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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	Board of Examiners in Optometry
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Thursday April 28, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room B, Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED:	

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Irvin Bowers, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Jennifer Singh, Deputy Attorney General
Lisa Smith, Administrative Specialist II
David Mangler, Division Director

OTHERS PRESENT

Deborah Hamilton
Dr. Paul Mitchell
Dr. Troy Raber
Dr. Tracey Marshall-Underwood
Anne Farley
Jennifer Fowler
Jessica Johnson

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Hilovsky called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the February 25, 2016 meeting. Dr. Senall made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sterling to approve the minutes as presented. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Dr. Hilovsky made a motion to amend the agenda to place Unfinished Business as an agenda item after Correspondence.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Completion of Internship Application(s)

The Board reviewed the Completion of Internship application submitted by Jennifer Turano. Dr. Senall made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sterling to approve Jennifer Turano for licensure. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Review of Application(s) by Reciprocity

Dr. Sterling made a motion, seconded by Dr. Senall to approve the application by reciprocity for LaVerda Richards-Golden. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Review of Hearing Officer Recommendation

The Board reviewed the Hearing Officer Recommendation in reference to Dr. Tracey Marshal-Underwood. Dr. Senall made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sterling to accept the recommendation as presented. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Ratification of Continuing Education Request(s)

Dr. Senall made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sterling to approve the continuing education requests for:

Beeran Meghpara – Update on Keratoconus, 1 Hour-April 21, 2016
Eye Care of Delaware – Oculoplastics Update, 2 Hours-May 5, 2016

By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ms. Singh listed the three recommendations made by the Joint Sunset Committee in regard to the Delaware Board of Optometry at the Joint Sunset Committee Recommendation meeting on April 21, 2016. Dr. Mitchell introduced himself as a representative of the Delaware Optometric Association. Dr. Mitchell explained that he would be discussing Senate Bill 143. As the discussion began, Dr. Mitchell stated that members of the Delaware Optometric Association and the Delaware Academy of Ophthalmologists have been in discussions for over three years and have been unable to come to a full agreement on all issues concerning the Bill. Mr. Mangler stated that the Delaware Division of Professional Regulation along with the Board of Optometry will finish and submit the Bill to the House of the Senate Joint Sunset Committee for review.

Anne Farley was available to represent the Delaware Academy of Ophthalmology. Ms. Farley read from a letter submitted by the Delaware Academy of Ophthalmology which listed two areas of the Bill where a compromise was not yet made. Ms. Farley submitted the letter to the Board for review.

As the Board members began to review the Draft Bill, Mr. Mangler explained that once the Board made their revisions the Draft Bill would be forwarded to both the Delaware Optometric Association and the Delaware Academy of Ophthalmologists for review.

Mr. Mangler suggested that a Board member be appointed as a liaison to represent the Board regarding legislative activity in between Board meetings. Dr. Hilovsky was chosen by the Board and will be able to make decisions on Board matters as needed.

The members of the Board, Ms. Singh and Mr. Mangler reviewed and discussed Draft Bill 1. Once the review was complete, the Board, Ms. Farley, Dr. Mitchell and Dr. Raber discussed the two areas of the Draft Bill which the Delaware Academy of Ophthalmology and Delaware Optometric Association could not agree upon.

Ms. Singh stated that she would implement the changes to the language of the Draft Bill. The updated Draft Bill will be presented to the stakeholders for their feedback.

Dr. Sterling made a motion, seconded by Dr. Senall to amend Senate Bill 143 as discussed. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (for discussion only)

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday May 26, 2016 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 to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

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