

TENNESSEE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY MEETING MINUTES

DATE: June 11, 2014
TIME: 9:00 A.M., CDT
LOCATION: Poplar Room
665 Mainstream DR
Nashville, TN

BOARD MEMBERS

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

BOARD MEMBERS
ABSENT: David Talley, O.D.
Kimberly Button, Citizen Member

STAFF
PRESENT: Sheri Patterson, Board Administrator
Teddy Wilkins, Unit 1 Director
John Smith, Chief Deputy General Counsel
Stefan Cange, Asst. General Counsel

Dr. Foster, Board Chair called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and declared that a quorum was present.

Minutes

Dr. Foster made a motion, seconded by Dr. Orgain, to approve the February 26, 2014 meeting minutes as written. The motion carried.

Mr. Gino Bulso appeared and requested to change the effective date of new rule 1045-02-.17(1) (a) from July 1, 2014 to July 1, 2015. Dr. Foster made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mathews to make the requested change. The motion carried.

OGC Report

There are currently two (2) cases open for discipline in the Office of General Counsel.

A Department of Health Legislative Liaison will be present on June 11, 2014 to discuss any legislation passed during the 2014 session of the General Assembly which impacts the Board of Optometry.

Investigative Report

Ms. Denise Moran presented the report. There are four (4) open complaints against optometrists; there are two (2) additional cases that are open with the Office General Counsel. She also gave the Board details of what their office does.

Administrator Report

There are currently 1192 licensed optometrists. Newly licensed are 16. There were 72 optometrists who renewed their licenses between February 14, 2013 and May 30, 2014.

Financial Report

Ms. Crutcher presented the projections for FY June 30, 2014. The Board of Optometry projects allocated expenditures of \$49,043.26; total expenditures \$119,972.26, with a current year net of \$78,006.49 and a cumulative carryover of \$608,104.12.

Ms. Crutcher discussed with the board the onetime cost the Board will see for 2015. The onetime cost is for the replacement of the current RBS licensure tracking system with the new Versa system. This is a cost that is spread out over all the Health Related Boards and is based on the percentage of total licensees of the respective board. The Board of Optometry's share is projected \$9,200.00.

Ms. Crutcher mentioned to the board the new policy on reducing fees is that if the two year carryover is twice the amount of the three years average expenditures, the Board may want to have a fee structure discussion. The board asked Ms. Crutcher to draft a proposal on fee reduction.

Dr. Mitchell Mutter discussed the Controlled Substance Monitoring Database; chronic pain lasting over 90 days; morphine equivalents; and chronic pain guidelines and is asking for the adoption of chronic pain guidelines. The governor, legislators and professional organizations all agreed on the Prescription Safety Act 2012. All professions who prescribe controlled substances will have to complete a two (2) hour Prescribing Practice course for Continuing Education during each renewal cycle.

Newly Licensed

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

**Catherine Abbott
Jeffrey Coats
Leigha Davis**

**Blake Jarrard
Benjamin Lawrence
Rachel Miller**

Jay Goldstein
Christina Grosshans
Annie Hao
Mary Hoang
Laura Hooper

Michael Quackenbush
Brandon Rushing
William Tantum
Jason Whitman
Shannon Zingle

Reinstatement Applications

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

Lara Danielle Hubbard
Joshua B. Jenkins

Jennifer Bruning Ledford
Richard Franklin Patrick O.D.

Ms. Patterson asked the Board a question about the National Board of Examiners in Optometry score report. The applicant took the examination prior 1987. Part III wasn't available back then and asked if part IIb could substitute for part III. The board accepted this score report of part IIb for part III. Dr. Matthews made the motion to accept the score, seconded by Dr. Orgain. The motion carried.

Ms. Patterson asked the Board a question about the National Board of Examiners in Optometry score report. The applicant recently graduated and didn't pass part III; the board stated the applicant has to pass part III.

Continuing Education

Dr. Jeffrey M. Bateman submitted a request for approval to meet the course requirement designed specifically to address prescribing practices. The Board stated the course submitted does not meet the criteria, as advised within the rules.

Dr. Patricia Estes Walker submitted a request for continuing education and she wants to present a six (6) hour injection course that's accredited by SCO and COPE approved. Dr. Foster made a motion, seconded by Dr. Orgain to approve the course as submitted. The motion carried.

Correspondence

Senator Mike Bell submitted a letter requesting explanation to the Senate and house joint Government Operations Committee, regarding the 2 door rule, extending the date. Mr. Gino Bulso also responded to Senator Bell regarding this letter.

Dr. James Kramer is requesting part III of the National Board examination to be waived, he graduated in 1990. The board waived part III of examination. Dr. Matthews made a motion and seconded by Dr. Orgain. Motion carried.

Dr. Mike Sandy submitted a letter of information concerning the online refractive eye exam that launches this summer 2014. The Office of General Counsel will look at this information and will report back to the Board.

Dr. Travis McDonald submitted a letter of concern to the online refractions. The Office of General Counsel will look at this information and will report back to the Board.

Jeff Miller representing “Well Child,” requested that the Board approve their performing comprehensive eye exams in certain public schools in the State of Tennessee. With him today are Yolanda Davis, Director of Optometry for Well Child, Dr. Leah Gray, Licensee, John Thompson, Chief Operating Officer for Well Child and Beth McCartney, Optician for Well Child. He’s asking the Board for approval for comprehensive Optometry services in schools in nine (9) counties: Shelby, Fayette, Cocke, White, Maury, DeKalb, Montgomery, Rutherford, Murfreesboro schools. Well Child will see children from kindergarten through high school or until 18 years old. Dr. Matthews made a motion and seconded by Dr. Orgain to approve the request. The motion carried.

Other Board Business

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 11:28 PM.

Ratified by the Board of Optometry on October 17, 2014