



## OHIO OPTICAL DISPENSERS BOARD

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### MINUTES OF MEETING FEBRUARY 21, 2013

#### REGULAR MEETING OF THE OHIO OPTICAL DISPENSERS BOARD FEBRUARY 21, 2013

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Ohio Optical Dispensers Board (Board) began on Thursday, February 21, 2013 at 9:02 A.M. at 77 South High Street, 31<sup>ST</sup> Floor, Columbus, Ohio. President Paul R. King called the meeting to order in open session.

#### BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Present: President, Paul R. King; Vice President, Jeffrey R. Rohlf; Treasurer, Thomas Barracato; Brian J Miller; James Fortune, Sr.; Timothy Fries, O.D.; Jeffrey Hutchison, D.O.; James Ashenhurst; Susan Bender

#### STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Present: Nancy L. Manns, Executive Director; William Lehman, Investigator; Yazan Ashrawi, Assistant Attorney General; Wilma Simmons, Executive Secretary.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

##### Ordering of the Agenda

The President and Executive Director reviewed the consent agenda prior to the meeting.

IT WAS MOVED BY BRIAN J MILLER AND SECONDED BY THOMAS BARRACATO THAT THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR THE FEBRUARY 21, 2013 MEETING BE APPROVED AS WRITTEN. MOTION ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT. JAMES FORTUNE, SR. ABSENT FOR VOTE

The President and Executive Director reviewed the regular agenda prior to the meeting.

IT WAS MOVED BY THOMAS BARRACATO AND SECONDED BY SUSAN BENDER THAT THE REGULAR AGENDA FOR THE FEBRUARY 21, 2013 MEETING BE APPROVED AS WRITTEN. MOTION ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT. JAMES FORTUNE, SR. ABSENT FOR VOTE

##### President's Report

President King welcomed the guests in the gallery including Mark Glasper, the new Executive Director of the Opticians Association of Ohio.

##### Approval of Minutes

IT WAS MOVED BY THOMAS BARRACATO AND SECONDED BY TIMOTHY FRIES, O.D. THAT THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 6, 2012 BOARD MEETING BE APPROVED AS AMENDED. MOTION WITHDRAWN

IT WAS MOVED BY THOMAS BARRACATO AND SECONDED BY TIMOTHY FRIES, O.D. THAT THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 6, 2012 BOARD MEETING BE APPROVED AS WRITTEN. MOTION ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT. JAMES FORTUNE, SR. ABSENT FOR VOTE

**Goals of the Board:**

**Retreat for Development of Board Goals:**

After discussion,

IT WAS MOVED BY JEFFREY R. ROHLF AND SECONDED BY SUSAN BENDER THAT THE BOARD SCHEDULE A STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING TO FOLLOW THE MAY 2, 2013 BOARD MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF OUTLINING A 2 YEAR AND A 5 YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN; AND, THAT THE BOARD AUTHORIZE DIRECTOR MANN'S TO EXPLORE LOCATIONS FOR HOLDING THE MEETING WITHIN BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS AND THE AVAILABILITY OF A FACILITATOR. MOTION ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT.

In addition, the Board directed Ms. Manns to research the feasibility of engaging a facilitator for the planning retreat; and, to plan according to the availability of funds and locations for the retreat based on the availability of a facilitator.

**Board Governance/Planning:**

Director Manns provided the Board members with a summary of prior discussions of proposed changes to the law regulating the practice of opticians, ophthalmologists and apprentices in Ohio. After additional discussion, the Board agreed by consensus and affirmed the following recommendations for changes to the law regulating the practice of opticianry and ophthalmology in Ohio:

- Maintain single licensure: spectacle, contact or spectacle contact;
- Licensure renewal would be on a biennial schedule;
- Apprentice registration renewal would be on the opposite biennial schedule;
- Establish the licensure renewal period to end on March 31<sup>st</sup> of each renewal period;
- Maintain the current continuing education requirements for licensure renewal;
- Limit the amount of time an individual could serve as an apprentice to a total of five years;
- Require that supervisors of apprentices report the apprentice's progress to the Board on a schedule established by the Board;
- Require that apprentices obtain continuing education after the first year of apprenticeship as a requirement of successful completion of the apprenticeship;
- Require that a license applicant successfully pass a practical exam approved by the Board in addition to the written exam as a requirement for licensure.

