

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
BOARD OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
REGULATORY RESEARCH COMMITTEE
JANUARY 17, 2006**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2006, Department of Health Professions, 6603 W. Broad St., 5th Floor, Room 1, Richmond, VA.

PRESIDING OFFICER: David H. Hettler, O.D., Chair

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Ridenhour, Au.D., Vice-Chair
David R. Boehm, L.C.S.W.
Damien Howell, P.T.
Alan Mayer, Citizen Member

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Janet Payne, Citizen Member

STAFF PRESENT: Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D., Executive Director for the Board
Carol Stamey, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: No others were present.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment was presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On properly seconded motion by Dr. Boehm, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2005 meeting with amendment.

REVIEW OF LEGISLATIVE ISSUES AFFECTING REGULATION: The report of Ms. Yeatts was deferred to the full board meeting.

BOARD OF OPTOMETRY REQUEST FOR BHP STUDY ON THE POLICY IMPLICATIONS OF EXPUNGING CERTAIN FORMER CASE DECISIONS: Dr. Hettler apprised the Committee of an optometrist's request to review the possibility of expunging minor disciplinary action reflected against a license. It was noted that the request would require a statutory change and a public hearing. Additionally, it was requested that a research of other states as well as the various boards be conducted. Mr. Boehm requested that public information against a licensee that resulted from an informal conference but was closed no violation also be expunged.

On properly seconded motion by Mr. Howell, the Committee voted unanimously to present the request for a plan to study the issue to the full Board for approval.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business was presented.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

David H. Hettler, O.D.
Chair

Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D.
Executive Director for the Board