

The Kentucky Board of Ophthalmic Dispensers
March 18, 2014

A regular meeting of the Kentucky Board of Ophthalmic Dispensers was conducted March 18, 2014, at the Office of Occupations and Professions, 911 Leawood Drive, Frankfort, Kentucky.

Members Present

Granville Smith, Chairman
Dorothy Newberry
Dr. Jim Lockett
Melanie Abner, Secretary

Occupations and Professions Staff Present

Lindsey Lane, Board Administrator
Gordon Slone, Executive Director

Others Present

Michael West, Assistant Attorney General
Byron Brentlinger, Board Investigator

Members Absent

Dr. Gary Wortz

Call to Order

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Abner made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the February 5, 2014 meeting. Dr. Lockett seconded that motion and it carried.

Review of Financial Statements

The Board reviewed their financial statements from the months of January and February 2014.

O&P Report

Gordon Slone, Executive Director with the Office of Occupations and Professions presented the Board with the proposed budget figures for the 2015/2016 Biennial Budget. The Board will be presented with a Memorandum of Agreement around May which holds as the agreement between the Board and O&P for all administrative services. Mr. Slone explained that the office operates and is funded by the agreements between all of the Boards and the fees that they're required to pay. The Boards fees will remain the same as they have over the last year.

Mr. Slone also reported that the vacant Board Administrator position has been filled by Vickie Logan who served as an Administrative Specialist in the Operations Section. Ms. Logan will have the Board of Licensure and Certification of Dietitians and Nutritionists, the Board of Certification for Alcohol and Drug Counselors, and the Board of Interpreters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. The office is still working to fill the vacant Resource Management Analyst position but hopes to have that filled soon.

Board Counsel Report

Mr. West reported that there are currently six ongoing cases. Mr. West did report a settlement had been reached with a Lenscrafters store and one of the licensed Opticians. Ms. Abner made a motion to accept the \$1,000.00 settlement from the store and the \$1,000.00 settlement from the Optician. Dr. Lockett seconded that motion and it carried. The remaining five cases are close to settlement at this time and Mr. West will report back to the Board at their May meeting.

Two issues were brought up concerning current licensed Opticians. After discussion the Board initiated complaints against each of them. Mr. West will draft a letter regarding the situations for Ms. Lane to send to each licensee.

The Board also asked Mr. Brentlinger to investigate a situation that had been brought to the Boards attention in February.

Ophthalmic Inspector Report

Mr. Brentlinger did not have a report for the March meeting.

Licensure Status Report

Ms. Lane did not give a status report due to the current renewal period.

Approval of Apprentice Applications

Ms. Abner made a motion to approve the following Apprentice Applications:

1. Olivia Taylor - Lenscrafters - Lexington, KY
2. Troy Acord - Sam's Club - Jeffersontown, KY
3. Tracy Cowles - Sam's Club - Elizabethtown, KY
4. Jessica Owens - Eyeglass World - Lexington, KY
5. April Seals - Wal-Mart Vision Center - Lexington, KY
6. Molly Slusher - Precision Eyecare and Optical - Bowling Green, KY
7. Lori Link - Wal-Mart Vision Center - Ft. Wright, KY
8. Johnny McGovney - Wal-Mart Vision Center - Ft. Wright, KY
9. Thomas Clark - Lenscrafters - Paducah, KY
10. Courtney Williams - Wal-Mart Vision Center - Hopkinsville, KY
11. Delbert Salyers - Williams Roche Opticians - Lexington, KY
12. Amy Waters - Kentucky Eye Care - Louisville, KY
13. Lillian Mumford - Wal-Mart Vision Center - Lawrenceburg, KY
14. Shawna Cornett - Wal-Mart Vision Center - Cynthiana, KY
15. Amara Spencer - Lenscrafters - Florence, KY
16. Anna Brown - Family Eyecare - Campbellsville, KY

Ms. Newberry seconded that motion and it carried.

Approval of Practical Exam Applications

There were no applications for approval at the March meeting.

Additional Business

Ms., Lane placed a copy of the NCSORB newsletter in everyone's packet for their information. The newsletter went over current statistics with the National Practical exam.

A question was raised regarding the total number of hours an Apprentice must have before applying to become a licensed Optician. At this time the Board does not clarify in their regulations but the Board has always interpreted this to mean full time employees working more than twenty hours per week.

The Board was informed a licensee had been convicted of a crime before becoming licensed. Mr. West explained the Board would need to review the initial application as there is a section regarding criminal background. Ms. Lane informed the Board that the licensee had not renewed their license at this time. Mr. West suggested placing a note in the licensees file in case they requested reinstatement at a later date.

Ms. Lane received a letter from someone wanting to start their own business where they would be dispensing optical products. The question was asked if they would need a license since they were licensed in another state. The Board asked Ms. Lane to respond to the individual and explain that if they decided to open in Kentucky and dispense that they would be required to hold a license.

Ms. Lane presented a list to all members with the names of everyone that did not renew in 2013. Everyone on the list will receive a Cease and Desist letter from the Board and will not be able to dispense until they have reinstated their license.

Approval of Travel and Per Diem

Ms. Abner made a motion to approve travel and per diem for members that attended today's meeting. Ms. Newberry seconded that motion and it carried.

Next Meeting

The Board will meet again on Wednesday, May 21, 2014 at the Office of Occupations and Professions.

Adjournment

Ms. Abner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:02am. Dr. Lockett seconded that motion and it carried.



Granville Smith, Chairman