

BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR OPTOMETRY

MINUTES OF MEETING

JUNE 18, 2007

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

Elizabeth Shelov

The minutes of the meeting held on May 30, 2007 were presented. On

a motion by David Mills, seconded by Samuel Montalto, it was unanimously voted to accept the Open Session minutes as presented.

Business

The Board re-reviewed a request for reconsideration of its denial of amplified privileges for glaucoma treatment from Susana Chan, OD. In May, 2007 the Board stated the denial was not based on law or rules and regulations, but based on precedent established by the previous director of health, Dr. Nolan, which required an applicant's 20 cases required be completed in Rhode Island with a Rhode Island optometrist license and under supervision of a Rhode Island licensed ophthalmologist. Dr. Chan's cases were completed in New York under her New York license. A search of previous meeting minutes did not produce any reference to this alleged requirement. As a result, on a motion entered by David Mills, seconded by Scott Surdut, the Board unanimously voted Dr. Chan is eligible for amplified privileges for glaucoma treatment. After a review of her application (cases), the Board approved her request.

Holly Misto, OD, licensed prior to 1999, submitted documentation of successful completion of an amplification course, as required. The Board granted Dr. Misto amplification privileges.

Elizabeth Shelov assisted the Board in beginning revisions to the rules and regulations.

Adjournment

On motion of Samuel Montalto, seconded by Scott Surdut, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the Open Session of the meeting at 10:05 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Dickerman

Board Administrator

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