

TENNESSEE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY MEETING MINUTES

DATE: October 16, 2015

TIME: 10:00 A.M., ET

LOCATION: Park Vista Hotel
Gatlinburg, TN

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Dennis Mathews, O.D., Chair
Jeff Foster, O.D.
Richard Orgain, O.D.
J. Scott Gentry, O.D.
Edie Clemons, Citizen Member

STAFF

PRESENT: Yvette Hernandez, Board Administrator
Teddy Wilkins, Unit Director
Matt Gibbs, Assistant General Counsel

Dr. Mathews, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:59 a.m. A roll call vote was conducted and a quorum was present.

Minutes

Upon amending the language “mythology” on page six (6) of the July 15, 2015 minutes, Dr. Foster made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gentry, to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion carried.

Office of General Counsel Report

Mr. Gibbs stated there are currently two (2) cases open for discipline in OGC.

Mr. Gibbs said the Attorney General approved the amendments to Rule 1045-02-.15 and Rule 1045-02-107 and were give a positive recommendation by the Joint Government Operations Committee of the Tennessee General Assembly. Mr. Gibbs said the rules are scheduled to be effective on October 27, 2015.

Ms. Wilkins stated they have notified licensees regarding the reduction in the renewal fees and have given licensees the opportunity to delay their renewal until the end of October in order to renew their licensees at the lower fee.

Ms. Wilkins stated licensees have the option to submit a paper renewal or renew on-line at the reduced fee.

Office of Investigations Report

Ms. Wilkins stated there are two (2) open complaints in Investigations.

Ms. Wilkins reviewed the currently monitored practitioners stating that one (1) licensee has been suspended from practice and one (1) licensee is on probation.

Administrative Report

Ms. Hernandez said there are currently 1,208 licensed Optometrists. As of the last Board meeting there are seventeen (17) newly licensed Optometrists. In July fifty-nine (59) renewed their license with thirty-three (33) (56%) renewing on line. In August forty-seven (47) renewed their license with twenty-three (23) (49%) renewing on line. In September fifty-six (56) renewed their license with thirty-one (31) (55%) renewing on line.

Dr. Orgain asked if the Administrative office was getting jumbled information on the controlled substance courses by ARBO as to which courses qualify.

Ms. Hernandez said there was confusion during the 2012/2013, but it has been cleared up.

Newly Licensed

Dr. Gentry made a motion, seconded by Dr. Foster, to approve the following newly licensed Optometrists:

Andrew D. Brown
Carissa M. Chambers
Kristina M. Haworth
Sunia Jagani

Jessie Konynenbelt
Amy A. Puerto
Travis S. Tucker

The motion carried.

Reinstated

Dr. Orgain made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gentry, to approve the following reinstated Optometrists:

Phillip A. Hooker, Jr.
Lorraine A. Snead

The motion carried.

Discuss CPR Certification

Dr. Venable discussed on-line CPR and AED recertification. Dr. Venable stated that two new vendors, ProCPR, Inc. and International CPR Institute, Inc. now offer on-line recertification.

Dr. Venable said ProCPR, Inc. offers two (2) courses which include recertification for Healthcare Basic Life Support, Adult CPR, Child/Infant CPR, First Aid and AED. Dr. Venable said the recertification is valid for two (2) years.

Dr. Venable said International CPR Institute, Inc. offers three (3) courses which include recertification for CPR/AED renewal (Adult CPR, Child/Infant CPR, First Aid and AED) and the Healthcare Provider Basic Life Support Course contain all of the information in the first course plus BLS. Dr. Venable said the courses are designed specifically for doctors and other classes of providers and the recertification is valid for two (2) years.

Dr. Venable stated that the American Heart Associate and American Cancer Society also offer on-line recertification. Dr. Venable said the American Cancer Society course is a two (2) year recertification and the American Heart Association course is a one (1) year recertification.

Dr. Venable suggested requiring the initial certification to be hands-on and using on-line sources for recertification.

Upon discussion, Dr. Gentry made a motion, seconded by Dr. Orgain, to approve ProCPR, Inc. and International CPR Institute, Inc. for CPR recertification. The motion carried.

The Board asked Mr. Gibbs to draft a policy statement regarding CPR certification for the Board's review at the next meeting which requires first time certification to be a hands-on course.

Discuss FARB

Mr. Gibbs stated he attended a FARB conference two (2) weeks ago which was very informative.

Upon discussion of the upcoming FARB meeting in January, 2016, Dr. Foster made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gentry, to send two (2) Board members and one (1) staff member to the meeting. The motion carried.

Discuss ARBO Contract

Dr. Orgain stated there is one (1) year left on the continuing education contract between the Board and ARBO. Dr. Orgain said the initial contract was a five (5) year \$200,000 O.E. Tracker contract and that ARBO is willing to keep the current fees.

Upon discussion, Dr. Gentry made a motion, seconded by Dr. Foster, to renew the contract. The motion carried.

Correspondence

The Board reviewed a letter from **Dr. Frederick Warren Martin**, currently licensed in Kentucky, requesting a waiver of Part III of the National Exam. Dr. Martin stated that the National Board did not offer the Part III exam in 1974-75.

Upon discussion, Dr. Foster made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gentry, to waive Part III of the exam and approve Dr. Martin for licensure pending receipt of licensure verification from the state of Georgia.

Upon review of the letter from **Dr. Greg A. McClurg**, Dr. Foster made a motion, seconded by Dr. Foster, to approve Dr. McClurg's request to change the name of his practice to **Vision Source of Seymour**. The motion carried.

Upon review of the letter from **Dr. John H.K. Lorey**, Dr. Foster made a motion, seconded by Dr. Orgain, to approve Dr. Lorey's request to change the name of his practice to **The Eye Doctors – Optometrists**. The motion carried.

Upon review of the letter from **Dr. Shawna L. Vanerhoff**, Dr. Gentry made a motion, seconded by Mr. Foster, to approve Dr. Vanerhoff's request to change the name of her practice to **Focus Eyecare, PLLC**. The motion carried.

New Business

Dr. Orgain stated that ARBO is conducting its annual meeting in June 2016 in Boston, MA and suggested that one (1) or more Board member attend.

Upon discussion, Dr. Orgain made a motion, seconded by Dr. Foster, to send two (2) Board members and one (1) staff member to the ARBO June 2016 meeting. The motion carried.

Adjourn

With no other Board business to conduct, Dr. Foster made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gentry, to adjourn at 11:20 a.m. The motion carried.

Ratified by the Board on January 13, 2016