

Board of Registration of Dispensing Opticians
1000 Washington Street 1st Floor Room 1C, Boston, MA 02118
Date: March 7, 2018 Time: 10:00 a.m.

Public Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present:

William Carleton
Gary Peters
Lawrence Clayman

Staff Present:

Michael Hawley, Exec. Director
James O'Connor, Board Counsel
Thomas F. Burke, Assoc. Exec Director

Members of the Public Present:

Lorraine O'Connor
Bryan Goh

10:05AM: Meeting called To Order:

- Meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Mr. Carleton.
- Mr. Carleton reviewed exit procedures in the case of an emergency.

Review Meeting Minutes:

- Tabled

Board Business:

- Report from Executive Director, Michael Hawley
 - Mr. Hawley reported that there are forty-three applicants registered for the practical exam scheduled on April 6th and 7th of this year. He noted that the board is proceeding with paperless renewal of licenses over the next year and expects to have majority of license renewals administered online. Board members expressed interest in the time frame for the completion of grading of the practical exam and Mr. Burke will follow up with Randall Smith. Mr. Burke will provide a count of the number of first versus second-time test takers to the Board at its April meeting.

Wall Certificate -The Board signed the following wall certificates:

- David Varker
- Amber Stevens

Reinstatement Requests

- Douglass Heffner – Mr. Heffner's license expired on 7/4/2015 but is licensed in the state of Florida as a dispensing optician. The board waived the need for Mr. Heffner's personal appearance and reviewed his request. **Mr. Clayman moved to allow Mr. Heffner to proceed with the reinstatement process, requiring that he take and pass the**

Massachusetts practical exam. Mr. Peters seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- Bryan Goh – Mr. Goh appeared before the board to discuss his reinstatement request. Mr. Goh's license expired on 3/4/2005 but has been licensed and practicing in the state of Connecticut as a dispensing optician since the expiration of his Massachusetts license. After lengthy discussion, and on the advice of counsel, the board agreed to waive the practical exam requirement for Mr. Goh based on his license in Connecticut. **Mr. Peters motioned to allow Mr. Goh to proceed with the reinstatement process without the requirement to take and pass the Massachusetts practical exam. Mr. Clayman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

Discussion:

The Board reviewed the licensure reinstatement process and discussed limiting CE requirements to two renewal periods for all reinstatements. Attorney O'Connor will investigate the possibility of drafting a policy for the Board to review. The Board also inquired whether applicants for reinstatement should be required to retake the practical exam.

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

At 11:06 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:

- 2017-001239-IT-ENF – Tabled

11:35 p.m. Adjournment:

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael Hawley
Executive Director

Documents used in the open meeting:

- Agenda for DO Board Meeting of March 7, 2018
- Reinstatement Requests and CE certificates for Bryan Goh and Douglass Heffner