

BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR OPTOMETRY

MINUTES OF MEETING

SEPTEMBER 27, 2006

Open Session

The Open Session of the Board of Examiners for Optometry was called to order at 8:30 am on the above date in Room 104, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meetings 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

Samuel Montalto, OD

Louise DiChiara Pastore, OD

Scott Surdut, OD

Staff members in attendance:

Donna Dickerman

The minutes of the meeting held on May 17, 2006 were presented. On a motion by David Mills, seconded by Scott Surdut, it was

unanimously voted to accept the Open Session minutes as presented.

Business

The Board reviewed applications for amplified privileges for glaucoma for Theresa Colonna, John D. Corrow and Judi Pukl. Applications for Dr. Corrow and Dr. Pukl were resubmits, which had been deemed incomplete by the Board in May, 2006. Dr. Pukl's application was approved. Dr. Corrow's application was deemed incomplete: (1) some patients were not followed for one year from beginning of treatment; (2) some patients lacked interim visits at appropriate time, i.e., after diagnosis and treatment plan begins – refer to Section 3.2 © of the rules and regulations; and (3) initial evaluation must include assessment of optic nerve and intraocular pressure of optic nerve. Dr. Colonna's application was deemed incomplete: (1) some patient records do not indicate results at the end of one year; (2) some records did not indicate patient was stable for one year, others did not provide current documentation/evidence patient was stable (notes from previous three months used to sign off on patient).

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Adjournment to Executive Session

On motion of Samuel Montalto, seconded by Louise DiChiara Pastore, it was unanimously voted to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, in that confidential issues of fitness for licensure and investigative cases will be discussed.

Return to Open Session

The Open Session was called back to order at 9:50 am.

On a motion entered by Louise DiChiara Pastore, seconded by David Mills, the Board 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. No final actions to report.

Adjournment

On motion of Scott Surdut, seconded by David Mills, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the Open Session of the meeting at 10:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Dickerman

Acting Board Administrator

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