

Board of Registration of Dispensing Opticians
DPS Office - 50 Maple Street, Milford, MA 01757
Date: April 4, 2018 Time: 10:00 a.m.

Public Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present:

William Carleton
Gary Peters
Lawrence Clayman

Staff Present:

Michael Hawley, Exec. Director (arrived at
11:00 a.m.)
James O'Connor, Board Counsel

Members of the Public Present:

James Russo
Jaclyn Ledoux
Christina Pietrowsky

10:05AM: Meeting called To Order:

- Meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by Mr. Carleton.
- Mr. Carleton reviewed exit procedures in the case of an emergency.

Application Review:

- **Jaclyn Ledoux:** Ms. Ledoux appeared before the board to support her application for licensure as a dispensing optician. She moved to Massachusetts from Arizona and is seeking that the Board credit the experience and training she received in Arizona while preparing to apply for licensure toward her application for licensure. Ms. Ledoux supplied documentation of over 5000 hours of training in Arizona as well as documentation of passing the ABO exam and the NCLE. The Board agreed that Ms. Ledoux should be credited with the full requirement of apprenticeship hours and allowed to take the Massachusetts practical exam. **Mr. Peters moved to allow Ms. Ledoux to continue with the licensing process. Mr. Clayman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

Apprentice Extension Request:

- **Christina Pietrowsky:** Ms. Pietrowski appeared before the board to request an extension of her apprenticeship. She has passed the ABO exam but has yet to pass the NCLE. Ms. Pietrowski did not start taking the exams until she was past three years in her apprenticeship. She is scheduled to take the NCLE for the first time in May. **Mr. Clayman moved to extend Ms. Pietrowsky's apprenticeship for one year, provided that she take the NCLE each time it is available to her. Mr. Peters seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

Review Meeting Minutes:

- Minutes of February 2018 Meeting: **Mr. Clayman moved to accept the minutes as amended. Mr. Peters seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**
- Minutes of March 2018 Meeting: **Mr. Peters moved to accept the minutes as amended. Mr. Clayman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

Board Business:

- Report from Executive Director, Michael Hawley
 - Mr. Hawley reported that Mr. Smith has indicated that it will likely take two weeks for the result of the practical exam to be distributed.

Wall Certificate -The Board signed the following wall certificates:

- Andrea DiNatale

Discussion:

The Board discussed the fact that the regulations appear to require Apprentices who work for optometrists to be employed but the optometrist or a business owned by the optometrist (s). This is a problem for optometrists who are employed by non-profit health clinics and who would like to sponsor apprentices. The board agreed that this presented an unreasonable barrier to licensure and asked Board counsel to draft a policy to make an exception until the regulations can be changes.

Open session for topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of the meeting:

A member of the public had heard that the Division of Apprentice Standards had denied an apprentice transfer to a new sponsor because the sponsor did not have laboratory facilities. Board staff will wait to receive a written description of the situation and, when it is received, bring it to the attention of the Board

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

At 11:25 a.m., Mr. Clayman moved to enter into Investigative Session to discuss pending cases [Closed Session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 112 §65C], seconded by Mr. Peters. 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 actions:

- 2018-000209-IT-ENF – Forward to office of prosecutions
- 2018-000210-IT-ENF – Forward to office of prosecutions

12:30 p.m. Adjournment:

Mr. Peters moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Carleton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Hawley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" and last name "Hawley" clearly distinguishable.

Michael Hawley
Executive Director

Documents used in the open meeting:

- Agenda for DO Board Meeting of April 4, 2018
- Minutes from the February, 2018 Board meeting
- Minutes from the March, 2018 Board meeting
- Licensure Application of Jaclyn Ledoux
- Apprenticeship extension request of Christina Pietrowsky