

MINUTES

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY REGULAR MEETING

January 8th, 2013
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 Acting Board President, Vincent A. Gassen, O.D., at 12:30 p.m. on January 8th, 2013, 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.

Dr. Gassen expressed gratitude for the work done by Dr. Geoffrey Chiara, while serving as President of the Board, stating his efforts and ethics were unsurpassed. Dr. Gassen welcomed Dr. Chen Young to the Board.

Identifying themselves as participating by phone were:

Vincent Gassen, O.D., Acting Board President
William F. Harvey, O.D., Board Member
Chen K. Young, O.D., Board Member
Sherese Settlemeyer, Board Member
Louis Ling, Esq., Board Counsel
Bryan Gresh, The Gresh Group

Participating and present at the Board office were:

Judi Kennedy, Executive Director
Gail Conkey, Executive Director, Nevada Optometry Association

Agenda Item 2. Election of Board President

Dr. Harvey nominated Dr. Gassen to serve as the Board President. Ms. Settlemeyer seconded the nomination. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item 3. The Minutes of the Board's November 13th, 2012, meeting were presented for approval. Dr. Young stated the date for the Board's March meeting should be changed from "March 26th, 2012" to "March 26th, 2013." With that correction made Ms. Settlemeyer moved the Minutes be approved. Dr. Harvey seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item 4. Legislative Report of Bryan Gresh, the Gresh Group

Mr. Gresh outlined his legislative experience for the Board, then turned to a discussion of bill language being proposed by the Nevada Optometric Association. Mr. Gresh advised the Board he could not confirm that the language provided to the Board by the Association was the same language that had been submitted to the Legislative Counsel Bureau [LCB]. Mr. Ling interjected that he considered the language received from the Association to be conceptual in nature, and cautioned the Board against taking a formal position regarding the Bill until the language had been reviewed by LCB. Mr. Ling continued cautioning the members of the Board regarding attempts by individuals to contact them individually, stating any position needed to be taken by the Board as a whole, and on the record. It was determined the Board would reserve any action until after the language had been reviewed and/or revised by LCB.

Agenda Item 5. Report of Legal Counsel

Mr. Ling reported that counsel for Dr. Yesnick had advised Dr. Yesnick did not intend to appeal the decision of the Board to the District Court.

Agenda Item 6. Report of Executive Director

Ms. Kennedy stated she had nothing to report.

Agenda Item 9. Dr. Gassen asked for public comment. There was no public comment.

The Board scheduled a meeting for Tuesday, May 14th, 2013, in Las Vegas.

Ms. Settlemeyer moved the meeting adjourn. Dr. Young seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 12:54 p.m.