The Board also discussed the possibility of having The National Commission of State Opticianry Regulatory Boards (NCSORB) provide a demonstration of their practical exam. Director Manns stated she would work with Board members to determine the feasibility of doing so at a future Board meeting.

**Executive Director's Report**

Director Manns informed the Board that there has been no news regarding re-appointments or appointments of new Board members at this time.

Director Manns informed the Board she had created a budget report which would provide specific information related to all purchases/expenses and would also provide revenue information. Ms. Manns went on to say that the new report format was shown to the officers prior to the Board meeting for their recommendations and to evaluate if this new report will provide the type of information that the Board members would like to see at future meetings. A copy of the new report as well as the old report format will be provided to all Board members at the May 2, 2013 Board meeting.

Director Manns informed the Board that the Governor rolled out his FY'14/'FY'15 budget on February 4, 2013. Director Manns then informed the Board that she would be providing testimony on behalf of the Board regarding the Board's allotments before the House Higher Education Committee some time during the current February 21, 2013 Board meeting.

Director Manns provided the following information regarding licensure renewal:

- 98% of those who renewed, renewed on-line;
- 21% of those who renewed, did so the last week of renewal;
- The largest number to renew in one day (310) was on 12/31/12—the last day of renewal.

All individuals who had not renewed had been sent a letter informing them that they were no longer licensed; were not able to practice optical dispensing and, if they were currently practicing, must cease and desist practicing until the license is renewed and on display at the place of dispensing.

Director Manns also informed the Board that the ABO/NCLE exam results from the November, 2012 exam were received by test takers via email around the middle of January, 2013.

	NATIONAL PASS RATE	OHIO PASS RATE
ABO	62%	53%
NCLE	69%	74%

Director Manns informed the Board that the amendments to HB 453 which would require the Board to mandate that licensees obtain continuing education hours related to Human Trafficking during a specified period of time did not pass during the legislative process. This means that the Board will not be required to promulgate rules regarding this continuing education requirement.

Director Manns also reported to the Board that the average length of time from receipt of a complete application for licensure to issuance of the license is now averaging 11 days.

President King announced for purposes of the minutes that Director Manns and Vice President Rohlf had left the Board meeting so that Director Manns could provide the Board's budget testimony before the House Higher Education Sub-committee.

**Special Orders:**

**Review and Approval of Policy: Rule Making Process**

After discussion,

IT WAS MOVED BY BRIAN J MILLER AND SECONDED BY SUSAN BENDER THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE POLICY RULE MAKING PROCESS AS LISTED ON HANDOUT

1.6.1 OF THE AGENDA. MOTION ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT. JEFFREY R. ROHLF ABSENT FOR VOTE

**Review and Approval of Policy: Hiring/Termination/Resignation**

IT WAS MOVED BY SUSAN BENDER AND SECONDED BY THOMAS BARRACATO THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE POLICY HIRING/TERMINATION/RESIGNATION AS LISTED ON HANDOUT 1.6.2 OF THE AGENDA. MOTION ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT. JEFFREY R. ROHLF ABSENT FOR VOTE

**Continuing Education**

After review and discussion by Board members regarding applications submitted for approval of continuing education hours,  
IT WAS MOVED BY BRIAN J MILLER AND SECONDED BY TIMOTHY FRIES, O.D. THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS WITH THE APPROVED HOURS AS LISTED BELOW. MOTION ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT. JEFFREY R. ROHLF ABSENT FOR VOTE

**Opticians Association of Ohio – Warrensville Heights, OH – February 9, 2013:**

4 Contact Lens Hours

**Opticians Association of Ohio – Warrensville Heights, OH – February 10, 2013:**

4 Contact Lens Hours

**Opticians Association of Ohio – Fairfield, OH – February 24, 2013:**

4 Contact Lens Hours

**Approval of Financial Report**

After discussion,  
IT WAS MOVED BY SUSAN BENDER AND SECONDED BY JAMES FORTUNE, SR. THAT THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR CURRENT FY 2013 BE ACCEPTED AS WRITTEN. MOTION ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT. JEFFREY R. ROHLF ABSENT FOR VOTE

President King announced that Director Manns and Vice President Rohlf were back from the Budgetary Hearing.

