

Board of Registration of Dispensing Opticians
1000 Washington St. Room 1C
Date: March 6, 2019 Time: 10:00 a.m.

Public Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present:

Gary Peters
David Fogg
Deanna Kurlowecz

Staff Present:

James O'Connor, Board Counsel
Thomas F. Burke, Associate Exec. Director

Members of the Public Present:

Faye Sosnowski
Dr. Lauren Dickerman
Leslie Turner
Diana Symiakakis
Bryan Goh
Brian Kelly
Michael Hyland
Sammy Nablusi
Greg Bourque
Ashlie Perkins

10:03AM: Meeting called To Order:

- Meeting was called to order at 10:11 a.m. by Mr. Peters.
- Mr. Peters reviewed exit procedures in the case of an emergency.

Review Meeting Minutes:

- Minutes of February 6, 2018 Meeting: Minutes amended to show that Mr. Bregman was not present at the meeting. **Mr. Fogg moved to accept the minutes as amended. Ms. Kurlowecz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

Board Business:

- Report from Associate Executive Director, Thomas Burke
 - Mr. Burke presented the Board with a draft of the Practical Exam registration letter scheduled for April 19th and 20th, 2019. He noted that board staff will mail letters to eligible applicants this week. Mr. Burke reported that Board members are welcome to attend the hearing scheduled for March 27, 2019.

Discussion:

- DO Consumer Fact Sheet – Mr. Peters suggested revisions to the fact sheet to improve ease of access for consumers and the general public. The Board agreed to continue to review at subsequent meetings to determine if new content should be added to the form.
- Division of Apprentice Standards – The Board met with Ms. Ashlie Perkins from Apprentice Standards as liaison to the Board. In response to Ms. Perkins's inquiry, the

Board clarified that apprentices may request an extension of their apprenticeship when the five year term is expired or near expiration. Board staff will follow up with Ms. Perkins regarding apprentice fess paid as part of the apprentice agreement.

Apprentice Extension Requests:

Faye Sosnowski – Ms. Sosnowski appeared before the board to request an extension of her apprenticeship which began in 2014. Ms. Sosnowski has passed the ABO but still has not passed the NCLE. Ms. Sosnowski took the NCLE in November, 2018 but failed to achieve a passing score. Her sponsor, Dr. Lauren Dickerman, accompanied her to the meeting and expressed confidence in Ms. Sosnowski’s ability to complete the apprenticeship program. Ms. Sosnowski is scheduled to take the NCLE in May, 2019. This is Ms. Sosnowski’s first request for an apprenticeship extension.

Mr. Fogg moved to grant Ms. Sosnowski a one year extension of her apprenticeship on the condition that she take the NCLE every time it is available. Mr. Peters seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Cases, Investigative Conference [Closed session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 112 §65C]:

At 11:35 a.m. Mr. Fogg moved to enter into Investigative Session to discuss pending cases [Closed Session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 112 §65C]. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kurlowecz. Motion passed unanimously.

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

During the investigative conference the board voted to take the following action:

- DO-2017-001109-IT-ENF – Closed.
- DO-2018-001236-IT-ENF – Tabled.
- DO-2018-001235-IT-ENF – Tabled.
- DO-2018-001198-IT-ENF – Closed.

Separate Item

The Board voted to open a complaint against licensee in investigative session – DO-2017-001109-IT-ENF

At 12:55 p.m. Ms. Kurlowecz moved to exit closed session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fogg. The motion passed unanimously.

Quasi-Judicial Deliberative Session [Closed Session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A § 18(d)]:

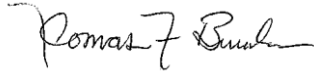
At 12:56 p.m. Ms. Kurlowecz moved to enter into quasi-judicial session to consider cases for final decision. Mr. Fogg seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

At 12:59 p.m. Mr. Peters moved to exit quasi-judicial session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fogg. Motion passed unanimously.

1:05 p.m. Adjournment:

Mr. Fogg moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Kurlowecz seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Thomas F. Burke".

Thomas F. Burke
Associate Executive Director

Documents used in the open meeting:

- Agenda for DO Board Meeting of February 6, 2019
- Apprenticeship extension request of Fay Sosnowski
- Dispensing Optician Consumer Fact Sheet