

**STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY**

MINUTES OF TELECONFERENCE MEETING

DECEMBER 14, 2007

By authority of AS 08.01.070 and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, Article 6, a scheduled teleconference meeting of the Board of Examiners in Optometry was held December 14, 2007 in the State Office Building, 333 Willoughby Ave, Conference Room A, Juneau, Alaska. Board members participated from Juneau, Anchorage and Fairbanks.

December 14, 2007

Agenda Item 1

Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Jill Matheson, OD, Chair at 12:00 p.m.

Present, constituting a quorum of the board were:

Jill Matheson, OD, Chair
Jim Graves, OD
Jeff Gonnason, OD (connected at 12:10 p.m.)
Tim Sullivan, Public Member
Dennis Swarner, OD

Staff present: Remigio Maiquis, Regulations Specialist
Gayle Horetski, Assistant Attorney General
Judy Weske, Licensing Supervisor

Gayle Horetski gave an overview of the regulations process; she explained that under the normal process, the Department of Law would have been involved in the review process after the board had adopted the regulations; however, the project was accelerated for review by the Department of Law in response to questions from the legislative affairs agency and the division and to ensure the proposed regulations comply with the statute changes in HB 113.

The board reviewed each section of the version titled "12/13/07 redraft by AAG". Ms. Horetski had made changes to the board's original draft version and the board spent time going over each change and discussing each section separately.

The board also reviewed and considered the public comment that was received.

On a motion made by Gonnason, seconded Swarner and carried unanimously, it was RESOLVED TO ADOPT the regulations as proposed in the "12/13/07 redraft by AAG" with recommended changes.

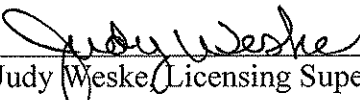
The Board stated they paid attention to the cost to the public as a result of adopting regulations.

The board had been previously sent a licensing application for Howard Kass, OD for a mail vote. Dr. Gonnason had requested that the application review be tabled for discussion at this teleconference. In particular, Dr. Gonnason had concerns about Dr. Kass' self-employment. Specifically, Dr. Kass is located in New York, but the person who completed the affidavit of practice form is located in Kansas. Dr. Gonnason would like more information on Dr. Kass' practice.

On a motion made by Gonnason, seconded by Graves and carried unanimously it was RESOLVED TO require that Dr. Kass provide additional documentation to substantiate the 3120 hours of full time work regarding the number of patients seen, type of conditions treated, where practice is located, and further to write the reference, Dr. Thomas Mack, and ask him to clarify how he is affiliated with the applicant given the fact that the applicant practices in New York while Dr. Mack is located in Kansas.

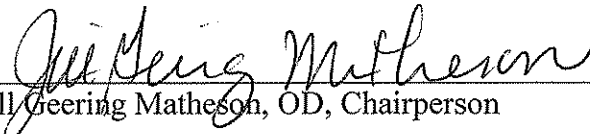
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Judy Weske, Licensing Supervisor

Approved:



Jill Geering Matheson, OD, Chairperson

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Date