

**DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION
RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF OPTOMETRY**

**3 CAPITOL HILL
CONFERENCE ROOM 401
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2014

8:45 AM

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Dr. Louise DiChiara, Dr. Dena Hall, Dr. Samuel Montalto, Dr. Maria Sampalis

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

None

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Scott Campbell (Chief/Compliance & Regulatory Section), Maria Di Nitto (Case Manager), Peter J. Ragosta (Chief Administrator Officer)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

None

1. Establishment of a quorum

A meeting of the RI Board of Optometry was held on 10/1/14 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room #104, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. A quorum was established and the Open Session meeting was called to order at 8:45 am on a motion by Louise DiChiara and seconded by Samuel Montalto. Motion carried.

2. Presentation of the May 28, 2014 Open Session Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Dena Hall and seconded by Louise DiChiara to accept the Open Session minutes of May 28, 2014. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes as presented. Motion carried.

3. Chief Administrative Officer Report

- a. Appreciation for service on the Board was acknowledged to Dr. Mills**
- b. Appreciation for service as Board Manager was acknowledged to J. Michael Martineau**
- c. Dr. Dena Hall was welcomed as a new Board member**

4. Old Business

- None**

5. New Business

- a. Discussion on hydrocodone prescribing by optometrists. The board said that legislation was passed allowing optometrists to prescribe this product even though it is a CII.**

b. Use of AmbioDisk is allowed to be used by optometrists according to the Board and it was noted that insurance may not pay for it.

6. Motion to adjourn to Closed Session

Motion was made by Dena Hall and seconded by Maria Sampalis to adjourn to Closed Session at 9:15 am. Motion carried. Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for the purpose of discussing job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure. Said individuals have been notified in advance by writing that they may request that the discussion be held at an open meeting. Also, pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(4) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct.

7. Motion to return to Open Session

Motion was made by Dena Hall and seconded by Maria Sampalis at 9:16am to re-open the Open Session and to seal the Minutes of the Closed Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4, 42-46-5 and 42-46-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Motion carried.

8. Final Actions on all votes taken in Closed Session

- **The board reviewed and approved [1] applications; and proposed action on [1] case.**

9. Adjournment

The next Rhode Island Board of Optometry meeting will be held 01/28/2015 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 104, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, R.I 02908. Motion was made by Louise DiChiara and seconded by Samuel Montalto to adjourn at 9:57am. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria DiNitto, Case Manager

Peter J. Ragosta, RPh.

Chief Administrative Officer

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