

**New Jersey State Board of Optometrists  
Regular Session Minutes  
November 19, 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, November 19, 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 9:10 A.M. A roll call was taken and the following attendance was recorded:

PAUL BENT Absent  
GIGETTE COLLAZO HARFST, O.D. Present  
RICHARD FAVREAU, O.D. Present  
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

**I. Public Comment**

**II. Approval of Regular Session Minutes**

A. October 15, 2008

A motion was made by Dr. Fink and seconded by Dr. Harfst to approve the October 15, 2008 Regular Session Minutes as amended. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**III. New Business**

A. Letter from the Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry RE: Request for Board Approval of Council of Optometric Practitioner Education (COPE) Course Reviewer

The Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry requested the Board's approval of Michael McAleese, O.D. as a COPE Course Reviewer.

A motion was made by Dr. Fink and seconded by Dr. Harfst to advise the Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry that it approves of Michael McAleese as a COPE Course Reviewer. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

B. Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry, Inc.  
RE: OE Tracker and Continuing Education Auditing

The Board reviewed a questionnaire from the Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry (ARBO) concerning the New Jersey State Board of Optometrists' continuing education auditing process.

The Board will advise the Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry that documentation of continuing professional optometric education credit must comply with N.J.A.C. 13:38-7.6.

C. Letter from Russell Kateman, O.D.  
RE: Credentialing Course

Dr. Kateman is licensed to practice optometry in the State of New Jersey but is not certified to prescribe oral or topical medications. Dr. Kateman asked the Board whether he could take the oral credentialing course prior to taking and passing the Treatment and Management of Ocular Disease (TMOD) Examination administered by the National Board of Examiners in Optometry.

A motion was made by Dr. Fink and seconded by Dr. Harfst to advise Dr. Kateman that he must take and pass the Treatment and Management of Ocular Disease Examination prior to taking and passing the thirty (30) hour credential course in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:38-4.3 and 4.4 in order to qualify to apply for a TPA certification to use and prescribe oral and topical medications. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

#### **IV. For Your Information**

A. New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners'  
November 12, 2008 Open Board Agenda

The Board reviewed the New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners' November 12, 2008 Open Board Agenda and considered it informational.

B. New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners'  
November 12, 2008 Open Agenda of Disciplinary Matters  
Pending Conclusion

The Board reviewed the New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners' November 12, 2008 Open Agenda of Disciplinary Matters Pending Conclusion and considered it informational.

C. New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners'  
September 10, 2008 Open Board Minutes

The Board reviewed the New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners' September 10, 2008 Open Board Minutes and considered them informational.

D. New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners'  
September 10, 2008 Open Minutes of Disciplinary Matters  
Pending Conclusion

The Board reviewed the New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners' September 10, 2008 Open Minutes of Disciplinary Matters Pending Conclusion and considered them 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. Five matters filed with the board which requires 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.

#### **IV. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Dr. Favreau 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,

Leonard Steiner, O.D.  
Board President