

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY

Regular Session Minutes

July 30, 2014

DHMH

4201 Patterson Avenue #105

Baltimore, MD 21215

9:30 a.m.

The regular session of the Board of Examiners in Optometry's meeting was held on Wednesday, July 30, 2014. Board members present were, Jo Anne Brilliant, O.D., Andrew Doyle, O.D., Stephen Kwan, O.D., Phyllis Strickland, O.D., Frederick J. Walsh, Ph.D. and Brian T. Woolf, O.D. Also present were Ari Elbaum, Board Counsel, Patricia G. Bennett, Board Executive Director, and Kecia Dunham, Administrative Specialist. Guests present were Jennifer Levy, MOA and Dr. Janice Simmons; O.D. Kisha Fields Matthews was not able to attend.

A. Opening of Meeting

Dr. Jo Anne Brilliant, O.D., Board President, opened the regular session of the Board meeting at 9:40 a.m.

B. Minutes

The regular session minutes of the meeting held on May 28, 2014 were reviewed. In section C Committee Reports, under ARBO, the word "consisted" was changed to "consistent" and remove "be" from the sentence "ARBO will have Breakout..." A motion was made by Dr. Strickland seconded by Dr. Walsh to accept the minutes as corrected. The Board's vote was unanimous.

C. Committee Reports

1. Continuing Education - Dr. Woolf

Dr. Woolf reported that an applicant wanted to receive credit hours for two journal articles that were published. After reviewing the content of the articles, Dr. Woolf determined that the articles were contact lens related and that the applicant can receive up to four hours of credit in the general category.

2. Credentialing- Dr. Kwan

Dr. Kwan reported that there was no information.

3. QEI Committee- Dr. Brilliant

Dr. Brilliant reported that there was no information.

4. Rehabilitation- Dr. Doyle

Dr. Doyle reported that there was no information.

5. Budget - Dr. Strickland

Dr. Strickland reported that the FY 2014 budget was, \$263,938.00, total expenditure \$268,805 with an available balance of -4867.39 as of July 26, 2014 due to health care cost. The FY2014 closeout revenue was \$446,546.00.

6. ARBO- Dr. Strickland

Dr. Brilliant gave a report about the Annual ARBO meeting. Dr. Brilliant's report is attached.

7. Board Centennial- Dr. Strickland

Dr. Strickland reported on the Centennial Event timeline:

August- Licensees will receive a Commemorative Centennial Edition of the Board's Law and Regulations and a Microfiber eyeglasses cleaning cloth with the Board's logo.

October 1, 2014 - Next scheduled Board Meeting and "Breakfast with the Board". The Board will be working on a "Back to School" campaign to help educate students of the dangers of wearing costume color contact lenses.

November- MOA Convention- Board Members and staff will man a Board exhibit table at the MOA convention to display the citation and plaque and hand out giveaways.

8. Legislation- Dr. Kwan & Kisha Fields Matthews

Dr. Kwan reported that there was no information.

D. Old Business

Continuing Education- Cultural Competency

Civil Fines- Drs. Doyle and Woolf discussed the draft regulations that were developed by the committee. After Board member deliberation and input by Board Counsel, the Board decided to table further discussion. Pat Bennett and Kristin Neville will talk with staff of the Pharmacy Board about the provisions in their civil fine regulation.

New Board Members Orientation- Kristen Neville reported that the next New Member Orientation will be held on Monday, November 17, 2014 at the UMBC Technology Center.

E. Executive Director's Report – Patricia Bennett

Ms. Bennett reported on the following:

1. 2014 Online Renewal/ Paperless Licensure –The online renewal process had concluded successfully with 506 licenses renewed.
2. Board Budget FY 2015 – The new fiscal year began in July with an allowance of \$269,011.
3. FY '14 Stats – Board issued licenses to 63 applicants; there are 937 active licenses as of 7/30/14; Board investigated 14 complaints.
4. Board Re-Appointments – Drs. Walsh and Woolf were re-appointed to serve a second 4-year term.
5. Consumer Advocacy Annual Meeting – DHMH is c-sponsoring the meeting which will be held in Baltimore on 10/23 – 10/24. Several Board Executive Directors will present and the Secretary has requested that Board members and staff attend the meeting. Ms. Bennett plans to attend.
6. ARBO Annual Meeting – During the Executive Directors' sessions, several topics of interest were presented – OE Tracker, National Practitioner Data Bank and Board Self Evaluation: Effective & Efficient. Ms. Bennett suggested that the Board do a strategic planning retreat for members in 2015. Dr. Walsh supported the concept and volunteered to assist with the project.

F. New Business

1. Licenses Issued May 28, 2014-July 25, 2014

Dr. Brilliant reported that 24 licenses had been issued during the period. Dr. Woolf moved and Dr. Strickland seconded the motion to accept the new licensees. The Board's vote was unanimous.

2. Correspondence from Alexis Spencer, O.D.

The Board has received an application from Dr. Spencer, a spouse of an active duty military officer, under the Veterans Full Employment Act. The Board has reviewed her application and approved her application for licensure. A motion was made and seconded to approve the application. The Board's vote was unanimous.

3. Pupillary Distance and Eyeglass Prescriptions

The Board received a two email asking the Board if it legal for a patient to hand write the pupillary distance on an eyeglass prescription. The Board will draft a letter to the respondents citing statute 11-208 (a) (6). Minimum optometric examination.

Dr. Brilliant moved to close the regular session at 11:20 a.m. to move into administrative session in order to comply with specific constitutional, statutory or judicially imposed requirements that prevent public disclosure about a particular proceeding or matter and to discuss the investigation of complaints against specific licensees. Dr. Woolf seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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