

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

June 1, 2006

Dr. Morris called the meeting to order. All Board members were present except Dr. Haas and Mr. Guerra. Dr. Flippin, Executive Director and Board Secretary, Ann Booker, and Board attorney Bill Trice were also present. The audience consisted of the individuals who signed the meeting attendance sheet and hearing sheet attached.

Dr. Coffee made a motion to approve the minutes as written; Dr. Hubbard made a second and the motion passed.

Dr. Morris closed the Board meeting and Mr. Trice opened the hearing on Dr. Greg Pierangeli for violations of the Optometry act by providing false information to the Board for the purpose of obtaining a license in the form of a hot check.

After the hearing, Dr. Morris reopened the Board meeting.

Dr. Hubbard made the motion that Dr. Pierangeli violated the practice act and Dr. Coffee made a second. The motion passed.

Dr. Hubbard made a motion Dr. Pierangeli be fined \$1,000 due in 6 days, re licensure fee due immediately, license remain under suspension until the fine is paid in full. If the fine and renewal fees are not paid in full in 6 days, Dr. Pierangeli's license will be revoked. Dr. Morris made the second and the motion passed.

Dr. Hutchins was present to discuss a complaint received by the Board. Joyce McKinney was unhappy with the services received, her treatment by Dr. Hutchinson, and the inability to see with her glasses. He reported being sanctioned by the Board in the past. Dr. Hutchins answered questions concerning his examination of Joyce McKinney, fee's, and complaint. The Board reviewed the findings of two doctors seen by Mrs. McKinney and the doctor Mrs. McKinney saw at the request of the Board. Dr. Hutchens said he did not argue with patients. He said it was of no benefit to him to have a patient unhappy when they leave his office. Dr. Hutchinson stated that he had told his staff to do whatever it would take to make Mrs. McKinney happy.

Dr. McWaters was present at the Board meeting reporting on his places of work and he maintains advocacy by the Medical Foundation. He will be present at the next Board meeting.

Dr. Ashabranner was present at the Board meeting and it was found that he had not had the past six drug screens because of non-payment of fee's to the Medical Foundation. Dr.

Ashabranner reported that he would have a job to pay his bills if his license is reinstated. The Board agreed to allow Dr. Ashabranner to be re licensed if he obtains advocacy of the Medical Foundation, pays all fees to the State Board, and brings his CE up to date. When Dr. Ashabranner meets all the demands of the Board Order Dr. Flippin may issue a license.

Dr. Hubbard discussed the utilization of local police departments for investigations into illegal contact lenses sales to reduce cost. Mr. Trice clarified our various courses of action. The Board decided to keep the hearings within its purview. Investigations by local police would be free charge. The Board would pay travel expenses for the investigator when he comes to Little Rock for hearings. They would also be liable for fee's involved in lens purchases. Dr. Hubbard discussed the possibility of using the Health Department in large cities and local police in smaller cities. Health department investigators are paid by the hour plus expenses.

Dr. Coffee made a motion to brings charges that Katherina's of Harrison, AR had violated the practice act by selling contact lenses without a license. Dr. Morris made a second and the motion passed.

Dr. Flippin reported 12 doctors had applied to take the July Board exam. He also reported on issues concerning moving of the Board office. The Board approved a letter to request a waiver.

Dr. Hubbard made a motion Mr. Trice send a letter to Mr. Wise for a waiver concerning the Board office and Dr. Coffee made a second. The motion passed.

Dr. Heath made a request for re licensure with no return address. Mr. Trice wrote a letter informing him he had not met the requirements and mailed it to his last known address.

Dr. Hubbard made a motion to leave the current Board officers in place. Dr. Coffee made a second and the motion passed.

Dr. Coffee made a motion to request Dr. Haas is recommended as the Optometry Board member on the Optician Board. Dr. Hubbard made the second. The motion passed.

Dr. Coffee made a motion to pay expense and travel for the Board meeting and Dr. Hubbard made a second. The motion passed.

Dr. Hubbard made a motion Dr. Ashabranner may be issued a license before the next Board meeting if he meets the demands of the Board Order, has current CE, pays applicable Board fees, and obtains advocacy of the Medical Foundation. Dr. Coffee made a second and the motion passed.

Updated Rules and Regulations were made available for the public.

Jennifer Martinez will dine the new applicants at Shorty Smalls on behalf of the State Association after Board testing.

The Board congratulated Dr. Morris on his re appointment to the Board.

Dr. Morris adjourned the meeting.

Dale Morris, OD, President

Kenneth Hubbard, Jr., OD, Secretary

ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

BOARD MEETING

JUNE 1, 2006

SIGN IN SHEET

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Christopher Martinez AROA

J. P. P. P.

(Dr Hutchins)

Vicki Walters

Mira Rogers

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