

Minutes

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

August 13, 2009

Dr. Morris opened the meeting with all Board members, except Mr. Spears present. Howard Flippin, Executive Director, Ann Booker, Board secretary, and Bill Trice Board Attorney were also present. Dr. Bradley Diner, Dr. Roy Ashabranner, Dr. Charles McWaters, Vicki Farmer, Mr. Paul Charton, Dr. Diana McKenzie, Maggie Garrett, Ricky Quattlebaum, Zoella Rogers, Dwight Rogers, and Dr. Allison Hall were in the audience.

Dr. Coffee made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as printed; Dr. Smalling made a second and the motion passed.

Dr. Ashabranner was in compliance with the Medical Foundation and Dr. Norton was also in compliance with the Foundation. Dr Norton was not present at the meeting.

Dr. McWaters was not in compliance with the Medical Foundation or the Board Order and his license remains suspended. He currently is in treatment at the VA. Dr. McWaters is to begin work with the Medical Foundation again. Dr. Diner will report on his status each meeting and will request neuro testing in six months.

Lenscrafters hearing has been postponed until the next Board Meeting.

Dr Flippin introduced Maggie Garrett and Ricky Quattlebaum from DF&A concerning new legislation requiring accounting oversight of State Boards. Recommendations were presented for handling the monies that pass through the Board. Dr. Flippin also presented the new office manual requested by Mr. Quattlebaum. It was suggested a Board member look over certain financial reports each month and Mr. Shirley agreed to take this role since he has an extensive accounting background. Specific reports were also suggested to be presented at each Board meeting.

Dr. Flippin updated the Board on newly licensed doctors.

Dr. Emily Bussey requested an extended time to complete the requirements to be licensed because of medical problems.

Dr. Hubbard made a motion to extend her time to February 1st with a twenty-dollar fee. If she does not complete by the deadline, she will repeat the examination and pay another fee for taking the Board exam. Dr. Smalling made a second and the motion passed.

Mr. Trice reported that J.C. Penny had agreed with the consent order with the changes made at the last Board Meeting. It will be signed at this meeting and becomes effective.

Dr. McKenzie was present and discussed the irregularities in her application for license renewal concerning DUI's. She voluntarily agreed to undergo drug and alcohol monitoring for one year.

Dr. Hubbard made a motion Dr. McKenzie is drug and alcohol monitored by the Medical Foundation for one year to demonstrate she is free of substance abuse. Dr. Haas made a second and the motion passed.

Dr. Smalling made a motion Dr. Gentry be allowed to obtain all twenty hours of CE for license renewal be distance learning (internet COPE approved) while on a mission trip in China for a year. Dr. Coffee made a second and the motion passed.

Dr. Haas made motion to add Board Certified before each word optometric physician in Chapter five of the rules and regulations as he outlined. Dr. Hubbard made a second and the motion passed. Dr. Smalling abstained.

Dr. Hubbard made a motion to change the rule on oral steroids to eliminate the last line of Chapter V, Article VIII, Section 1. Also add to Chapter I, Article II, Section 1, first paragraph add "and documentation of passing all parts of the National Board Exams". And add to the same section under Section 6 end of paragraph one "the examination date will be established at a Board Meeting prior to June 1st and February 1st of each year. Dr. Coffee amended the motion to add striking under Chapter II, Section 4, D. Dr. Haas made a second and the motion passed.

Dr. Haas made a motion the Board officers remain the same for the next year. Dr. Smalling made a second and the motion passed.

Dwight Rogers of Pearl Vision in Fort Smith came before the Board to file a complaint against Dr. Kevin Dang. He has had a lease agreement with Dr. Dang for several years and feels he has violated the Optometry Act. Mr. Trice explained the proper procedures to follow and the Board would review his complaint then act appropriately.

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

Dr. Morris adjourned the meeting.

Dr. Dale Morris, President

Dr. Kenneth Hubbard, Jr., Secretary

