

The Kentucky Board of Ophthalmic Dispensers
March 18, 2009

A regular meeting of the Kentucky Board of Ophthalmic Dispensers was conducted March 18, 2009 at the Division of Occupations and Professions, 911 Leawood Drive, Frankfort, Kentucky.

Members Present

Granville Smith, Chairman
Melanie Abner
Debra Bertke
John Gleason
Mark Jacobs

Occupations and Professions

Frances Short, Director
Barbara Rucker, Section Supervisor
Carla Claypool, Board Administrator

Others Present

J. Michael West, Board Counsel/
Assistant Attorney General

Call to Order

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Bertke made a motion to approve the minutes from January 21, 2009. The motion, seconded by Ms. Abner, carried.

Approval of Financial Statement

Ms. Abner made a motion to approve the financial statement ending February 28, 2009. The motion, seconded by Ms. Bertke, carried.

Director's Report

Investigations Update – Director Short reported that investigative work for the board should now be sent to the Office of the Inspector General (OIG). The board, however, could contract with someone outside the OIG if necessary. Chairman Smith stated the board would need an inspector as opposed to an investigator and would, therefore, contract outside of the OIG.

Ms. Bertke made a motion to have Susan Ellis, to post a Request for Proposal for an ophthalmic dispenser inspector with maximum expense for services not to exceed \$2,500. The motion, seconded by Ms. Abner, carried.

Board Counsel Report

Agreed Order/Eyeglass World – Attorney West reported the matter settled with payment received and the order ratified.

Monthly Licensure Status Report

There currently are 164 apprentice ophthalmic dispensers, 589 active ophthalmic dispensers and 191 inactive ophthalmic dispensers.

Approval of Practical Examination Applications

Ms. Bertke made a motion to approve the following applicants for the practical examination:

Loraine Adams	Jenny Newton
Daneen Ball	Robin Presley
John Benett	Sheila Smith
Laura Bull	Auralee Upchurch
Datrin Dreisbach	Gerald Weldy
Kristen Hedger	Krista White
Gina Lowe	Kelli Whitt
Jennifer Nelson	

The motion, seconded by Dr. Gleason, carried.

Approval of Apprentice Applications

Dr. Jacobs made a motion to approve the following applicants for apprentice ophthalmic dispenser licenses:

Pam Barnes	Renee Mastin
Anita Brooks	Joshua Rayborn
Kimberly Brown	Sarah Schlitzkus
Joanna Cornwell	Cheryl Simons
Bonita Gibbs	Allison Temple
Stephen Honeycut	Shirley Vaught
Adam Huff	Amber Wallace

The motion, seconded by Ms. Abner, carried.

Approval of Continuing Education Requests

A motion was made by Dr. Jacobs to approve the continuing education requests from International Vision Expo and conference East 2009 at full credit; and Tennessee Dispensing Opticians Association (TDOA) at ½ credit—unless TDOA has resumed their membership in a national organization—at which point the board would approve their continuing education request at full credit. The motion, seconded by Ms. Bertke, carried.

Additional Business

Letter from Roy R. Ferguson, Ph.D. regarding The Learning Curve – Dr. Jacobs made a motion to have the board administrator write a letter to Dr. Ferguson to acknowledge receipt of his letter and inform him that the matter was taken under advisement by the board. The letter should state that the board decided the test would not be appropriate at this time and recommend Dr. Ferguson take the matter before the national board for consideration. The motion, seconded by Ms. Bertke, carried.

Approval of Travel and Per Diem

Ms. Abner made a motion to approve travel for the members attending today's meeting. The motion, seconded by Dr. Jacobs, carried.

Ms. Bertke made a motion to approve travel for Chairman Smith to attend the NCSORB regional/national exam workshop, May 16 – 17, 2009, in Durham, NC. The motion, seconded by Ms. Abner, carried.

Ms. Bertke made a motion to change the next board meeting to May 13, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. The motion, seconded by Ms. Abner, carried.

Having no further business to bring before the board, Dr. Gleason made a motion to adjourn at 11:08 a.m. The motion, seconded by Dr. Jacobs, carried.

(Signature on File)

Approved May 2009
Granville Smith, Chairman