

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY

MINUTES OF MEETING

Wednesday, 22 September 2004

Open Session

The Open Session of the Board of Examiners in Optometry was called to order at 8:30 A.M. on the above date in Room 104, Cannon Building, 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:

David Mills, OD

Ronald J. Serra, OD

Scott Surdut, OD

Board members not in attendance:

Alessi A. Rispoli, OD

Staff members in attendance:

Kelly Doyle, Board Administrator, Health Professions Regulation

Maureen Hobson, Legal Counsel

Others in Attendance:

None

The minutes of the meetings held on 21 July 2004 were presented. On a motion by Dr. Serra and seconded by Dr. Mills, it was unanimously Voted to accept the Open and Executive minutes as presented and that the Executive minutes to remain sealed pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

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Topics of Discussion

The Board reviewed and approved the applications for internship of the following individuals:

- Amy Falk
- Maura Trail

The Board reviewed and approved the request from the preceptor to simultaneously supervise both optometric interns.

The Board reviewed and approved the application of the following individual for certification to treat glaucoma:

- Nancy Iacono

Adjournment to Executive Session

The Chair called for a motion to adjourn the Open Session and move to Executive Session pursuant to the Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 (a)(1)(4) of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, in that confidential issues of fitness for licensure and investigative cases will be discussed, or oral examinations administered. On a motion by

Dr. Mills, and seconded by Dr. Surdut, it was unanimously so Voted to adjourn to Executive Session.

Return to Open Session

Dr. Serra called the Open Session back to Order at 9:40 AM.

On motion of Dr. Serra, seconded by Dr. Mills, 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.

Topics of Discussion (continued)

The Board reviewed correspondence from the Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry regarding the announcement of its new “Optometric Education Tracker” which allows ARBO and state boards to access to information about licensees and their continuing education activities. The Board and legal counsel discussed this program further. The Board and legal counsel noted that membership in this program would not be a requirement for licensed optometrists. On a motion by Dr. Mills and seconded by Dr. Serra, it was unanimously Voted that membership in the Optometric Education Tracker program is at the discretion of individual licensees.

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Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjournment

The Chair called for a motion to adjourn the Open Session pursuant to the Sections 42-46-4 and 42-42-5 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island. On a motion by Dr. Serra and seconded by Dr. Mills, it was unanimously so Voted to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Doyle

Board Administrator

Health Professions Regulation