

Minutes
Arkansas State Board of Optometry
Office of the Attorney General
Little Rock, AR

February 14, 2008

Dr. Morris opened the meeting with all Board members except Mr. Spears who arrived a few minutes later. Howard Flippin, Executive Director, Ann Booker, Board secretary, and Mr. Bill Trice Board Attorney were also present. Dr. John Witherspoon, Renee Witherspoon, Dr. Tim Norton, Dr. Wayne Ridings, Dr. Roy Ashabranner, Dr. Charles Mc Waters, Dr. Nguyen, Dr. Bradley Diner, M. Burriss, Joyce Dean, Dr. Allison Hall and Dr. Larry Lawson were in the audience.

Dr. Morris introduced Dr. Ha Thi Nguyen who was present for Board examination.

Dr. Hubbard made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as printed, Mr. Shirley made a second and the motion passed.

Mr. Trice interviewed Dr. Witherspoon and Dr. Ridings concerning their lease agreements inside Wal-Mart stores. There were some deficiencies noted concerning security of records, hours of operation, patient names on receipts being seen by entities the doctor, contracts implying the patient record were not the doctors but he could have copies, inference that lease agreements may not be renewed if the suggestions of the optical managers are not met, and Doctors not allowed a copy of documents signed in a "yellow book" of documents prepared by the district manger. The Board was led to believe the deficiencies would be corrected. The doctors were thanked for their cooperation and the interview concluded. Mr. Trice is to make inquiries as to the yellow book, privacy protection of patient records and names, mandatory hours of operation, and improper sections of lease agreements.

Dr. Diner of the Medical Foundation was present and stated Dr. Ashabranner and Dr. Mc Waters were in compliance. Evidence of phenylpropanolamine were found on recent screenings, but may have been in some unknown OTC products. Both doctors are to be present at the next Board meeting.

Dr. Norton has signed a five-year agreement with the Medical Foundation after their diagnostic work up in Monroe, La. Results of recent screenings were not available and the Medical Foundation will notify the Board of the results when they are received. Dr. Norton is to be at the next Board meeting.

Dr. Flippin's report included non-renewal of license by two doctors, Dr. Bolen and Dr. Cullison. Since both doctors returned their renewal applications, indicating they did not wish to renew, Dr. Haas made a motion to accept their request not to renew and remove their names from licensed Arkansas optometrists and archive their records. Seconded by Dr. Coffee. Motion passed.

Five doctors reported DUI's on single occasions in the past year. Next year, Dr. Flippin will ask if any DUI's have occurred in the previous five years.

Dr. Haas presented an ad by JC Penny that appears deceptive. Mr. Trice is to contact their attorney and ask him to be present at the next Board meeting.

The next Board meeting has been scheduled for May 15th, 2008.

Dr Smalling made a motion that travel and expenses of the Board be paid for the year 2008. Dr. Coffee made a second and the motion passed.

Dr. Coffee made a motion the Board be paid one-day expenses and travel for today's meeting. Dr. Smalling made a second and the motion passed.

Dr. Morris adjourned the meeting.

Dr. Dale Morris, President

Dr. Kenneth Hubbard, Jr., Secretary

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① John W. King, OD & wife Renee
Moore

Wayne R. King, OD
Ray L. Ashby

Charles McWater

Ha Nguyen, OD

Bruce D. King, OD

Jerry Fleming, OD

Al. Garris
Joyce Deen