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Minutes of the
North Carolina State Board of Optometry
February 1 – 3, 2002
Jane McKimmon Center
North Carolina State University
Raleigh, North Carolina

The North Carolina State Board of Examiners in Optometry met at the Jane McKimmon Center on the Campus of North Carolina State University in Raleigh, North Carolina on Friday, February 1, 2002 through Monday, February 3, 2002 to conduct the Board's Winter 2002 Examinations and for other purposes. Present were Drs. James Fanelli, President, William Hendrix, Secretary-Treasurer, Joel Banks, David Baxter, Scott Edwards, and Ms. Trudy Mitchell and Mr. James Richardson, Members of the Board. Also present were Dr. John Robinson, the Board's Executive Director and Ms. Janice Robinson, the Administrative Secretary.

The President called the meeting to order at 5 o'clock P.M. and called upon Mr. Richardson to open the meeting with prayer.

On a motion by Dr. Banks and seconded by Dr. Baxter the minutes of the November 8 – 11, 2001 meeting as corrected were approved unanimously.

The President gave no formal report.

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the Budget Report for the period covering July 1, 2001 through January 31, 2002. There was a brief discussion during which the Executive Director informed the Board that it would be necessary to amend the current budget in light of the changes made in the Board's fees and the Board Members' per diems during the recent legislative session. Recommended changes will be presented to the Board at its meeting in March, 2002 for their approval. On a motion by Dr. Baxter, seconded by Ms. Mitchell the report of the Secretary-Treasurer was accepted unanimously.

The Executive Director's report, while brief, emphasized the need for the Board to act upon a previous recommendation to hire one of the Board's two part time employees full time. This recommendation will be reflected in the recommended amendments to the current budget at the Board's March, 2002 meeting.

He reported that he and Mr. Loper were in the process of reviewing a draft of a document being prepared by attorneys in the offices of Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge and Rice that supports the Board's position that a valid, thus current, prescription for contact lenses is required prior to the dispensing of contact lenses by any vendor of such lenses, as

opposed to the recent arguments made before the Board by an attorney representing the Department of Consumer Affairs of the North Carolina Attorney General's Office in the dispensing of Contact Lenses through mail order or internet firms operating out of state. Once this document is completed to the satisfaction of the Board's Counsel it will be presented to the Board prior to any decision to move forward in a formal request for an Attorney General's Opinion. On a motion by Dr. Hendrix and seconded by Dr. Baxter the report of the Executive Director was accepted unanimously.

In the matter of Dr. Christopher Bateman, Ms. Mitchell and the Executive Director presented a recommended Order negotiated between the members of the Committee, Dr. Bateman and his Attorney. There was a brief discussion during which both Dr. Robinson and Ms. Mitchell answered questions concerning the events leading to the complaint and the discussions between Dr. Bateman, his attorney and the Board's representatives. On a motion by Dr. Edwards and seconded by Mr. Richardson, the Consent Order was unanimously approved. (Copy of the Order is Attached)

There was a brief discussion of the Injections Committee's report at the November meeting and a corrected draft of the recommendation as approved appears as an attachment to the Minutes of the Meeting.

The Examination Review Retreat to be held in Wallace over the weekend of May 3-5, 2002 was discussed. In addition to Dr. Leon Gross from the National Board of Examiners in Optometry, the following clinical examiners are to be invited to participate: Drs. Bonnie Aiken, William Rafferty and Robert Sullivan. The meeting will be dedicated solely to the review and possible revision and scoring of the Board's Clinical/Practicum Examinations; therefore, this meeting will be closed to the public.

On a motion by Dr. Hendrix, seconded by Dr. Baxter and carried unanimously the following licenses were revoked for non-payment of license renewal fees for calendar year 2000 as required by Article 6 of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes:

Roy Turner, O.D.	#0389
Georgianna Thomas, O.D.	#0830
Marcel Brooks, O.D.	#0984
Elissa Wedemeyer, O.D.	#1378
Kevin Barrows, O.D.	#1381
Bruce Mathie, O.D.	#1479
Eric Bang, O.D.	#1637
Janet Provencal, O.D.	#1648
Brian Cohen, O.D.	#1703
David Gore, O.D.	#1756
Tracy Scheibe, O.D.	#1805

On a motion by Dr. Hendrix seconded by Ms. Mitchell and carried unanimously the honorarium for the Clinical Examiners was approved for payment at the rate of \$ 200.00 a day for the 3 days they served.

The following applicants, their applications having been approved, appeared for examination:

Paul Edward Archambault, O.D.
Walter Lee Ball, Jr., O.D.
Charles Joseph Beatty, Jr., O.D.
Keshav Bhat, O.D.
Flora Chen, O.D.
Brett W. Donaldson, O.D.
Thomas Stough Helfrich, O.D.
Sylvia Maria Hernandez, O.D.
Darren Winston Hilburn, O.D.
Robert Keleigh Horner, O.D.
Paula Davis Johnson, O.D.
Asma Khan, O.D.
Ronald Franklin Luxenburg, O.D.
Ethan Dieu Ly, O.D.
Clare Marie Mann, O.D.
John Lewis Mason, O.D.
Katherine Savas Mason, O.D.
Angela Nabors Musick, O.D.
Ira Marc Price, O.D.
Saqib Razvi, O.D.
Michelle Lynn Sall, O.D.
Makesha L. Sink, O.D.
Kerry Renee Steck, O.D.
Russell Bryant Stone, O.D.
Tamara Lynn Jenison Williams, O.D.
Gregory Edward Wright-Crowe, O.D.

The next meeting of the Board to review the results of the Winter 2002 Examinations and for other purposes will be held in the Board office in Wallace beginning Friday Evening, March 22, 2002 and end on Saturday afternoon, March 23, 2002.