

**STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF OPHTHALMIC DISPENSERS  
AND OPHTHALMIC TECHNICIANS  
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES  
July 19, 2006  
FINAL**

The July meeting of the Board was convened in accordance with its notice to the Secretary of State, The Record of Hackensack, Trenton Times, 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 9:10 a.m.

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

**EXCUSED OR ABSENT:** Jane Kenny

Also in attendance: Dorcas K. O'Neal, Executive Director, Tobey Palan, Deputy Attorney General, Kathleen Griffith, Darlene Kane, and Bonnie Sheppard, staff.

**APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES for June 14, 2006.**

The Board reviewed the Public Session Minutes for June 14, 2006. On a motion made and seconded, the Public Session Minutes for June 14, 2006 were approved as amended.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**APPRENTICE MATTER**

I/M/O KIMBERLY VITA. Apprentice dispenser Vita wrote the Board asking permission to take the September 2006 technician's exam rather than the qualifying technical exam. On a motion by John Valeri, seconded by Joseph Grodman, Ms. Vita is directed to take the technician's exam in September, 2006. After finishing school and the four-month apprenticeship, she must take the dispensing exam. Ms. Vita will be so advised.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. The Board accepted the letter of agreement from Russell B. Hess to administer the written Board examinations for FY 2007.

**LEGISLATION/REGULATION**

A. A3495. Concerning the dispensing of contact lenses and amending and supplementing various parts of statutory law. The Board supports this bill.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Philip Lehr, Vice President of the Opticians Association of New Jersey, asked the Board how the money is used that is collected in fines resulting from inspections. He further commented on the differences in qualifications between students coming out of a 2-year course of study and three-year apprentices. President Cohen asked Mr. Lehr to submit his questions in writing so that the Board can review his concerns.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

A. The Board reviewed as informational the monthly revenue report for June 2006.

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, conduct two investigative inquiries and review two items of old business, one consumer complaint and two applications.

The Board reconvened in Public Session. The August meeting will be canceled. The next scheduled meeting is September 13, 2006. There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorcas K. O'Neal  
Executive Director