

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

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, 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, Gary Iavarone, Jerry McMullin, and John Valeri, Esq.

**EXCUSED OR ABSENT:** Michael Higgins and Jane Kenny

**PUBLIC ATTENDEES:** NONE

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

**I. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the Public Session Minutes for June 13, 2007. On a motion by Gary Iavarone, seconded by Joseph Grodman, the minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

**III. LEGISLATION/REGULATION**

a. The Board reviewed the proposed amendment N.J.A.C. 13:33-5.1 Record of Prescriptions filled. It was the consensus of the Board to table this matter until the next meeting. Chuck Manning, Regulatory Analyst will draft two versions of the regulation for Board review. Reagendized.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

a. The Board reviewed a letter from Coleen Spence regarding filling prescriptions from foreign countries. On a motion by Jay McMullin seconded by John Valeri, the Board unanimously determined that she may fill a prescription from a foreign as long as its written in the English language.

b. The Board reviewed the Board of Optometrist Regular Session Agenda for June 20, 2007 as informational.

c. The Board reviewed a letter from Jeffrey Ross, OD requesting to be grandfathered in as an Ophthalmic Dispenser. On a motion by Jay McMullin seconded by Joseph Grodman, the Board unanimously determined that Dr. Ross must sit for the Ophthalmic Dispensers examination and the education requirements will be waived.

d. The Board reviewed a letter from Angela Nazarian requesting to switch from the A.A.S. degree to the apprentice program and continue to sit for the Ophthalmic Dispensers Exam. On a motion by Gary Iavarone seconded by Jay McMullin, the Board unanimously determined that she must renew her permit and that she would be allowed to sit for the September 2007 examination.

e. The Board reviewed an email from Barbara Bednar regarding eye examination and a copy of her prescriptions. It was the consensus of the Board that the complaint has insufficient detail and more information is needed in

order to respond to the question. Ms. Bednar will be so advised.

f. The Board reviewed a temporary application from Marc Silver requesting that instead of applying for an Temporary Ophthalmic Dispenser Permit, he would like to sit for the September 2007 Dispensers examination. On a motion by John Valeri, seconded by Jay McMullin, after reviewing all of Mr. Silver's credentials, he will be allowed to sit for the September 2007 exam. Mr. Silver will be so advised.

## **V. OTHER BUSINESS**

NONE

There being no other business to come before the Board, on a motion by Jay McMullin, seconded by John Valeri the Public Session was adjourned and the Board convened in Executive Session for the purpose of receiving counsel to review four items of old business, one consumer complaint, one inspection of premise report and one item of new business.

The Board reconvened in Public Session. The next scheduled meeting is August 8, 2007. There being no other business to come before the Board, on a motion by Gary Iavarone seconded by Joseph Grodman the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorcas K. O'Neal  
Executive Director