

BOARD FOR OPTICIANS

DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING

The Board for Opticians met on Friday, April 6, 2007, at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR), 3600 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia. The following members were present:

Jon D. Bright, Chair
Faye O. Prichard
Gerald W. Shell
Billie L. Taylor

The DPOR staff present for all or for portions of the meeting included:

Jay W. DeBoer, Director
David B. Ashe, Chief Deputy Director
Nick A. Christner, Deputy Director for Compliance & Investigations
William H. Ferguson, II, Executive Director
Zelda W. Dugger, Board Administrator
Sharon M. Sweet, Director of Education and Examination
Steve Arthur, Deputy Director of Administration & Finance
Tamika Watson, Administrative Assistant
Karen Kenney, Administrative Assistant

A representative from the Office of the Attorney General was not present.

Mr. Bright, determined there was a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m. **Call to Order**

Ms. Faye Prichard was introduced as the Board's newly appointed citizen member. Ms. Prichard is a professor at Virginia Commonwealth University and the Mayor of Ashland, Virginia. **New Board Member**

Ms. Tamika Watson was introduced as the new Administrative Assistant for the Board effective 3/26/2007. **New Administrative Assistant**

Upon a motion by Mr. Shell and seconded by Ms. Taylor the Board voted to approve the agenda as presented. The members voting 'yes' were Mr. Bright, Ms. Prichard, Mr. Shell and Ms. Taylor. There were no negative votes. The motion passed unanimously. **Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Bright asked for public comment. There was no public comment. **Public Comment**

Upon a motion by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Shell the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board for Opticians December 8, 2006 board meeting as written. The members voting 'yes' were Mr. Bright, Ms. Prichard, Mr. Shell, and Ms. Taylor. There were no negative votes. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of
Minutes –
December 8,2006
Board Meeting**

The Board reviewed its examination statistics for informational purposes

**Examination
Statistics**

The Board discussed the use of a Progressive Lens Identifier during the opticians practical examination. Ms. Kristi Ostrom, Opticians Instructor at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, provided information to the Board on the specifics and the benefit of the device. The Board agreed that use of the device did not give an exam candidate an advantage in passing the exam and that for the exam to be equitable all exam candidates should have an equal opportunity to use the device. The Board determined that in Richmond and Wytheville there may be 12 candidates taking this section of the exam at one time. The Board agreed to pursue obtaining 12 Progressive Lens Identifiers through donation or purchase and when the Board had obtained 12 it would allow its use during the examination.

Examination

The Board reviewed its quarterly board statistics for informational purposes

Quarterly Statistics

Mr. Bright reported on his attendance at the National Committee of State Opticianry Regulatory Boards 2007 meeting on January 27, 2007 in St. Petersburg, Florida. Mr. Bright reported that the primary topics of discussion were (1) development of a national/regional practical examination, (2) standardizing apprenticeship education, (3) regulation of non-prescriptive contact lens (cosmetic contact lens), and (4) licensure of establishments.

**National Committee
of State Opticianry
Regulatory Boards
2007 Annual
Meeting-Report**

Mr. Steve Arthur gave a presentation to the Board detailing the upcoming move of DPOR to the Perimeter Center at 9960 Mayland Drive Richmond, VA 23233. At this time, the move is scheduled for August 2007.

Location of DPOR

Next Board meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2007.

**Other Board
Business**

Since there was no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Adjourn

Jon D. Bright, Chair

Jay W. DeBoer, Secretary

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