**Ratification of Licenses:**

IT WAS MOVED BY BRIAN J MILLER AND SECONDED BY SUSAN BENDER THAT THE BOARD RATIFY FOR LICENSURE THE APPLICANTS LISTED ON ADDENDUM 1.0. MOTION ADOPTED BY THE MAJORITY VOTE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT. JEFFREY R. ROHLF ABSTAINED.

**New Business**

Acclamation for Dr. Steinemann

President King presented a letter to the Board drafted by Director Manns as an acclamation for Dr. Thomas Steinemann for all his services and efforts in helping to fight the illegal dispensing of cosmetic contact lenses. Board members and staff signed the proclamation of gratitude. The signed document was to be mailed to Dr. Steinemann.

President King discussed the idea of limiting the number of continuing education hours a licensee could take online for renewal of licenses. After discussion, a straw vote was taken to determine

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if the Board believed that licensees should be limited to the number of continuing education hours that may be obtained through on-line courses:

- 4 Yes votes
- 2 No votes
- 2 abstentions
- 1 wanted to “see a mix of both”

**Open Forum:**

Pat Kuhl, President, Opticians Association of Ohio (OAO), gave a presentation on the OAO’s concerns and opinions of limiting the number of on-line continuing education (CE) hours for license renewal. Ms. Kuhl stated that OAO was in favor of limiting the number of CE’s that an individual optician may obtain for renewal of their license. President King thanked Ms. Kuhl for coming to the Board meeting and presenting OAO’s opinions.

Teresa Goodwin of the Medina County Career Center gave a brief presentation of MCCC’s opticianry program and compared the course structure and content to Cuyahoga Community College’s courses. The MCCC program is a two year high school program with on the job training. Ms. Goodwin requested that the Board consider using a part of this program as equivalent or credit toward the apprenticeship time requirements to be able to apply for a license.

Hearing no other matters for discussion the Board meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

**ATTESTED:**

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**PRESIDENT, PAUL R. KING**

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**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NANCY MANNS**

**Future Board Meeting Dates:**

May 2, 2013	December 5, 2013
July 25, 2013	October 3, 2013

**ADDENDUM 1.0**

**ODB - First Issued**

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SC	13971	BUDROW SHARON	6359 Bells Ferry Rd Lot 620	Acworth	GA	20102	20130214	20131231
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SC	10042	JOHNSON CHRYSTAL	1400 Bairstow Court	Galloway	OH	43119	20130213	20131231
C	13948	MALLON ABBY	2236 Dixon St	Delaware	OH	43015	20130208	20131231
S	11508	MCKENZIE DEIS JANE	1452 Scenic Club Drive	Westerville	OH	43081	20130208	20131231
S	12333	MEREDITH CHRISTAL	19517 Fairway Avenue	Maple Heights	OH	44137	20130214	20131231
S	13496	MESSERLE RACHEL	5494 Desert Gold Drive	Cincinnati	OH	45247	20130212	20131231
SC	12539	NUDO MELISSA	2018 Tennyson Avenue NE	Massillon	OH	44646	20130207	20131231
S	12322	PETERS MEGAN	7851 Meadowhaven Boulevard	Columbus	OH	43235	20130220	20131231
SC	10268	RODRIGUEZ MELISSA	617 Marion Avenue SW	Canton	OH	44707	20130204	20131231
SC	12646	RUGGLES KRYSTAL	6792 Peck Road Unit 1	Ravenna	OH	44266	20130214	20131231
S	11441	SMITH JEFFREY	7736 Scioto Court Apt 212	West Chester	OH	45069	20130103	20131231
S	12561	STEVENS KAYLA	8 Ledgewood Drive	Mansfield	OH	44905	20130219	20131231
SC	13904	WHITE ROBERT	4622 Station Avenue #1	Norwood	OH	45212	20130108	20131231

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