

**TENNESSEE BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS
MINUTES**

DATE: July 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:

Donald Wells, DPO, Secretary
Kathy Hawkins, DPO
Kimberly Jackson, DPO
LeRhonda Walton-Hill, DPO
Felda Stacy, DPO
Edward Risby, PhD, Consumer Member

STAFF

PRESENT:

Teddy Wilkins, Unit Director
Sherry Owens, Board Administrator
Sheri Patterson, New Board Administrator
John Smith, Office of General Counsel

Mr. Wells, Board Secretary, called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. A quorum was present.

Minutes

Ms. Hawkins made a motion, seconded by Ms. Walton-Hill, to approve the April 9, 2013 minutes as written. The motion carried.

Office of General Counsel Report

Mr. Smith stated there are two (2) open cases for discipline in the Office of General Counsel. There is currently no legislation for this Board at this time.

Mr. Smith stated that rules are being prepared for the Rulemaking hearing at the Board's next meeting.

Investigative Report

There are seven, (7) open cases. Three (3) cases are for first review and four (4) 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. Owens introduced Sheri Patterson as the new Board Administrator. Ms. Owens reviewed Public Chapter 122-Military Spouses licensing. Ms. Otto is working on Health Related Board rules for all Boards concerning licensure for military spouses and personnel.

The Board discussed the desire to waive the redundancy in the application of military personnel including, but not limited to, the need for a High School diploma, proof that candidate is at least eighteen (18) years old. These documents are required to enter the military and the DD214 could be utilized to verify that information.

Ms. Walton-Hill made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Hawkins that the Lapsed License Policy should be resent to licensees by way of notification and post on website & in newsletters. Concerning if continuing education hours are deficient could licensees be given a ninety (90) day grace period to fulfill before the deficiency is reported to National Databank. It was determined that a policy change statement would be required to change the policy. The motion passed.

Jurisprudence Continuing Education

There was a discussion to consider receiving continuing education credit for attending Board meetings. How would licensees attendance be verified, how long they would be require to stay as well as the amount of continuing education hour(s) awarded was discussed. No decision was made and the topic was sun shined to be presented at the October 2013 meeting with more details and the proper verbiage.

Rules

Mr. Smith stated there is no legislation currently but that rules are being prepared for the rulemaking hearing at the October 2013 meeting.

Continuing Education

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

Ms. Walton-Hill made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jackson to approve the 2013 continuing education submitted by Costco pending the first two (2) hours are ABO approved. The motion carried.

Ms. Stacey made a motion, seconded by Ms. Walton-Hill to deny the 2013 continuing education submitted by the Opticians Association of Georgia because materials were not submitted thirty (30) days prior to the conference date per rule 0480.1-.12(2)(d)(6).

Ms. Hawkins made a motion, seconded by Ms. Walton-Hill to approve the ninety-three (93) hours online continuing education courses submitted by Quantum Optical.

New Licensees

Ms. Hawkins made a motion, seconded by Ms. Walton-Hill to approve the following new licensee:

Mary Ann Miller

The motion carried.

Reinstatement Licensees

None.

Application Review

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

Christy Cromer

Megan Despot

Carrie Emerton

Amy Freitag

Zacrina Gaye

Cynthia Hall

Teresa Hall
Seth Houston
Alysse Jackson
Leah Jones
Kristi LeCroix
Carmen Nelson
Pierre Stinson
Melissa Zimmerman

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:

Courtney Backlund
Tiffany Blevins
Marlene Crawford
James Doherty
Adam Franks
Richardo Fredericks
Amanda Jensen
Daniel Stanford
Kenneth Steel
Tammy Telker
Kristina Terry
Teresa Turpen

The motion carried.

Ms. Walton-Hill made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Risby to approve Ms. Marim Abdalla's request to take the practical exam upon submitting a completed application and paying all associated fees.

Ms. Hawkins made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Walton-Hill to approve Ms. Rialeigh Yoder's request to take the practical exam pending her husband's military transfer.

Review Correspondence

Kathryn Jackson submitted a letter to the Board requesting her current hours of approximately 1100 hours be retained until she returns from staying at home with her children. The Board requested a letter be sent to Ms. Jackson to determine the amount of time she needs off before they make a decision on her request.

Amanda Kiernan submitted a letter to the Board requesting continuing education hour credit from a conference that was held 9-10 April 2013 in Dubai, UAE. Ms. Hawkins made a motion

that was seconded by Ms. Walton-Hill that Ms. Kiernan's request be denied due to the request not being received at least thirty (30) days prior to the conference.

Heather Klatt submitted a letter to the Board requesting continuing education hour credit for attending the West Coast Vision Conference. Ms. Hawkins made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Stacey to approve Ms. Klatt's request.

Francesco Valentino submitted a letter to the Board requesting to be able to apply the scores from his Florida practical exam to satisfy Tennessee's requirement. It was determined that NSCORB administers both exams. Ms. Hawkins made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Walton-Hill to approve Mr. Valentino's request and accept the scores from Florida.

Election of Officers

An election was required to fill the office of Board Chairperson. Ms. Hawkins nominated Mr. Wells to become the new Chairman and Ms. Walton-Hill to become the new Secretary. Mr. Risby seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Risby made a motion, seconded by Ms. Walton-Hill to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Ratified by the Board on October 23, 2013