

**New Jersey State Board of Optometrists
Regular Session Minutes
July 16, 2008**

A regular meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Optometrists was held at 124 Halsey Street, Newark on the 6th floor on Wednesday, July 16, 2008. Leonard Steiner, 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:

PAUL BENT Present
GIGETTE COLLAZO HARFST, O.D. Present
RICHARD FAVREAU, O.D. Absent
MITCHELL FINK, O.D. Present
JOHN FLORIO, O.D. Present
LEONARD STEINER, O.D. Present

Also present were: CARMEN RODRIGUEZ, Deputy Attorney General; LISA PETROWSKI, Assistant to the Executive Director; SUSAN GARTLAND, Representative of the Division of Consumer Affairs; Sara Cornetto, Law Clerk

I. Public Comment

II. Approval of Regular Session Minutes

A. June 18, 2008

A motion was made by Dr. Fink and seconded by Dr. Harfst to approve the June 18, 2008 Regular Session Minutes as amended. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

III. New Business

A. Letter from Nasrine A. Shadpoor, O.D.
RE: Contact Lenses

Dr. Shadpoor inquired whether it is permissible to have an office policy that requires patients to purchase their first supply of contact lenses from the optometric office.

A motion was made by Dr. Harfst and seconded by Mr. Bent to advise Dr. Shadpoor that it is prohibited by Federal law for a prescriber to require a patient to purchase contact lenses. Dr. Shadpoor will be referred to the Federal Trade Commission's website at www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/pubs/huspubs/contact.shtm. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

B. Letter from Carl Pecoraro, O.D.
RE: Optometric Scope of Practice

Dr. Pecoraro inquired whether corneal debridement to remove filamentary keratitis filaments is within the scope of the practice of optometry.

A motion was made by Dr. Fink and seconded by Dr. Harfst to advise Dr. Pecoraro that corneal debridement to remove filamentary keratitis filaments is within the scope of practice of optometry. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

IV. For Your Information

A. Notice from the Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry

RE: Proposed Changes to ARBO Bylaws

The Board reviewed a notice from the Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry regarding proposed changes to ARBO bylaws and considered it informational.

Upon a motion made by Dr. Harfst and seconded by Dr. Fink, 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 requires review and additional recommendations with regard to investigations and/or actions.
2. Two matters where additional information has been submitted to the Board concerning pending investigations.

V. Adjournment

A motion was made by Dr. Florio and seconded by Mr. Bent 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,

Leonard Steiner, O.D.
Board President