

**Vermont Secretary of State
Office of Professional Regulation
BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
Unapproved Minutes
MARCH 29, 2006**

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m.

Members present: Jon Eriksson, O.D. Chairman; Lois Shiozawa, O.D.; and Ad Hoc Member Emma Pudvah. Absent: Thomas F. Terry, O.D., Vice-Chair; and Claudette Marinelli.

OPR Staff: Larry S. Novins, Board Counsel; and Karla Shangraw, Staff Secretary.

2. The Chair called for approval of the Minutes of the October 5th meeting. Dr. Shiozawa made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pudvah, to approve the Minutes of the October 05, 2005 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

3. **Reports**

The Board considered two appointments to the Optometric Formulary Committee. Dr. Eriksson will contact applicants, Dr. Robert Bauman, and Dr. Joseph O'Brien.

4. **Hearings/Stipulations**

At 9:00 a.m. A Hearing was held in the matter of the Board's preliminary decision to deny Michael Cummings' application for licensure as an Optometrist on the basis of exam. The applicant was not present nor did he contact the Office to reschedule the proceedings. At 9:20 a.m. the Board revisited Mr. Cummings' application. At 9:25 a.m. the Board went into Deliberative Session, and out at 9:40 a.m. Dr. Eriksson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Shiozawa, to affirm the Board's original decision to deny Mr. Cummings' for licensure. The question was called and the motion passed unanimously.

5. **Legislation/Rules**

6. **Complaints**

7. **Licensing**

Dr. Shiozawa made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pudvah, to formally approve the following applicants for licensure, which includes endorsements for DPA, TPA, and Glaucoma. Motion passed unanimously.

Sameena Razvi, OD

Debra Meese, OD

Timothy Borein, OD

8. Newsletter topics

The Board discussed topics for the newsletter and reviewed the renewal application. Some of the items discussed were:

- Current update on the Formulary Committee
- List of Approved Drugs
- Procedure for requesting approval of drugs
- Letter from the Chairperson
- Address the reasoning behind the Fee Increase
- Take out the Disclosure of Information since it is no longer needed
- Notice of audits for any person who has the 5 patient referrals for the Ophthalmologist referral, will be performed.

Changes suggested to the renewal form:

- Send out a self-audit form with the renewal
- Patient name, d.o.b., diagnosis, where referred to for the 5 patient requirement.
- Make the CEU page 2 pages
- Add in the CEU requirements paper that is on the web
- On the renewal form regarding Glaucoma, add a question “have you completed your 5 patients co-managed, & if so include copy’s of the 5 letters”

9. Correspondence

10. Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry, Inc. Correspondence

The Board reviewed and noted the Green Sheets from ARBO.

11. American Optometric Association Correspondence

The Board reviewed and noted the AOA 2005 State Legislation year-end review.

12. National Board of Examiners in Optometry Correspondence

13. Public Comment

14. Other Business

- 15.** Dr. Shiozawa made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pudvah, to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 a.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kara Shangraw
Staff Secretary
Office of Professional Regulation