

**New Jersey State Board of Optometrists
Regular Session Minutes
December 20, 2006**

A regular meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Optometrists was held at 124 Halsey Street, Newark on the 6th floor on Wednesday, December 20, 2006. 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 9:15 A.M. A roll call was taken and the following attendance was recorded:

PAUL BENT Absent
GIGETTE COLLAZO, O.D. Absent
GORDON COMPTON Absent
RICHARD FAVREAU, O.D. Present - Arrived at 10:00 AM
MITCHELL FINK, O.D. Present
JOHN FLORIO, 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.

Bryan Markowitz, Executive Director of the New Jersey Society of Optometric Physicians (NJSOP) and Michael Veliky, O.D., President of the New Jersey Society of Optometric Physicians attended the Public Session Meeting.

I. Public Comment

II. Approval of Regular Session Minutes

A. November 15, 2006

A motion was made by Dr. Steiner and seconded by Dr. Florio to approve the November 15, 2006 Regular Session Minutes as amended. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

III. New Business

A. Letter from Bryan Markowitz, Executive Director of the New Jersey Society of Optometric Physicians RE: Request for approval of oral's pharmaceutical credentialing coursework

As a sponsor, the New Jersey Society of Optometric Physicians presented to the Board an outline provided by the Pennsylvania College of Optometry of a 32 hour course for the oral therapeutic pharmaceutical agent certification which will be administered by the Pennsylvania College of Optometry and SUNY College of Optometry in several locations in New Jersey beginning January 27, 2007 through February 24, 2007 including a test administered on March 4, 2007.

A motion was made by Dr. Steiner and seconded by Dr. Florio to approve the Pennsylvania College of Optometry's outline of the 32 hour course for the oral therapeutic pharmaceutical agent certification as presented as it meets the requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:38-4.3(b). The Board will request that the Pennsylvania College of Optometry as well as the State University of New York (SUNY) College of Optometry confirm in writing that they have agreed to administer the 32 hour course as approved by the Board in the State of New Jersey beginning January 27, 2007 and ending with a test administered on March 4, 2007; will offer and administer this coursework more than once a year going forward on a nondiscriminatory basis; will provide the faculty to teach the coursework and administer the written test; and will provide written verification of successful

completion to the New Jersey State Board of Optometrists of each licensee who has completed the coursework as well as those who have successfully passed the test. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

B. January 17, 2007 New Jersey State Board of Optometrists Meeting

A motion was made by Dr. Steiner and seconded by Dr. Favreau to cancel the January 17, 2007 Board meeting due to lack of a quorum. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

C. May 16, 2007 New Jersey State Board of Optometrists Meeting

A motion was made by Dr. Steiner and seconded by Dr. Favreau to change the May, 2007 meeting date from May 16, 2007 to May 23, 2007 due to lack of a quorum. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

IV. For Your Information

**A. New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners
October 11, 2006 Open Board Minutes**

The Board reviewed the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners' October 11, 2006 Open Board Minutes and considered them informational.

**B. New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners
October 11, 2006 Disciplinary Matters Pending Conclusion**

The Board reviewed the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners' October 11, 2006 Disciplinary Matters Pending Conclusion and considered it informational.

**C. New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners
December 13, 2006 Open Board Agenda**

The Board reviewed the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners' December 13, 2006 Open Board Agenda and considered it informational.

**D. New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners
December 13, 2006 Disciplinary Matters Pending Conclusion**

The Board reviewed the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners' December 13, 2006 Disciplinary Matters Pending Conclusion and considered it informational.

**E. Division of Consumer Affairs
New Jersey State Board of Optometrists
Adopted Amendments: N.J.A.C. 13:38-2.4, 3.5, 4.1
through 4.4, 5.1, 7.3 and 7.4
Adopted Repeal and New Rule: N.J.A.C. 13:38-4.5
From the December 18, 2006 New Jersey Register**

The Board reviewed the Adopted Amendments: N.J.A.C. 13:38-2.4, 3.5, 4.1 through 4.4, 5.1, 7.3 and 7.4 as well as Adopted Repeal and New Rule: N.J.A.C. 13:38-4.5 and considered it informational.

Upon a motion made by Richard Favreau and seconded by John Florio, the Board voted to go into Executive Session to discuss matters involving investigations or violations of the Board's enabling act, the Uniform Enforcement Act and/or Board regulations.

IV. Adjournment

A motion was made by Dr. Steiner and seconded by Dr. Florio 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