

MINUTES

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY REGULAR MEETING

November 10th, 2015
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 12:31 p.m. on November 10th, 2015, 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
Chen K. Young, O.D., Board Member
Sherese Settlemeyer, Board Member
Louis Ling, Board Counsel

Participating and present at the Board office were:

Judi Kennedy, Executive Director
Jeanette Belz, Nevada Academy of Ophthalmology

Agenda Item 2. The Minutes of the Board's July 14th, 2015, Public Workshop Regarding Proposed Regulation were presented for approval. Dr. Gassen pointed out there was a double negative on Page 2, in the third sentence of Paragraph 4 which should be removed. With that correction made, Dr. Young moved the Minutes of the Public Workshop be approved. Ms. Settlemeyer seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item 3. The Minutes of the Board's July 14th, 2015, regular 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 4. Discussion regarding continuing to accept CE courses offered by Queens University.

Dr. Gassen directed the Board's attention to the e-mails exchanged between Ms. Kennedy, staff members of Queens University and staff members of ARBO. The Board discussed the lack of cooperation on the part of Queens University when contacted for assistance regarding an ongoing disciplinary case before the Board. Also discussed was the discovery that Queens University's only involvement in the courses offered under its name was the grading the courses. Dr. Gassen stated he felt it was proper to remove Queens University from the list of pre-approved providers of continuing education. Ms. Settlemeyer moved the Board no longer accept continuing education courses from Queens University and that the language addressing the situation in the Newsletter be approved. Dr. Young seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item 5. Report of Legal Counsel

Mr. Ling advised the Board it had been chosen as one of the Boards to be reviewed by the Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission. He stated the Subcommittee's review of the Board is set for December 15th, 2015. A discussion ensued which included the filing of a report for the subcommittee's review, the purpose of the review of the subcommittee, and the necessity of the appearance of the member of the Board before the subcommittee.

Agenda Item 6. Report of Executive Director

Ms. Kennedy reported that based on the Board's current financial situation, there appeared to be no reason to raise fees collected by the Board. After discussion, Dr. Young moved the Board make no changes to fees currently charged. Ms. Settlemeyer seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The Board reviewed the 2016-17 Newsletter. Dr. Young moved the Newsletter be approved as drafted. Ms. Settlemeyer seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The Board discussed the need for interim lobbying services versus discontinuing the service and re-examining the issue prior to the next legislative session. Dr. Gassen moved the Board discontinue its interim lobbying services. Dr. Young seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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

The Board confirmed a regular meeting on January 26th, 2016, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The Board scheduled a telephone meeting for March 29th, 2016.

Ms. Settlemeyer moved the meeting adjourn. Dr. Young seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 12:51 p.m.

