

Minutes of the
North Carolina State Board of Optometry
March 22 - 23, 2002
Wallace, North Carolina

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The North Carolina State Board of Examiners in Optometry met in the Board office in Wallace, North Carolina on Friday, March 22 and Saturday March 23, 2002, to determine the results of the Winter 2002 Clinical/Practicum Examinations and for other purposes. Present were Drs. James Fanelli, President, William Hendrix, Secretary/Treasurer, Joel Banks, David Baxter, Scott Edwards, and Mrs. Trudy Mitchell and Mr. James Richardson, Members of the Board. Also present were Dr. John Robinson, the Board's Executive Director, Ms. Janice Robinson, the Administrative Secretary, and Mrs. Peggy Mueller, the Documents Manager. Due to a conflict in scheduling, the President did not arrive at the meeting until 9:15 P.M. Friday evening.

In the absence of the President at the beginning of the meeting, Dr. Hendrix called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. and called upon Mr. Richardson for the opening prayer.

On a motion by Dr. Baxter and seconded by Mr. Richardson the minutes of the February 1 - 3, 2002 were unanimously approved.

Following the presentation of the Budget Report for the period covering July 1, 2001 through March 18, 2002, the Secretary/Treasurer presented an amended budget for the remainder of the fiscal year that began July 1, 2001 and ends on June 30, 2002. The amended budget reflects the increases in the per diems of the Board Members that took effect on January 1, 2002, the hiring of Ms. Sara Roberts as a full time employee with the attending benefits, and the increase in the examination, branch office and renewal fees that will accrue within this fiscal year.

On a motion by Dr. Baxter, seconded by Dr. Edwards the report of the Secretary/Treasurer was accepted.

On a motion by Dr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Richardson and carried unanimously the Executive Director was authorized to offer Ms. Sara Roberts, who has been working as a part time employee of the Board, full time employment with all rights and privileges attended thereto.

On a motion by Dr. Baxter, seconded by Dr. Edwards the amended budget as presented by the Secretary/Treasurer was adopted (amended budget attached).

The Executive Secretary reviewed the new Board Office Lease as drawn and approved by the State Property Office. The current lease executed in 1999 terminates after three years on June 30, 2002. The new lease follows the terms and format of the current lease in that it is for one year renewable, unless terminated by one of the parties in accordance with the terms of the lease, at a 5 % increase in the rent each year for the ensuing two years.

On a motion by Dr. Edwards, seconded by Dr. Baxter the new Board Office Lease beginning July 1, 2002, was unanimously approved (copy attached).

The report of the Executive Director was by and large limited to reviewing the changes that are reflected in the draft of the amended budget and the new Board Office lease. He did inform the Board that Mr. Loper's office was in the process of reviewing the legal issues surrounding the release of contact lens prescriptions and that he hoped to have a memorandum prepared for distribution to the Members of the Board within the next several weeks.

. Dr. Edward Paul's current web page was brought to the Board's attention. The Executive Director pointed out that he had an inquiry from the family of a patient who suffers from retinitis pigmentosa who was seriously considering going to Dr. Paul for treatment based upon the information and/or claims made on his web site. Following brief discussion, Dr. Fanelli appointed Dr. Baxter to serve with the Executive Director and Mr. Loper as a probable cause committee to investigate the matter.

The credentialing of North Carolina licensed optometrists to perform injections was brought up for discussion. It was the opinion of the Members of the Board that the process should begin as soon as practically possible. Southern College of Optometry in Tennessee had been previously contacted and a proposal for a course offering in North Carolina was made in a letter dated November 7, 2002. Dr. Fanelli opined that the Board should investigate other sources prior to making a final decision on a school or college who would be approved to offer a course that would be transcriptable. Further, he suggested that Pacific University School of Optometry in Forest Grove, Oregon might have such a course available. It was agreed the Pacific University would be contacted and that if such a course was available that Dr. Fanelli and the Executive Director would arrange a conference telephone call with the College Administrator to discuss the availability and cost of a course that would meet the Board's requirements for certifying or credentialing its licensees to begin to perform injections prior to the time the Board makes a final determination in this matter.

On a motion by Dr. Edwards, seconded by Ms. Mitchell and carried unanimously, Dr. Hendrix was authorized 4 hotel nights and 5 days food allowance in addition to his previously authorized per diems for attending the meetings of the Southern Educational Congress and Regional Meeting of the Association of Regulatory Boards in Atlanta in February.

There was a discussion of an agenda for the upcoming Examination Retreat to be held in Wallace on May 3 – 5, 2002. While a number of topics were suggested and it was left to the President and the Executive Director with input from the Board Members and Clinical Examiners who would be participating to draft an agenda.

On a motion by Dr. Hendrix, seconded by Dr. Baxter, and carried unanimously, reimbursement for the Board meeting scheduled at the time of the NCSOS Annual

Congress in Myrtle Beach , South Carolina, June 6-9, 2002, will be for registration, 4 hotel nights and 5 days' per diem and meal expenses.

Following a review of each applicant's scores on the Winter 2002 Examinations it was moved by Dr. Edwards and seconded by Dr. Baxter that the candidates whose names appear below were successful in passing the Examinations and that they be so informed and that their names be entered into the Board Registry with the license numbers as follows::

Keshav S. Bhat, O.D.
Brett W. Donaldson, O.D.
Sylvia M. Hernandez, O.D.
Paula Johnson, O.D.
Makesha Sink, O.D.
Kerry R. Steck, O.D.
Tamara Lynn Jenison Williams, O.D.

The motion carried with Mr. Richardson voting no.

On a motion by Dr. Edwards and seconded by Mr. Richardson and carried unanimously it was determined that the following candidates failed the Winter 2002 Examinations and that they be so notified:

Paul Edward Archambault, O.D.
WalterLee Ball, Jr., O.D.
Charles Joseph Beatty, O.D.
Flora Chen, O.D.
Thomas Stough Helfrich, O.D.
Darren Winston Hilburn, O.D.
Robert Keleigh Horner, O.D.
Asma Shahid Khan, O.D.
Ronald Franklin Luxenburg, O.D.
Ethan Dieu Ly, O.D.
John Lewis Mason, O.D.
Katherine Savas Mason, O.D.
Clare Marie Mann, O.D.
Angela Nabors Musick, O.D.
Ira Marc Price, O.D.
Saqib Saifullah Razvi, O.D.
Michelle Lynn Sall, O.D.
Russell Bryant Stone, O.D.
Gregory Richard Wright-Crowe, O.D.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 P.M. on Saturday, March 23, 2002. The next meeting of the Board will be in Wallace on May 2 – 5, 2002 for the purpose of reviewing and revising the content and scoring of its examinations.