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The December 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: Michael Higgins, Gary Iavarone, Jay McMullin, and Norman Schleiffer

EXCUSED OR ABSENT: Peter Goetz

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 NOVEMBER 13, 2013

The Board reviewed the Public Session Minutes for November 13, 2013. **On a motion by Jay McMullin, seconded by Gary Iavarone the minutes were unanimously approved as corrected.**

The Board adjourned the Public Session in order to hold examination reviews.

The Board held examination reviews for the October 2013 examination from 9:10 a.m.-10:30 a.m. There were 18 candidates scheduled for review and 18 candidates attended the examination review.

The Board reconvened in Public Session to complete the Public Agenda.

II. OLD BUSINESS

NONE

III. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Robert Bayer** submitted a letter to get clarification as to what constitutes a legal prescription in New Jersey. As optometrists and ophthalmologist are using a number of computer generated copies of prescriptions brought to the office by patients who were assured by their doctors that this is a prescription. **On a motion by Gary Iavarone seconded by Jay McMullin, the Board unanimously voted to advise Mr. Bayer that the law did not change and the NJ prescription blank must be used. Mr. Bay will also be advised that he can file a complaint with the Board of Optometrists and the Board of Medical Examiners. Mr. Bayer will be so advised.**

IV. STATUTES AND LEGISLATION

V. OTHER BUSINESS/INFORMATIONAL

- a. **Deborah Miller** submitted a letter requesting an extension to obtain 1 continuing educational credit to satisfy the credits that should have been completed during the biennial period 01/01/12-12/31/13. **On a motion by Jay McMullin, seconded by Gary Iavarone, the Board unanimously voted to grant an extension until June 1, 2014. Ms. Miller will be so advised.**

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There being is no other business to come before the Board in Public Session, on a motion by Gary Iavarone seconded by Jay McMullin, the Public Session was adjourned and the Board convened in Executive Session for the purpose of receiving counsel, to review five matters of old business and to review one criminal background check.

The Board reconvened in Public Session. The next scheduled meeting is January 8, 2014. There being no other business to come before the Board, on a motion by Norman Schleiffer and seconded by Gary Iavarone, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorcas K. O'Neal
Executive Director

