

## **BOARD FOR OPTICIANS**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING**

The Board for Opticians met on Friday, April 7, 2006 at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR), 3600 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia. The following members were present:

Jon D. Bright, Chair  
Gerald W. Shell  
Susan B. Schorling  
Billie L. Taylor

Board member not present: Marcia D. Carney, M.D.

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

Jay W. DeBoer, Director  
David B. Ashe, Chief Deputy Director  
Karen W. O'Neal, Deputy Director, LRD  
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  
Rashaun K. Minor, 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 9:40 a.m. **Call to Order**

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

Mr. Ferguson introduced to the Board the new Director of the Agency, Mr. Jay DeBoer and the new Chief Deputy Director, Mr. David Ashe. Mr. DeBoer and Mr. Ashe gave a brief description of their experience and stated they looked forward to working with Board. **Introductions**

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 as written of the Board for Opticians July 22, 2005 board meeting. The members voting 'yes' were Mr. Bright, Ms. Schorling, Mr. Shell, and Ms. Taylor. There were no negative votes. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of  
Minutes –  
July 22, 2005  
Board Meeting**

Upon a motion by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Shell the Board voted to approve the minutes as written of the Board for Opticians March 7, 2005 exam workshop. The members voting 'yes' were Mr. Bright, Ms. Schorling, Mr. Shell, and Ms. Taylor. There were no negative votes. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of  
Minutes –  
March 7, 2005  
Exam Workshop**

Upon a motion by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Shell the Board voted to approve the minutes as written of the Board for Opticians September 9, 2005 exam workshop. The members voting 'yes' were Mr. Bright, Ms. Schorling, Mr. Shell, and Ms. Taylor. There were no negative votes. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of  
Minutes –  
September 9, 2005  
Exam Workshop**

Mr. Bright and Ms. Taylor attended the National Committee of State Opticianry Regulatory Boards 2006 annual conference January 27-28 in Savannah, Georgia. Mr. Bright submitted copies of the minutes. Mr. Bright reported that the topics of focus were the practical exam, a national exam, task analysis survey, and continuing education. Mr. Bright and Ms. Taylor reported that the meeting was very beneficial and informative.

**National  
Committee of  
State Opticianry  
Regulatory Boards**

Several inquires have been received by the board office about how to obtain licensure when training has been received from abroad.

**Out of Country  
Training**

The Board agreed that when an applicant's training is received from out of country the applicant shall provide evidence of training, education, competency and such documentation be translated in English in order to become eligible to sit for the exam. The Board also agreed that materials and supporting documentation must meet the Board's requirements set forth in the regulation.

An inquiry from a Virginia licensed optician who is interested in receiving the contact lens endorsement but does not have access training asked the Board how can he do this.

**Contact Lens  
Training**

Ms. Kristi Ostrom offered J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College as an option. Ms. Ostrom stated that J. Sargeant Reynolds offers an online contact lens training course and clinic sites set up by J. Sargeant Reynolds in the area convenient for the licensee. Ms. Ostrom stated this type of education works great for their non-traditional students who

need flexibility because they are also working full time; the training works around the student's schedule. It is very accommodating.


Ms. Sweet reported that the board has a new contact lens exam and it is on CD and projected with an LCD projector. The first exam will be administered June 23, 2006. **Examination**

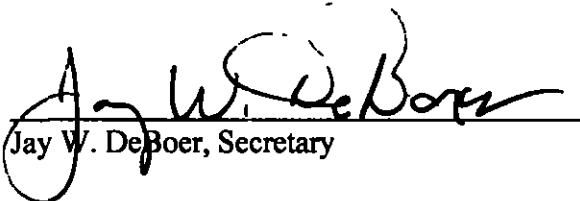
Ms. Sweet stated that the Board needs a new contact lens examiner.

The Board reviewed its quarterly board statistics for informational purposes **Quarterly Statistics**

The Board reviewed its examination board statistics for informational purposes **Examination Statistics**

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, upon a motion by Ms. Taylor to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mr. Shell the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:45 am. **Adjourn**

  
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Jon D. Bright, Chair

  
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Jay W. DeBoer, Secretary

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Custodian of the Record

**STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT**

**TRANSACTIONAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
For Officers and Employees of  
State Government [§2.1-639.13(D)] and  
Local Government [§2.1639.14(E)]**

1. Name: Billie L. Taylor
2. Title: Member, Virginia Board for Opticians
3. Agency: Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation
4. Transaction: Board for Opticians Meeting April 7, 2006
5. Nature of Personal Interest Affected by Transaction: \_\_\_\_\_

6. I declare that:

(a) I am a member of the following business, profession, occupation or group, the members of which are affected by the transaction:

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(b) I am able to participate in this transaction fairly, objectively and in the public interest.

Dated: April 7, 2006

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*Billie L. Taylor*

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1. Name: Susan B. Schorling
2. Title: Member, Virginia Board for Opticians
3. Agency: Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation
4. Transaction: Board for Opticians Meeting April 7, 2006
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1. Name: Gerald W. Shell
2. Title: Vice-Chair, Virginia Board for Opticians
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1. Name: Jon D. Bright
2. Title: Chair, Virginia Board for Opticians
3. Agency: Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation
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