

**New Jersey State Board Of Optometrists
Regular Session Minutes
April 16, 2003**

A regular meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Optometrists was held at 124 Halsey Street, Newark on the 6th floor on Wednesday, April 16, 2003. Leonard Steiner, 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
JOSEPH SCHKOLNICK, O.D.	Present
LEONARD STEINER, O.D.	Present
LEONARD STRULOWITZ, O.D.	Present
RALPH WHITE	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. Approval of Regular Session Minutes

A. March 19, 2003

A motion was made by Dr. Fink and seconded by Mr. Compton to accept the March 19, 2003 Regular Session Minutes as amended. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

III. New Business

A. Letter from Janet L. Carter, O.D., Secretary -Treasurer, Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry RE: 84th Annual Meeting (June 15-17, 2003)

A motion was made by Dr. Fink and seconded by Mr. Compton to send the Vice President to the Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry's 2003 Annual Meeting in June of 2003. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

B. Letter from Suzanne R. Offen, O.D. RE: New Jersey's Premier Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine Group March, 2003 Newsletter

The Board reviewed the New Jersey Premier Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine Group's March, 2003 Newsletter submitted by Dr. Offen. The Board noted that the newsletter states, "Vision testing consists of vision field scanning and a visual acuity test (a standard eye chart test)". The Board further noted that the newsletter does not include a designation of the abbreviation for doctor. A motion was made by Dr. Fink and seconded by Dr.

Collazo to refer this matter to the Acupuncture Examining Board for their review to determine if this is within the scope of practice of an acupuncturist. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

C. Memorandum from Darlene Kane, Budget Analyst
RE: 2003 1st Half Budget Report

The Board reviewed the memorandum from Darlene Kane, Budget Analyst regarding the 2003 1st Half Budget Report and considered it informational.

D. Memorandum from the National Board of Examiners in Optometry
RE: Change of Policy for Sponsored Candidates

The Board reviewed the memorandum from the National Board of Examiners in Optometry regarding the change of policy for sponsored candidates and considered it informational.

E. Policy on covering optometrists

Dr. Steiner, Board President, assigned Board member, Joseph Schkolnick, O.D. to draft a policy concerning procedures for optometrists to take when covering for another optometrist on vacation.

IV. Old Business

A. Letter from Richard Wiener, O.D.
RE: Explanation of answer on renewal

Dr. Wiener advised the New Jersey State Board of Optometrists ("the Board") that he had a public reprimand placed on his Pennsylvania license. The New Jersey Board notified the Pennsylvania Board of Optometry of Dr. Wiener's disciplinary action in this State. Pennsylvania then placed a public reprimand on his license in Pennsylvania for the New Jersey matter. The Board will keep this information in Dr. Wiener's licensee file.

B. Letter from Rosanna Lovecchio, O.D.
RE: Civil penalty payment arrangement

A Provisional Order of Discipline was filed January 15, 2003 in the matter of Rosanna Lovecchio, O.D. for violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.2(c) Reinstatement and N.J.S.A. 45:12-9.3 Credits necessary. The Board is in receipt of her first payment in the amount of \$1,700.00 towards the \$5,000.00 civil penalty. Dr. Lovecchio inquired whether the Board would permit her to pay the remaining balance of \$3,300.00 in fifteen monthly installments of \$220.00. A motion was made by Dr. Fink and seconded by Mr. Compton to advise Dr. Lovecchio that the Board will permit her to pay the remaining balance in fifteen monthly installments of \$220.00 on the first of each month. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

V. For Your Information

A. Signed Assurance of Voluntary Compliance letters

1. William Moskowitz, O.D.

The Board is in receipt of a signed Assurance of Voluntary Compliance letter from William Moskowitz, O.D. for violation of N.J.A.C. 13:38-1.2(l) General advertising practices. The Board considers this matter to be concluded.

2. Ira Hanlon, O.D.

The Board is in receipt of a signed Assurance of Voluntary Compliance letter from Ira Hanlon, O.D. for violation of N.J.A.C. 13:38-1.2(l) General advertising practices. The Board considers this matter to be concluded.

3. John Pirro, O.D.

The Board is in receipt of a signed Assurance of Voluntary Compliance letter from John Pirro, O.D. for violation of N.J.A.C. 13:38-1.2(l) General advertising practices. The Board considers this matter to be concluded.

4. Rosanna Lovecchio, O.D.

The Board is in receipt of a signed Assurance of Voluntary Compliance letter from Rosanna Lovecchio, O.D. for violation of N.J.A.C. 13:38-1.2(c)6 General advertising practices. The Board considers this matter to be concluded.

5. Frederick Buensuceso, O.D.

The Board is in receipt of a signed Assurance of Voluntary Compliance letter from Frederick Buensuceso, O.D. for violation of N.J.A.C. 13:38-1.2(l) General advertising practices. The Board considers this matter to be concluded.

6. Katherine Klopfer, O.D.

The Board is in receipt of a signed Assurance of Voluntary Compliance letter from Katherine Klopfer, O.D. for violation of N.J.A.C. 13:38-1.4(d) Optometric practice under assumed names and disclosure of practitioner names. The Board considers this matter to be concluded.

7. Nasrine Shadpoor, O.D.

The Board is in receipt of a signed Assurance of Voluntary Compliance letter from Nasrine Shadpoor, O.D. for violation of N.J.A.C. 13:38-1.4(d) Optometric practice under assumed names and disclosure of practitioner names. The Board considers this matter to be concluded.

8. Trinae Rosato, O.D.

The Board is in receipt of a signed Assurance of Voluntary Compliance letter from Trinae Rosato, O.D. for violation of N.J.A.C. 13:38-1.4(d) Optometric practice under assumed names and disclosure of practitioner names. N.J.S.A. 45:12-26 Titles not authorized. The Board considers this matter to be concluded.

9. Elizabeth Huynh, O.D.

The Board is in receipt of a signed Assurance of Voluntary Compliance letter from Elizabeth Huynh, O.D. for violation of N.J.A.C. 13:38-1.4(d) Optometric practice under assumed names and disclosure of practitioner names. The Board considers this matter to be concluded.

B. American Optometric Association April 7, 2003 Bulletin

The Board reviewed the American Optometric Association April 7, 2003 Bulletin and considered it informational.

VI. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. White 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

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