

**BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 8, 2012**

TIME AND PLACE: The Board of Optometry's (Board) Professional Designation Committee (PDC) meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor, Room 3, Henrico, Virginia.

CHAIRMAN: W. Ernest Schlabach, O.D., Chair

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan R. Noble, O.D.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: All members were present.

STAFF PRESENT: Leslie L. Knachel, Executive Director
Charis Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
Carol Stamey, Operations Manager
Tamara Farmer, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: M. E. Jackson, O.D.
Betty Graumlich, National Association of Optometrists and Opticians

QUORUM: With all members present, a quorum was established.

INTRODUCTIONS: Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Farmer were introduced to the PDC members.

ORDERING OF THE AGENDA: Dr. Noble moved to approve the ordering of agenda. The motion was seconded and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment was presented.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: **Change of Professional Designation**
Members of the PDC were informed that board staff required legal guidance on a professional designation (PD) application.

CLOSED SESSION: On properly seconded motion by Dr. Noble, the PDC recessed Open Session and convened in Closed Session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(7) of the Code of Virginia (Code) for consultation with and the provision of legal advice by the

Assistant Attorney General in the matter of a PD application. Additionally, it was moved that Leslie Knachel, Carol Stamey, Tamara Farmer, Ms. Mitchell, Dr. Noble and Dr. Schlabach attend the closed session because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the PDC in its deliberations.

OPEN SESSION:

Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the PDC reconvened in open session.

NEW BUSINESS:

The PDC requested that staff develop a PD guidance document for presentation at the next PDC meeting. The guidance document should include information on changing a PD, criteria to register a PD and PD advertising guidelines.

ADJOURNMENT:

On properly seconded motion by Dr. Noble, the meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Jonathan R. Noble, O.D., Board Member

Leslie L. Knachel, Executive Director