

## BOARD FOR OPTICIANS

### DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING

The Board for Opticians met on Friday, April 13, 2012 at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR), 9960 Mayland Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Board Room 3, Richmond, Virginia 23233.

The following members were present:

Billie L. Taylor, Chair  
Renee P. Allgood  
Robert E. Flippin

The following members were not present:

Faye Prichard  
William H. Bearden, III, MD

The DPOR staff present for all or for portions of the meeting included:

William H. Ferguson, II, Executive Director  
Cathy Clark, Administrative Assistant  
Earlyne Perkins, Legal Analyst

A representative from the Office of the Attorney General was not present.

Ms. Taylor determined there was a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

**Call to Order**

Upon a motion by Mr. Flippin and seconded by Ms. Allgood, the Board voted to approve the agenda. The members voting 'yes' were Ms. Taylor, Ms. Allgood, and Mr. Flippin. There were no negative votes. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Agenda**

Ms. Taylor asked for public comment. There was no public comment.

**Public Comment**

Upon a motion by Mr. Flippin and seconded by Ms. Allgood, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board for Opticians December 9, 2011 board meeting and the March 6, 2012 Informal Fact Finding Conference.

**Approval of Minutes**

The members voting 'yes' were Ms. Taylor, Ms. Allgood, and Mr. Flippin. There were no negative votes. The motion passed unanimously.

In the matter of **File Number 2012-02183, Phuong Thanh Tran**, the Board reviewed the record which consisted of the application file, transcript, exhibits, and the Summary of the Informal Fact-Finding Conference. Phuong Thanh Tran appeared at the meeting in person and addressed the Board. Also addressing the Board on Mr. Tran's behalf were Lee Kicklighter, Silvia Altamirno, and Kim Nguyen, witnesses.

**2012-02183, Tran,  
Phuong Thanh**

Upon a motion by Mr. Flippin and seconded by Ms. Allgood, the Board voted to reject the recommendation in the Summary of the Informal Fact-Finding Conference and approve Phuong Thanh Tran's application for an Optician license, subject to the following condition:

Mr. Tran must obtain an annual report from his parole officer and provide it to the Board until he is released from parole. This report must include, but is not limited to, Mr. Tran's status as a parolee and any new misdemeanor or felony convictions, and should be submitted to the Board, annually, by April 30th, beginning April 30, 2013.

The members voting 'yes' were Ms. Taylor, Ms. Allgood, and Mr. Flippin. There were no negative votes. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed its examination statistics for informational purposes.

**Examination**

The Board reviewed its quarterly board statistics for informational purposes.

**Quarterly Statistics**

Mr. Ferguson reported to the Board on the progress of pending legislation to merge the Board for Opticians with the Board for Hearing Aid Specialists that is awaiting approval by the Governor. If passed, the two boards will be merged effective July 1, 2012.

**Legislation**

The Board engaged in a general discussion about Optician training and apprenticeship programs.

**Other Board Business**

Since there was no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

**Adjourn**

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Billie Taylor, Chair

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Gordon N. Dixon, Secretary