

RHODE ISLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR OPTICIANRY

MINUTES OF MEETING

November 16, 2011

Open Session

The Open Session of the RI Advisory Committee for Opticianry was called to order at 8:30 am on the above date in Room 104, Rhode Island Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meeting Law, so called, and other applicable provisions of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended. A quorum was established.

Board members in attendance:

Charles Hogenmiller

John J. Lynch, Jr.

Kim Chace

Board members not in attendance:

Matthew Steward

Staff members in attendance:

J. Michel Martineau

The minutes of the open session held on March 16, 2011 were

presented. Kim Chace made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Charles Hogenmiller, it was unanimously passed. The minutes of the executive session held on March 16, 2011 were presented and reviewed; Kim Chace made a motion to accept the minutes, John. J. Lynch seconded, and it was unanimously passed.

Board Members express interest in proposing changes to the Definitions section of the law, Section 5-35.2-1 (5). The change would eliminate the words “fitting, selling, replacing, or dispensing contact lenses”. A board member states they have discussed same with their professional group and will seek changes through the legislative process. Comments include the current practice is anti-consumer, anti-business and anti-optician. A board member states consumers can now call a 1-800 number and obtain contact lenses, the proposed change would keep more business in RI and will level the playing field.

Adjournment to Executive Session

On motion of Charles Hogenmiller, seconded by John J. Lynch, Jr., it was unanimously voted to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, as Amended, in that confidential issues of fitness for licensure and investigative cases will be discussed. The Open Session adjourned at 8:45 am.

Return to Open Session

The Open Session was called back to order at 8:55 am.

On motion of Charles Hogenmiller, seconded by Kim Chace, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in Executive Session and to seal those minutes inasmuch as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed.

Adjournment

Having no further business, on motion of John J. Lynch, seconded by Charles Hogenmiller, it was unanimously voted to adjourn. The Open Session of the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 am.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Michel Martineau

Administrator, Board of Opticianry