

# STATE OF NEVADA



## Board of Dispensing Opticians

### Minutes of Public Meeting

August 8, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Board meeting took place via teleconference at:

Office of the Nevada Board of Dispensing Opticians:  
4747 Caughlin Parkway, Front Conference Room  
Reno, Nevada 89519

**Board Members Present:**

Jennifer Letten, President  
Mark Myers, Vice President  
Tamara Sternod, Secretary  
Marilyn Brainard, Treasurer

**Board Staff Present:**

Corinne Sedran, Executive Director  
Greg Ott, Deputy Attorney General

1. Call to order  
Board President Jennifer Letten called the meeting to order and called roll at 5:03 p.m.
2. Public comment  
There was no public comment.
3. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Approval of previous board meeting minutes  
**June 13, 2019 Board Meeting**  
**Motion:** Ms. Brainard moved to approve the minutes as presented.  
**Vote:** The motion passed by unanimous vote.
4. Announcement of newly licensed Ophthalmic Dispensers:  
Ms. Sedran announced the names of those who received their Ophthalmic Dispenser Licenses since the last meeting:  
**693 Shaga Sahraie**  
**694 Jessica Villasenor-Villa**  
**695 Nolberto Rincon**  
**696 Kaylan Kesse**  
**697 Joseph Moran**  
**698 Gabriela Mendoza**  
**699 Steve Olson Jr.**
5. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Review and decision on prior experience credit requests
  - a. **Hernandez, Enrique**  
**Motion:** Ms. Sternod moved to grant the applicant two years prior experience credit.  
**Vote:** The motion passed by unanimous vote.
  - b. **Rhyner, Evelyn**  
**Discussion:** Ms. Sedran noted the applicant holds a Doctor of Optometry degree from the Philippines and would like the Board to approve her prior education as fulfilling her apprenticeship educational requirements. Ms. Sternod stated the applicant needs to complete the proper paperwork, including either a Special License Application or a Prior Experience Request Form; she would also like to receive a letter from the applicant's former employer. The applicant needs to be clear about what she is asking for in terms of prior experience credit. Ms. Brainard noted there has been a trend of applicants who hold doctoral optometry degrees from other countries; the Board may need to clarify its policies on these applications.  
**Motion:** Ms. Letten moved the application be tabled until the next meeting; the applicant should provide clarification of her request and the Board will need to see a letter from her former employer.  
**Vote:** The motion passed by unanimous vote.
  - c. **Sherman, Kaui**  
**Motion:** Ms. Sternod moved to grant the applicant two years prior experience credit.  
**Vote:** The motion passed by unanimous vote.
  - d. **Voyles, Charles**  
**Discussion:** Ms. Letten noted all the applicant's prior experience was obtained in another state. Ms. Sternod noted the applicant has been working for the same corporation for a number of years and should be able to obtain a letter from a prior employer; the documentation included with the

application is an undetailed work history report. Mr. Myers stated the applicant needs to at least clarify the details of his work history if he cannot obtain a letter from a previous employer.

**Motion:** Mr. Myers moved to table the application until the next meeting.

**Vote:** The motion passed by unanimous vote.

6. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Report and recommendations by Committee on Apprentice Training Requirements

The committee chair did not have any items to report.

7. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Report and recommendations by Committee on License Equivalence

The committee chair did not have any items to report.

8. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Proposals and discussion of future statute/regulation changes

**Discussion:** Ms. Brainard stated the Board should consider changing the application process for those coming from out of state. Ms. Letten agreed the Board needs to address the issue of international applicants so the process is clear and consistent. She asked Mr. Ott how other boards he represents have addressed this issue. Mr. Ott stated he always advises a board to look first to its statutes for direction on which requirements may be imposed on international candidates; the board can then use its regulatory authority to further clarify its policies.

9. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Financials

Review and acceptance of **May and June 2019** financial reports

**Motion:** Ms. Brainard moved to accept the reports as presented.

**Vote:** The motion passed by unanimous vote.

10. Executive Director's report

Ms. Sedran announced South Carolina has adopted the ABO Practical as one of its licensing requirements beginning in 2020, and Florida has just finalized adoption of both the ABO and NCLE Practical Exams as licensing requirements. The ABO and/or NCLE Practical Certifications are now licensing requirements in eleven states.

Ms. Sedran also noted twenty new Nevada Ophthalmic Dispenser Licenses have been issued so far in 2019, which is a significant increase over the past two years.

11. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Future agenda items

There were no requests for future agenda items. Mr. Myers asked Ms. Sedran to send him information provided by the ABO on exam requirements in the various states.

12. Public comment

There was no public comment

Ms. Letten closed the meeting at 5:48 p.m.