

RHODE ISLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR OPTICIANRY

MINUTES OF MEETING

April 25, 2012

Open Session

The Open Session of the RI Advisory Committee for Opticianry was called to order at 8:45 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: Board members not in attendance:

Kim Chace, Chair

Charles Hogenmiller

John J. Lynch, Jr. Staff members in attendance:

Matthew Steward J. Michel Martineau

The minutes of the open session held on November 16, 2011 were presented. Kim Chace made motion to correct and amend the Minutes, Charles Hogenmiller. seconded, it was passed unanimously.

Charles Hogenmiller made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Kim Chace, it was unanimously passed.

Board members address a communication pertaining to an online educational organization; the inquiry seeks clarification if RI accepts the Penn Foster College program. Members direct the administrator to advise this individual that they must review the RI Regulations and further determine if this education would qualify him to sit for the national exam.

Board members express concern regarding numerous individuals who recently failed the RI Practical exam, some failed more than once; they suggest the issues should be reviewed. The administrator indicates the issue of multiple applicants failing the Practical is a new issue and may be related to a new program in the state. Board members suggest that may have merit. Members review recent scores.

Board Members address proposed changes to the Definitions section of the law, Section 5-35.2-1 (5). Member John Lynch indicates there is new proposed language that is not reflected in the proposed legislation available to the administrator. The change would provide for opticians to be more of a full service store, it is being worked on by the RI optician organization in consultation with the RI optometry organization as well as RI legislators.

Adjournment

Having no further business, on motion of Kim Chace, seconded by Charles Hogenmiller, it was unanimously voted to adjourn. The Open Session of the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 am.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Michel Martineau

Administrator, Health Professions