

Board of Registration of Dispensing Opticians
1000 Washington Street 1st Floor Room 1C, Boston, MA 02118

Date:

March 4, 2015

Time: 10:00am

Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present:

William Carleton (WC)
Thomas Merrill (TM)
Martin Bregman (MB)
Lawrence Clayman (LC)

Staff Present:

Michael Hawley, Exec Dir.
Colleen Cavanaugh, Assoc Exec Dir.
Yadianette Rivera, Administrator
James O'Connor, Board Counsel

Members of the Public Present:

Robert Mastrorilli
Lorraine O'Connor
James Russo
Stephanie Rivest
Louis Eilert

Called To Order:

- Meeting was called to order at 10:10 am by WC
- WC reviewed exit procedures in the case of a fire

Board Business :

- Report from Executive Director
 - Charles Borstel new Director of Division of Professional Licensure
 - Layla D'Emilia last day as Deputy Director for policy Boards is March 6, 2015
 - Practical Exam invitations will be sent out starting March 6, 2015

Review Meeting Minutes:

TM moved to accept the Public Session minutes from February 4, 2015 meeting. MB seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

TM moved to accept the Executive Session minutes from February 4, 2015 meeting. MB seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Apprenticeship Extension Requests:

S. Rivest– Ms. Rivest apprenticeship started 2009. She works for Eye Health Services. She has taken the ABO exam May 2014 and did not pass. She has not signed up for the next exam. Board grants 1 year extension as many times as exam is offered.

TM Moved to grant 1 year extension with the condition that Ms. Rivest take the exams consecutively until she passes. MB seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Reinstatement Application:

- **R. Mastrorilli**– Mr. Mastrorilli, license number 4817 expired February 2, 2007.

TM moved to allow Mr. Mastrorilli to continue with the reinstatement process and sit for the exam. LC seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Application Review:

- **L. Eilert** –Mr. Eilert has taken the ABO. Presented documents from Argentina to the Board. Board Staff will submit documents to Blair Wong. Mr. Eilert must take and pass the NCLE exam. Mr. Eilert then must apply for licensure and will take the next practical exam.

Wall Certificates:

- Tara McRobbie
- Laura Sternberg

Wall Certificates signed by MB, LC, WC & TM

Open Session for topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance meeting:

- Vision Expo packets on non-approved ABO/NCLE courses. Course approval is still pending.
- A Board member presented a question about who is allowed to sell glasses. The Board Discussed and indicated that only Licensed Dispensing Opticians and apprentices can sell glasses.
- A Board member knew of an individual who did not wish to wear a name tag because that individual felt that revealing the full name might be a security risk. The Board discussed the issue and, while the members understood the concern, they agreed that the regulations require the wearing of a name tag for consumer protection purposes and that the Board has no authority to waive the requirement.

- James Russo wanted to know when the next regulation sub-committee meeting will be held. Staff indicated that regulation changes will not be discussed until the administration indicates that the regulatory pause is ended.

MB left the meeting at 11:15.

11:18 Cases, Investigative Confrence [Closed session pursuant to G.L.c. 112 §65C]:

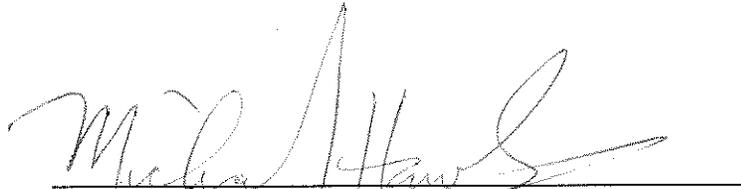
LC moved to enter investigative session to discuss pending cases [Closed Session pursuant to G.L.c. 112 §65C]. TM seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

At the end of the investigative session, the open meeting resumed.

11:32 a.m. Adjournment:

LC moved to adjourn the meeting. TM seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael Hawley
Executive Director