

**New Jersey State Board of Optometrists
Regular Session Minutes
January 12, 2005**

A regular meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Optometrists was held at 124 Halsey Street, Newark on the 6th floor on Wednesday, January 12, 2005. Mitchell Fink, O.D., President of the Board, announced that pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 321, P.L., notice of this meeting was prepared in the office of the Board and mailed out to the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, the Star Ledger, the Record, the Press of Atlantic City, the Asbury Park Press, and the Trenton Times. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. A roll call was taken and the following attendance was recorded:

GIGETTE COLLAZO, O.D. Present
GORDON COMPTON Present
MITCHELL FINK, O.D. Present
JOHN FLORIO, O.D. Present
MAYOR JAMES GUIDA Present
JOSE JIMENEZ JR. Absent
JOSEPH SCHKOLNICK, O.D. Present
LEONARD STEINER, O.D. Present

Also present were: SUSAN H. GARTLAND, Executive Director; CARMEN RODRIGUEZ, Deputy Attorney General; LISA PETROWSKI, Assistant to the Executive Director.

I. Public Comment

II. Election of Officers for 2005

Executive Director, Susan H. Gartland, took the chair to conduct the election of Board Officers for 2005.

Mrs. Gartland called for nominations for President and a motion was made by Dr. Steiner and seconded by Mayor Guida to nominate Dr. Fink for President of the Board for 2005. Mrs. Gartland called for further nominations and there were none. Dr. Steiner then made a motion, seconded by Mayor Guida to close the nominations and elect Dr. Fink President of the Board by acclamation. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

Mrs. Gartland called for nominations for Vice President and a motion was made by Dr. Steiner and seconded by Mayor Guida to nominate Dr. Collazo for Vice President of the Board for 2005. Mrs. Gartland called for further nominations and there were none. Dr. Schkolnick then made a motion, seconded by Mr. Compton to close the nominations and elect Dr. Collazo Vice President of the Board by acclamation. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

Mrs. Gartland called for nominations for Secretary and a motion was made by Dr. Steiner and seconded by Dr. Florio to nominate Mr. Compton for Secretary of the Board for 2005. Mrs. Gartland called for further nominations and there were none. Dr. Steiner then made a motion, seconded by Mayor Guida to close the nominations and elect Mr. Compton Secretary of the Board by acclamation. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

Dr. Fink took the seat as President of the Board and presided over the remaining portion of the meeting.

III. Approval of Regular Session Minutes

A. December 15, 2004

A motion was made by Dr. Collazo and seconded by Mr. Compton to accept the December 15, 2004 Regular Session Minutes as presented. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

IV. Old Business

A. Discussion

RE: Therapeutic Pharmaceutical Agent Certification

The Board discussed administrative issues in preparation of the credentialing process that will take place in the future due to the August 7, 2004 enactment of Assembly, No. 2825, which revises the scope of practice of optometrists. The Board will further discuss administrative issues regarding TPA certification for New Jersey licensed optometrists once requirements are in place for prescribing oral medications.

V. For Your Information

A. Department of Banking and Insurance

Medical Malpractice Liability Insurance Premium Assistance Fund

Special Adopted and Concurrent Proposed New Rules: N.J.A.C. 11:27-7

December 20, 2004 issue of the New Jersey Register

The Board reviewed the Medical Malpractice Liability Insurance Premium Assistance Fund Special Adopted and Concurrent Proposed New Rules: N.J.A.C. 11:27.7. A motion was made by Mr. Compton and seconded by Mayor Guida to submit a comment to the Department of Banking and Insurance concerning 11:27-7.2 as it states, "New Jersey State Board of Optometry" and should be amended to state, "New Jersey State Board of Optometrists". A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

B. Signed Assurance of Voluntary Compliance Letter

1. Gina Sclafani, O.D.

The Board is in receipt of a signed Assurance of Voluntary Compliance letter from Gina Sclafani, O.D. for violation of N.J.A.C. 13:38-1.2(c)5 General advertising practices. An Assurance of Voluntary Compliance letter is a letter of warning with no disciplinary action taken against Dr. Sclafani. The Board considers this matter to be concluded.

C. New Jersey State Board of Examiners of Ophthalmic Dispensers and Ophthalmic Technicians October 13, 2004 Public Session Minutes and January 12, 2005 Public Session Agenda

The Board reviewed the New Jersey State Board of Examiners of Ophthalmic Dispensers and Ophthalmic Technicians October 13, 2004 Public Session Minutes and January 12, 2005 Public Session Agenda and considered them informational.

VI. Adjournment

A motion was made by Dr. Steiner and seconded by Dr. Collazo to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 2:00 P.M. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Gartland
Executive Director