

MINUTES

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY REGULAR MEETING

September 16th, 2014
Office of the Nevada State Board of Optometry
1000 East William
Suite 109
Carson City, Nevada

A regular meeting of the Nevada Board of Optometry was called to order by Board President, Vincent A. Gassen, O.D., at 12:30 p.m. on September 16th, 2014, at the office of the Board of Optometry, 1000 East William, Suite 109, Carson City, Nevada.

Dr. Gassen asked for public comment. There was no public comment.

Identifying themselves as participating by phone were:

Vincent Gassen, O.D., Board President
William F. Harvey, O.D., Board Member
Chen K. Young, O.D., Board Member
Sherese Settlemeyer, Board Member
Louis Ling, Esq., Board Counsel
Bryan Gresh, The Gresh Group

Participating and present at the Board office were:

Judi Kennedy, Executive Director

Agenda Item 2. The Minutes of the Board's May 20th, 2014, meeting were presented for approval. Ms. Settlemeyer moved the Minutes be approved as drafted. Dr. Young seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item 3. E-Mail correspondence from Jefferson Langford, O.D.

The Board reviewed the correspondence from Dr. Langford regarding the use of Intense Pulse Light Therapy by optometrists for the treatment of dry eye. The Board discussed the procedure, Mr. Ling advised if the procedure was not surgery the law contained no specific prohibition. Mr. Ling further advised optometrists may use unapproved/off label therapies, but that the optometrist would assume the responsibility. Dr. Young moved the Board find Intense Light Therapy does fall within the scope of practice of optometry. Dr. Harvey seconded the motion. Drs. Gassen, Harvey and Young voted in favor. Ms. Settelemeyer was opposed. Ms. Kennedy was directed to communicate the Board's decision to Dr. Langford.

Agenda Item 4. July 14th, 2014 correspondence from the National Board of Examiners in Optometry regarding the Continued Professional Development in Optometry Examination.

The Board reviewed and discussed the correspondence. At the conclusion of the discussion, it was determined no action was warranted.

Agenda Item 5. Complaint of Judi D. Kennedy, as Executive Director vs Optometrist "A."

Dr. Gassen outlined the allegations of the Complaint, noting Optometrist "A" had submitted the proposed fine to dispose of the Complaint. Dr. Harvey moved the Complaint be dismissed based on resolution. Ms. Settelmeyer seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item 6. Report of Bryan Gresh

Mr. Gresh reported on the number of BDR's filed to date for the upcoming session of the Nevada Legislature as well possible proposed legislation that would affect the Board. Mr. Gresh proposed a monthly fee of \$1,000 for representation of the Board during the upcoming legislative session. The fee would be due commencing January, 2015, and continue through June, 2015. Dr. Young moved the proposed fee be accepted. Dr. Harvey seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item 7. Report of Legal Counsel

Mr. Ling stated he had nothing to report.

Agenda Item 7. Report of Executive Director

Ms. Kennedy presented the Board's Budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 for approval. Dr. Harvey moved the budget be approved. Ms. Settlemeyer seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item 9. Public Comment.

Dr. Gassen asked for public comment. There was no public comment.

The Board confirmed a regular meeting on November 18th, 2014, to be held by telephone conference. The Board scheduled a meeting of January 13th, 2015, in Reno.

Dr. Young moved the meeting adjourn. Dr. Harvey seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

