Nwagwn

The following candidates requested a review but failed to appear:

John Klopher Nancy Simmers Jamie Mazzarilli
Michelle Henderson Sonia Luna

During the examination review the Board discovered a technical error for Candidates number 211 and 243 on the shop portion of the examination; and Candidate number 217 on the dispensing portion of the examination. After reviewing all necessary information, the score for each candidate was corrected. Each candidate will be notified in writing by the staff.

III. STATUTES AND LEGISLATION

a. Mail Order Contact Lens Act - Susan Gartland, Executive Director of the Board of Optometry forwarded a copy of the Nebraska statutes pertaining to mail order contact lens. **On a motion by Michael Higgins seconded by Norman Schleiffer the Board will reagendaize this matter for further discussion.**

IV. OLD BUSINESS

a. U.S. Safety Eyewear - Clarification on the Board's decision to notice. PSE&G for possible violations. **On a motion by Ted Bucon seconded by John Valeri, the Board staff will forward a letter to PSE&G stating that U.S. Safety is not licensed to dispense in New Jersey. A copy of the statutes will be forwarded to U.S. Safety Eyewear in Lenexa, Kansas.**

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Peter Bratton TD-1578 submitted a letter expressing his dissatisfaction with this years renewal process. **On a motion by Jane Kenny seconded by John Valeri, a letter will be sent to Mr. Bratton explaining that the Division converted to a new system during the renewal ophthalmic dispensers and ophthalmic technicians and other boards and a number of delays were experienced within the Division. The Executive Director will advise the Division of the concerns.**

b. Luz E. Hunton TD-2076 submitted a letter requesting that the renewal fees for the 1998-1999 and 2000-2001 be waived as she was not working as an optician. **On a motion by Norman Schleiffer seconded by Michael Higgins the Board unanimously determined that Ms. Hunton must pay the renewal fees.**

There being no other business to come before the Board in Public Session, on a motion by Norman Schleiffer seconded by Jane Kenny, the meeting was adjourned. The Board convened into Executive Session for the purpose of receiving counsel, to conduct five (5) fact finding hearings, to review two consumer complaints, one advertisement, and one matter in old business.

The Board reconvened in Public Session. The meeting for August 14, 2002 has been canceled. The next scheduled

meeting will be held on September 18, 2002. State Board Examinations will be held on September 24-25, 2002 at Camden County College in Blackwood, New Jersey.

There being no other business to come before the Board on a motion by Michael Higgins seconded by Ted Bucon, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully yours,

Dorcas K. O'Neal
Executive Director

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