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DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	Board of Examiners in Optometry
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Wednesday, December 2, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Blvd., Dover, Delaware Conference Room A , Second floor Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED:	January 27, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Sonja Biddle, Professional Member, Secretary
Prameela Kaza, Public Member
Ruth Banta, Public Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Carl Maschauer, Professional Member, President
Dr. Charles Simon, Professional Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Eileen Heeney, Deputy Attorney General
Nancy Fields, Administrative Specialist II

OTHERS PRESENT

Lorna Simmerman, O.D.
Juli LaBadia, Wilcox & Fetzer Court Reporter

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Biddle called the meeting to order at 4:38 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the September 23, 2009 meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Banta, seconded by Ms. Kaza, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Applications by Internship

The Board reviewed the application for Amanda Brandner. After review, a motion was made by Ms. Banta, seconded by Ms. Kaza to approve Dr. Brandner to begin her 6-month internship.

Completion of Internship

The Board reviewed the letter from Dr. Angela Pelligrini's supervising doctors which verified completion of her 6-month internship.

After review, a motion was made by Ms. Kaza, seconded by Ms. Banta, to approve Dr. Pellegrini's application for a Therapeutic Optometrist license. The motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed the letter from Dr. Agnes Esaka's supervising doctors which verified completion of her 6-month internship.

After review, a motion was made by Ms. Kaza, seconded by Ms. Banta, to approve Dr. Esaka's application for a Therapeutic Optometrist license. The motion unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dr. Lorna Simmerman submitted a request for a hearing after the Board again proposed to deny her application for licensure. The Board proposed to deny her first application by reciprocity because the states where she is licensed, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, are not substantially similar to Delaware, requiring a 6-month internship prior to licensure. Her second application was proposed to deny because her supervising doctors were already supervising another intern, Agnes Esaka.

Since the Board received documentation verifying the completion of Dr. Esaka's internship and she was approved for licensure, the Board approved Dr. Simmerman to begin her internship.

Before deciding if a hearing was still necessary, the Board allowed Dr. Simmerman to ask questions about the Delaware Licensing Law and the Rules and Regulations for Therapeutic Optometrists and how it related to her situation. The Board answered her questions and Dr. Simmerman decided that a hearing would not be necessary.

A motion was made by Ms. Kaza, seconded by Ms. Banta to approve Dr. Simmerman for a 6-month internship. The motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Continuing Education Requests

The Board reviewed and approved the following continuing education credits:

SECO International, LLC
Annual SECO 2010 Congress – 400 hours minus any practice management courses

Eye Care of Delaware
New Developments and Guidelines in the Treatment of Retinal Vein Occlusions, 2 hours

The National Retina Institute
2010 Regional Conference, 5 hours

The Delaware Optometric Association
Optical Coherence Tomography, 2 hours

Eye Physicians and Surgeons, P.A.
OD Lecture Series (Jan. – March), 1 hr. each, 6 hours total

Post Renewal Audits

The Board reviewed and approved the balance of the post renewal audits.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the memorandums from the American Board of Optometry and the Colorado Optometric Association. No action was required.

The Board reviewed and responded to the questions from the Health Systems Quality Assurance and from MedPro Systems.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (for discussion only)

There was no other business before the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 27, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Banta, seconded by Ms. Kaza, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Fields
Administrative Specialist II