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Regular Session Minutes

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A regular meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Optometrists was held at 124 Halsey Street, Newark on the 6th floor on Wednesday, June 16, 2010. **Mitchell Fink, O.D., President of the Board**, announced that pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act 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:

CLARIBEL AZCONA-BARBER	Present
DANIEL DESRIVIERES, O.D.	Present
GIGETTE COLLAZO HARFST, O.D.	Present
MITCHELL FINK, O.D.	Present
JOHN FLORIO, O.D.	Present

Also present were: **CARMEN RODRIGUEZ, Deputy Attorney General; LISA AFFINITO, Executive Director**

- I. Public Comment**
- II. Approval of Regular Session Minutes**

A. May 19, 2010

A motion was made by Dr. Harfst and seconded by Dr. Desrivieres to approve the May 19, 2010 Public Session Minutes as amended. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- III. Board Review of New Jersey Administrative Code Title 13, Chapter 38 New Jersey State Board of Optometrists Subchapter 7. Continuing Professional Optometric Education**

The Board completed their review of Administrative Code Title 13, Chapter 38 New Jersey State Board of Optometrists Subchapter 7. Continuing Professional Optometric Education and made recommendations for additional language or clarification of existing language.

IV. New Business

- A. Letter from Christopher Mireski
RE: Keratoconus

Mr. Mireski advised the Board that he is conducting a research project on Keratoconus. Mr. Mireski inquired whether the examination required for licensure includes questions involving Keratoconus. Mr. Mireski also asked for a copy of the questions related to Keratoconus that were on the examination.

A motion was made by Dr. Desrivieres and seconded by Dr. Harfst to advise Mr. Mireski that the examination required for licensure is administered by the National Board of Examiners in Optometry and the Board is not privy to the questions on the examination. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- B. Letter from Robin Semegran, O.D.
RE: Extended Ophthalmoscopy

Dr. Semegran advised the Board that Nippon Life Insurance Company challenged her authority to perform extended ophthalmoscopy. Dr. Semegran informed the Board that Nippon Life Insurance Company asked her to obtain a statement from New Jersey State Board of Optometrists concerning whether extended ophthalmoscopy was within the scope of practice of optometry.

A motion was made by Dr. Florio and seconded by Dr. Harfst to advise Dr. Semegran that extended ophthalmoscopy is within the scope of practice of optometry. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

V. For Your Information

- A. Modified Consent Order filed May 19, 2010
In the matter of Randolph Kinkade, O.D.

The Board is in receipt of a Modified Consent Order filed May 19, 2010 in the matter of Randolph Kinkade, O.D. for violation of N.J.S.A. 45:12-1, N.J.S.A. 45:12-19, N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(d) and N.J.A.C. 13:38-2.1. Dr. Kinkade's license to practice optometry is suspended. The Board considers this matter to be concluded.

- B. New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners
June 9, 2010 Open Board Agenda

The Board reviewed the New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners June 9, 2010 Open Board Agenda and considered it informational.

- C. New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners
June 9, 2010 Open Agenda of Disciplinary Matters Pending Conclusion

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D. New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners
April 14, 2010 Open Board Minutes

The Board reviewed the New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners April 14, 2010 Open Board Minutes and considered them informational.

E. New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners
April 14, 2010 Open Minutes of Disciplinary Matters Pending Conclusion

The Board reviewed the New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners April 14, 2010 Open Minutes of Disciplinary Matters Pending Conclusion and considered them informational.

Upon a motion made by Dr. Harfst and seconded by Mrs. Barber, the Board voted to go into Executive Session to discuss the following matters involving investigations or violations of the Board's enabling act, the Uniform Enforcement Act and/or Board regulations.

1. Three matters filed with the board which require review and additional recommendations with regard to investigations and/or actions.
2. Six matters where additional information has been submitted to the Board concerning pending investigations.

VI. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mrs. Barber and seconded by Dr. Harfst 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,

Lisa Affinito
Executive Director