

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

August 16, 2007

Dr. Morris opened the meeting with all Board members present. Also Dr. Howard Flippin, Executive Director, Ann Booker, Board secretary, Vicki Farmer, AOA, Dr. Lawson, Medical Foundation, Dr. Charles McWaters, Dr. Roy Ashabranner, and Mr. Bill Trice, Board Attorney were present.

Dr. Morris introduced and welcomed Edward Spears to the Board. Mr. Spears resides in Wabbaseka, Arkansas and manages stores for Sears in Little Rock. He also serves on the Quorum Court.

Mr. Trice brought the Board up to date concerning Branch office permits for doctors at Federal facilities in Arkansas. No exemptions currently exist.

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

Dr. Ashabranner and Dr. Mc Waters attended the meeting and are in compliance with the Board order and the Medical Foundation Contract.

Dr. Flippin reported that 15, of the 20 applicants taking the Board in July, are now licensed.

Mr. Trice presented the Board with a Law passed by the Medical Board in 2005 concerning felons not being allowed to practice in Arkansas. Criminal background checks of doctors applying to take the Board are performed by finger printing. An additional fee is required of the applicant to cover the expense. .

Mr. Trice discussed questions added to the renewal forms and applications as to convictions of felonies, other state licenses, etc. The Board asked Mr. Trice to review current laws and formulate a similar law for Optometry. The Board also asked Mr. Trice to prepare other Board application forms for this Board's review.

Dr. Flippin reported on TK's Beauty and More located in Jonesboro, Arkansas, selling contact lenses.

Dr. Hubbard made a motion to bring charges and conduct a hearing at the meeting of December 20, 2007 involving Young Lee, allegedly selling contact lenses without being licensed as an Optometrist to do the same. Dr. Haas made a second and the motion passed.

Dr. Coffee made a motion the Executive Director of the Arkansas State Board of Optometry to conduct four or more random surveys of licensees' offices to inspect the offices for compliance with the rules governing the necessary equipment and signage and advertisement that is required by the Regulations of the Arkansas State Board of Optometry. The Board further authorized him to collect such records as might exist from the licenses who contract such documentation to establish their relationship if for their premises or employees or billing. The Board further instructed the Executive Director to present to the Board, at its next meeting, his checklist for conduction the investigation and the completed surveys. Doctor Hubbard made a second and the motion passed.

Dr. Smalling discussed contact lens delivery systems for various medications for various illnesses.

Dr. Coffee made a motion the Board be paid for one days travel and expenses. Mr. Spears made a second and the motion passed.

Dr. Morris adjourned the meeting.

Dale Morris, O.D., President

Kenneth Hubbard, Jr., OD, Secretary