

TENNESSEE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY MEETING MINUTES

DATE: August 27, 2014
TIME: 9:00 A.M., CST
LOCATION: Poplar Room
665 Mainstream DR
Nashville, TN

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Jeff Foster, O.D.
J. Scott Gentry, O.D., Chair
Dennis Mathews, O.D., Secretary
Richard Orgain, O.D.

BOARD MEMBER

ABSENT: Kimberly Button, Citizen Member

STAFF

PRESENT: Charles Custer, Interim Board Administrator
Yvette Hernandez, Board Administrator
Teddy Wilkins, Unit Director
Matt Gibbs, Office of General Counsel, Assistant General Counsel

Dr. Gentry, Board Chair called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m. and declared that a quorum was present.

Ms. Wilkins introduce the new Board Administrator Yvette Hernandez.

OGC Report

There are currently two (3) cases open for discipline in the Office of General Counsel., there are no consent orders, agreed orders or contested cases to be presented.

On June 11, 2014, the Board of Optometry held a Rulemaking Hearing to consider the amendments to Rule 1045-02-.05 and Rule 1045-02-.07. The Board of Optometry accepted the amendments as written.

On July 11, 2014 the amendments were sent to the Attorney General’s Office for review. Once approved, the rules will be filed with the Secretary of State. They will take effect 90 days after the date of filing.

The Office of General Counsel requests that the Board of Optometry discuss certain parameters regarding a rule to allow licensees to use continuing education credit earned in the licensee's renewal year to be applied to the previous continuing education cycle.

Investigative Report

Ms. Denise Moran introduced a new disciplinary coordinator Nichelle Derow. There are seven (7) open cases in investigations, three (3) are pending initial review, three (3) files have come back from the field pending final review by the Attorney and one (1) case in the field being investigated. The next review is scheduled in September 2014.

Administrator Report

There are currently 1221 licensed optometrists. Newly licensed are 39. There were 57 optometrists who renewed their licenses between May 31, 2014 and August 22, 2014.

The Board authorized Mr. Custer to attend the Optometry Board meeting in Gatlinburg, TN on October 17, 2014, Dr. Gentry made a motion, seconded by Dr. Talley.

Jeff Ockerman, Director of Health Planning – Discussed the State Health Plan for 2014

Financial Report

Discussed reduction in fees. Dr. Orgain made a motion of \$275.00 for annual renewal fees, \$250.00 initial applications, seconded by Dr. Foster. Motion carried. This will require a rulemaking hearing.

Newly Licensed

Dr. Foster made a motion, seconded by Dr. Talley, to approve the following newly licensed applicants. The motion carried.

Stephen Allen
Andrew William Bradbury OD
Todd Reed Christensen OD
Michael J. Connell OD
Leigha S. Davis
Susan Anne Evans OD
Chantel Lashaun Galipeau OD
Christina Ellen Grosshans OD
Linh Boi Hong OD
Brian allen Knight OD
Alisha McAfee
Janette Nicole Perkins OD
Brandon James Rushing OD
Katelyn Foley Shea OD

Michelle Paige Anders OD
Dustin Colt Briscoe OD
Jeffrey David Coats OD
Stephanie Nicole Cunningham OD
Nash Ditmetaroj
Kristin Schick Fonseca OD
Jay Preston Golstein OD
Mary Giang Hoang OD
Blake Leslie Jarrard OD
James Fitzgerald Kramer OD
Rachel Ann Miller OD
Nathan Daniel Rock OD
Lekha Mary Samuel OD
Jacquelyn Gayle Short OD

**Benjamin David Sturdy
Helena L. Tzou
Veronica Gee Wong OD**

**William L. Tantum OD
Lindsay Fay Wettergreen OD
David Zimmerman**

Reinstatement Applications

Dr. Foster made a motion, seconded by Dr. Orgain, to approve the following reinstated applicants. The motion carried.

**Andrew M. Calhoun Jr. OD
Ryan Douglas Russell OD**

**Ryan R. Gady
Ann Elizabeth Tang**

Correspondence

Western University sent a letter stated they meet all qualifications for injectibles and therapeutic certification. Dr. Talley stated they meet the qualifications. Dr. Talley made a motion, seconded by Dr. Orgain. Motion carried.

University of the Incarnate World – Rosenburg School of Optometry sent a letter stating they meet all qualifications for injectibles and therapeutic certification. Dr. Talley made a motion, seconded by Dr. Orgain. Motion carried.

NBO submitted a document of information to update development of NBEO assessment tool. Dr. Orgain stated no action needed.

Continuing Education

Jamie Blackmon submitted a request for approval on grand rounds, the Board stated the request has to be submitted 30 days prior to the date and sent to the Secretary of the Board, needs to be on letterhead with a specific date. Board denied request.

Amy Mynatt - Woolfson Eye Institute submitted a request for grand rounds, the Board stated request needs to show who observing, needs to be on letterhead, 30 days prior to request and can not have multiple course dates, one (1) date per letter. Board denied request.

Rebecca Stein - Clarksville Ophthalmology submitted a email for approval of continuing education course, the Board only approves Grand Rounds and Prescribing Practice, they need to send it to ARBO to get Cope approved. Board denied request.

Continuing Education renewal year The Board discussed the two (2) hour Prescribing Practice effective July 1, 2014, the Board stated they can go online through SCO and take the one (1) hour course twice. The Board requested to send an email blast to all licensees and post to the Optometry Board website. Dr. Talley made a motion, seconded by Dr. Foster. Motion carried.

Response to Opternative correspondence - Mr. Gibbs presented to the Board a draft letter of response regarding the Opternative online refraction programs correspondence from the June 2014 Board meeting. Mr. Gibbs will communicate with Dr. Talley on revising the language for the correspondence letter and present the revised letter for approval at the October 2014 Board meeting.

With no other Board business to discuss, Dr. Gentry made a motion that was seconded by Dr. Orgain to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 11:42 AM.

Ratified by the Board of Optometry on February 4, 2015