

**STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF OPHTHALMIC DISPENSERS
AND OPHTHALMIC TECHNICIANS
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
December 14, 2005**

The December 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.

President 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:

Michael Higgins Theodore Bucon
Gary Iavarone Joseph Grodman
Jerry McMullin John Valeri, Esq.
Jane Kenny Linda Cohen, President

ABSENT: NONE

Public Attendees: NONE

Also in Attendance: Dorcas K. O'Neal, Executive Director; Susan Gartland, Managing Executive Director; Tobey Palan, Deputy Attorney General; Linda Goba and Monica Carrington, staff.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the Public Session Minutes of November 9, 2005. On a motion by John Valeri seconded by Jay McMullin, the Board unanimously approved the minutes as submitted.

II. OLD BUSINESS

a. Paul Chandler - awaiting copies of the six credits to be approved by the Board prior to granting an extension to the first quarter of 2006. This matter will be reagendaized upon receipt of the six credits.

III. APPRENTICE MATTERS

a. The Board conducted examination reviews for the September 27-28, 2005 examination. The following candidates attended this review:

Lisa Ganzaroli Rachel Applegate Arilys Niler
Marisaba Gonzalez Michelle Bastos Michael Baker
Daniel Field Mitchell Dickman Lisa Reid
Edward Epstein Desiree Cappiello Harrison Rosenberg
Chris Tait Milton Bondar Wendy Taylor
Alvaro Cordova Henry Hong Jessica Amato
Kathleen Baumann Kenneth Pearce Dennis Cardillo

The following candidates were scheduled for a review but failed to appear:

Jamie Mazzarelli
Avila Austin

Eric Shenenberger
Gregory Metchnick
Tom O'Reilly

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- a. The Board reviewed the Division of Law Billing as informational.
- b. The Board reviewed a letter from Bangs Avenue School Principal, Howard L. Mednick requesting a list of dispensers who can work with the school nurse and a list of purveyors who may discount glasses to students in need. It was the consensus of the Board to advise Mr. Mednick that the Board does not refer opticians, but will forward a copy of this letter to the Opticians Association of New Jersey.
- c. The Board reviewed the Board of Optometrists Regular Session Agenda of November 16, 2005 as informational.
- d. The Board reviewed Board of Optometrists Regular Session Minutes of September 21, 2005 as informational.
- e. The Board reviewed an invitation to the National Committee of State Opticianry Regulatory Board in Savannah, GA on January 27-28-2006. Mr. Higgins is current president of NCSORB. On a motion by Gary Iavarone seconded by Jay McMullin, the Board unanimously approved that attendance of Dorcas K. O'Neal, Executive Director and Michael Higgins, Professional member of the Board, at the National meeting, pending approval by the Governor's Office.

V. STATUTES AND LEGISLATION

- a. The Board reviewed its Proposed Amendments: N.J.A.C. 13:33-8.8, Fee Schedule. On a motion by John Valeri, seconded by Gary Iavarone the Board unanimously voted to adopt the new Fee Schedule, to be published.
- b. The Board reviewed its proposed rule: Subchapter 9 - Registration for out-of-state contact lens sellers. The Board reviewed 13:33-9.1 - 13:33-9.6. This matter will be reagendaized.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Mr. Troast contacted the Board office via telephone requesting Board approval to order stock progressive lens for the examination as the round seg model is no longer available. Mr. Troast also advised, that the difference in price is \$15.00 per pair. On a motion by Joseph Grodman seconded by Gary Iavarone, the Board unanimously approved that the consultant may order flat tops and progressives for the examination.

There being no other business to come before the Board in Public Session, on a motion by Joseph Grodman seconded by Michael Higgins, the meeting was adjourned. The Board convened into Executive Session for the purpose of receiving counsel, to hold one investigative inquiry, to review two criminal background checks, to review two complaints, to review one item of new business and five matters of old business.

The Board reconvened in Public Session. The next scheduled meeting will be held on January 11, 2006. There being no other business to come before the Board the meeting has adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorcas K. O'Neal
Executive Director