

**TENNESSEE BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS  
MINUTES**

**DATE:** April 10, 2013

**TIME:** 9:00 a.m., CST

**LOCATION:** Health Related Boards Conference Center  
Poplar Board Room  
Heritage Place Metro Center  
227 French Landing, Suite 150  
Nashville, TN 37243

**BOARD MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Larry Christopher, DPO, Board Chair  
Donald Wells, DPO, Secretary  
Kathy Hawkins, DPO  
Kimberly Jackson, DPO  
LeRhonda Walton-Hill, DPO

**BOARD MEMBERS**

**ABSENT:** Edward Risby, PhD, Consumer Member

**STAFF**

**PRESENT:** Teddy Wilkins, Unit Director  
Stacy Tarr, Interim Unit Director  
Sherry Owens, Board Administrator  
John Smith, Office of General Counsel  
Stefan Cange, Office of General Counsel

Mr. Christopher, Board chair, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. A quorum was present.

**Minutes**

Ms. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wells, to approve the January 9, 2013 minutes as written. The motion carried.

**Office of General Counsel Report**

Mr. Cange stated there are eight open cases in the Office of General Counsel. Three have been investigated and are in for second review and five are out for investigation. There is currently no legislation for this Board at this time.

Mr. Cange discussed Senate Bill 493 regarding expediting licensure for active duty military and spouses. When a licensee is deployed the licensee can renew without payment to keep license

current. The Board must come up with a process within the next few months regarding Senate Bill 493

### **Investigative Report**

There are nine (9) open complaints. Four (4) cases are for first review and three (3) have been sent back for second review and five (5) cases are being investigated.

### **Monitored Practitioner Report**

There are currently seven (7) individuals being monitored. Four licensees are under Board order, one on current probation and two licensees revoked.

### **Financial Report**

For FY 2011, as of June 30, 2011, the Board had direct expenditures of \$59, 205.88, indirect expenditures \$54,078.99 and total revenues of \$125,981.27. The cumulative carryover is \$14, 575.13.

For FY 2012, the Board had direct expenditures of \$38,796.19, indirect expenditures of \$32,758.35 and total revenue collections of \$137,546.53. The cumulative carryover is \$80, 567.12

### **Administrative Report**

There are 861 active licensed dispensing opticians and 366 active apprentices. From December 27, 2012 to April 2, 2013, one (1) dispensing optician was reinstated, two (2) licenses were retired, seven (7) licensee failed to renew, and one (1) licensee is deceased.

Ms. Tarr introduced Teddy Wilkins as the new Unit One Director. Ms. Tarr reviewed Public Chapter 952. This chapter is in regards to the opt in and opt out for all licensees to receive renewals and information regarding licensure in email form.

### **Jurisprudence Continuing Education**

Ms. Walton-Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wells to approve all questions submitted and for Ms. Owens to select the 25 continuing education audit questions from the Board lists of questions. The motion carried.

### **Rules**

Mr. Cange stated the rules package for the four rule changes proposed by the Board are in progress for the July 2013 Board meeting. The draft versions amended Rules 0480-01-.01 (Definitions), 0480-01-.02 (Scope of Practice), 0480-01-.12 (Continuing Education), and 0480-01-.14 (Apprenticeship Training Program).

### **Continuing Education**

Ms. Hawkins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Walton-Hill to approve the 2013 continuing education submitted the Tennessee Dispensing Opticians Association. The motion carried.

Ms. Hawkins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wells to approve the 2013 continuing education submitted by Vision Expo. The motion carried.

### **New Licensees**

Ms. Hawkins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wells to approve the following new licensees:

Lyndsey Brown  
Dawn Cooper  
Jordan Crass  
Lisa Ann Davis  
Brandi Pauley  
Laurie Wilson  
Michael Wright

The motion carried.

### **Reinstatement Licensees**

Ms. Hawkins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wells, to approve the following reinstatements:

Cheryl Howard

The motion carried.

### **Application Review**

Ms. Walton-Hill made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jackson to approve the following applicants to enter the dispensing optician apprentice training program:

Andrew Johnson  
Crystal White  
Hannah Estes  
Jessica Connaster  
Darren Dave  
Rose Ray  
Karen Hathaway  
Chandra Weathers  
Madeline Radford  
Jessica Harrell  
Ashley Swinger

Michael Tarkington

The motion carried.

Ms. Walton-Hill made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jackson to approve the following dispensing optician applicants to sit for the practical examination:

Matthew R Smith  
Francesco Valentino  
Andrea Perez  
Sherrie Button  
Ruth Osborne  
Jenny Freytag  
Dan Gray  
Jeremy Taylor  
Melissa Jones  
Elizabeth McConley  
Inga Brittingham  
Dora Tuttle  
David Boyer

The motion carried.

### **Review Correspondence**

Diane Harper submitted a letter to the Board requesting to be licensed from the State of Georgia. At the time she was licensed in 2006 Georgia did not have an apprenticeship program. Mr. Wells made a motion, seconded by Ms. Walton-Hill that Ms. Harper provide proof of supervision from the last 2 years (notarized and signature from supervisor) and verification from Georgia regarding her current license and approve her to take the practical exam. The motion carried.

James Kiger submitted a letter to the Board requesting to be scheduled to take the practical July 27. Mr. Kiger stated that his apprenticeship would not end until July 29. Mr. Wells made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hawkins that Mr. Kiger is allowed to sit for the practical. The motion carried.

Daniel Sanford submitted a letter to the Board requesting to be scheduled to take the practical July 27. Mr. Sanford stated that his apprenticeship would not end until July 31. Mr. Wells made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hawkins that Mr. Sanford is allowed to sit for the practical. The motion carried.

Peggy Powers submitted a letter to the Board requesting to be able to take her continuing education online while she is overseas for the next two to three years. Ms. Hawkins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wells for Ms. Powers to make up the hours when she returns to the states within one year. The motion carried.

Mr. Wells made a motion, seconded by Ms. Walton-Hill to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

*Ratified by the Board on July 10, 2013*