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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	Board of Examiners in Optometry
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Wednesday, April 2, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room C, Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED:	

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Jeffrey Hilovsky, Professional Member, President
Dr. Bryan Sterling, Professional Member, Secretary
Dr. Joseph Senall, Professional Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Jennifer Singh, Deputy Attorney General
Lisa Smith, Administrative Specialist II

MEMBERS ABSENT

Diane Maddex, Public Member
Pramela, D. Kaza, Public Member

OTHERS PRESENT

David Mangler, Director, Delaware Division of Professional Regulation
Gayle MacAfee, Deputy Director, Delaware Division of Professional Regulation

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Hilovsky called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the February 26, 2014 meeting. Dr. Senall made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sterling, to approve the minutes as presented. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Unfinished Business

A discussion took place concerning the seven remaining Delaware licensed Diagnostic Optometrists. The discussion mainly revolved around how, if possible these licensees would be able to transition or upgrade to Therapeutic Optometrists. It was suggested that maybe a new application would be the answer, or maybe a letter could be generated and distributed to all seven licensees in question. David Mangler made reference to the Dental field in Delaware stating that “There is only one kind of Dental license regardless of whether you are an Oral Surgeon, an Orthodontist, Periodontist, or a General Dentist; you get the same license. What you do is practice in your specialty under that license.”

In conclusion to the aforementioned discussion, the Board did not reach a concrete decision as to how to proceed with the transition. It was suggested that the Division staff would decide what would be done moving forward.

Jennifer Singh described for the Board members the process for updating or amending Rules and Regulations.

Immediately following, the Board members began to discuss the Proposed Updates to Title 24, Chapter 21 beginning with Statute 2.1.4. It was stated that it has become way too easy to acquire CPR Certification for both children and adults. David Mangler suggested that the Rules and Regulations should clarify what type of CPR certification it needs to be comprised of.

Jennifer Singh then stated that the purpose of the Regulations is to clarify the Statute.

The Board reviewed and discussed Rules and Regulations 1.0 through 3.0. Further discussion will take place at the April 23, 2014 scheduled Board meeting.

Ratification of Continuing Education Requests

The Board reviewed a Continuing Education request from Eye Care of Delaware, LLC. Dr. Sterling made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hilovsky to approve the Continuing Education request. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

The Board members discussed a request from Denh Tuyen to be granted “full licensure status at the end of her internship period on June 19, 2014.” The request for full licensure status on June 19, 2014 was denied. Ms. Tuyen’s completed application will be reviewed by the Board at the July 23, 2014 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at the April 2, 2014 meeting.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. in Conference Room B, 2nd floor, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Dr. Hilovsky made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sterling, to adjourn the meeting. By unanimous vote, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:09p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lisa Smith
Administrative Specialist II

The notes of this meeting are not intended to be a verbatim record of the topics that were presented or discussed. They are for the use of the Board members and the public in supplementing their personal notes and recall for presentations.