BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
FULL BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 15, 2013

TIME AND PLACE: The Board of Optometry (Board) meeting was called to order at 9:42 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions (DHP), Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor, Room 1, Henrico, Virginia.

PRESIDING OFFICER: Angela Tsai, O.D., Chair

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Hal Breedlove, O.D.
Joseph E. Droter, O.D.
Jonathan R. Noble, O.D.
Douglas R. Weberling, O.D.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Citizen Member, Vacant

STAFF PRESENT:
Leslie L. Knachel, Executive Director
Charis Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
Dianne Reynolds-Cane, M.D., Director
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst
Anne Joseph, Deputy Director, Administrative Processing Division
Carol Stamey, Operations Manager
Tamara Farmer, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT:
Bo Keeney, Virginia Optometric Association (VOA)
Betty Graumlich, National Association of Optometrists and Opticians

QUORUM: With five members of the Board present, a quorum was established.

ORDERING OF AGENDA Dr. Noble moved to approve the order of the agenda with adjustment to accommodate the availability of Ms. Yeatts. The motion was seconded and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment was presented.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Dr. Cane provided an update on legislation affecting the agency. She also noted that she had been appointed as co-chair of the Virginia Health Innovations Plan Workforce Advisory Group.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Dr. Breedlove moved to approve the November 7, 2012, meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.

PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION Dr. Noble reported that the Professional Designation Committee had held an informational meeting concerning expired professional

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COMMITTEE REPORT: designations.

LEGISLATIVE/ REGULATORY UPDATE:

Legislative Regulatory Update
Ms. Yeatts provided a summary of the 2013 legislation affecting all healthcare professionals.

Regulatory Reform
In keeping with the Governor's Regulatory Reform initiative, Ms. Yeatts reported that staff had conducted an internal review of the Board's regulations identifying unnecessary or overly burdensome regulations. A draft of the proposed changes was presented for the Board's consideration.

As a future legislative issue, Dr. Tsai requested that the Board discuss the requirement of 20 hours of clinical supervision by an ophthalmologist referenced in the *Code of Virginia* and the *Regulations of the Virginia Board of Optometry.*

Dr. Weberling moved to adopt the proposed regulatory changes by fast track action as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Overview of the Board's Budget
As requested at a previous board meeting, Mr. Charles Giles, Budget Manager, presented an overview of the board's budget. The Board requested that Ms. Knachel forward documents to the board members explaining board expenditure codes and definitions.

Probable Cause Presentation
Ms. Joseph provided training on the probable cause review process.

American Optometric Association (AOA) 2102 End of Year State Legislation Summary Report
Ms. Knachel reported that the AOA legislative report had been included in the board's agenda for informational purposes. Dr. Tsai noted that Oregon had amended its nondiscrimination law and that the Regulatory/Legislative Committee may wish to review this amendment. Dr. Tsai requested that Ms. Knachel obtain more information about Oregon's action.

Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry (ARBO)
Ms. Knachel apprised the Board of the upcoming regional ARBO meeting March 2013. She also reported on the availability of two $500 stipends should a board member wish to attend the annual conference in June 2013. Due to limited funding for out-of-state travel, Dr. Droter suggested that the Board consider attending the ARBO annual meetings every other year when the meetings are held

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on the east coast. It was requested that the matter be placed on the fall agenda for consideration.

Optician Regulations on Fitting Contact Lenses
As requested during the last board meeting, Ms. Knachel researched jurisdictional and liability issues regarding decorative contact lenses and contact lens fitting by opticians. She advised the Board that its jurisdiction is limited to licensees of the Board. In addition, she indicated that reports of unlicensed practice are processed through the Enforcement Division and reported to the appropriate the Commonwealth Attorney.

Ms. Knachel was requested to research the use of the word "verbal" in 18VAC80-30-130 of the optician regulations as it relates to the Contact Lens Rule.

Recordkeeping Continuing Education (CE)
The Board discussed issues related to the availability of recordkeeping CE for optometrists. Ms. Knachel reported that previously the Board had approved an outline of optometry's recordkeeping requirements which was forwarded to the VOA as requested. The Board asked that Ms. Knachel research additional resources for recordkeeping CE.

BOARD OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS REPORT:

Dr. Noble provided a brief update of the Board of Health Professions' activities.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Tsai noted that there was no report to present.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Statistics
Ms. Knachel provided an overview of the licensure and disciplinary case statistics.

Budget
Ms. Knachel reported that budget information specific to the Board had been included in the packet.

Renewals
Ms. Knachel reported that the licensure e-renewal notifications had been successfully disseminated.

Newsletter
Ms. Knachel reported that shorter news updates appear to be better accepted than lengthy newsletters. The Board requested that quarterly news updates go out after the board minutes are approved.

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NEW BUSINESS: Dr. Tsai requested that pupilary distance be placed on the Board's next agenda for discussion.

Dr. Tsai also reported that she will not be seeking reappointment.

ADJOURNMENT: Dr. Noble moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:28 a.m. The motion was seconded and carried.

Angela Tsai, O.D. Chair	Leslie L. Knachel, M.P.H. Executive Director

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