

**Mississippi State Board of Optometry  
P.O. Box 12370  
Jackson, MS 39236-2370**

**Statutory Board Meeting Minutes  
July 14, 2018  
Hilton Hotel, Jackson, MS**

Approved Nov 30 2018

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Mississippi State Board of Optometry meeting was called to order by the President, Dewey Handy, O.D., at 12:37 a.m. at the Hilton Hotel Jackson, Mississippi,

The following board members were present:

Dewey Handy, O.D.  
Steve Edwards, O.D., President  
Arthur Dampier, O.D., Secretary  
Lori Blackmer, O.D.

Also present was Beverly Limbaugh, Executive Director and Leyser Q. Hayes, special assistant attorney general.

**II. READING OF THE MNUTES**

Arthur Dampier, acting as Secretary, made a motion that the Board accepts the minutes from June 7, 2018 as corrections. The motion was seconded by Dewey Handy and passed unanimously.

**III. REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD**

Beverly Limbaugh, Executive Director, gave her report to the Board.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Closed Determination session.**

Upon motion made by Dewey Handy, O.D., with a second by Steve Edwards, O.D., the Board voted to go into a closed determination session to establish the need for an Executive Session. The motion carried with the following members

voting: voting for: Dewey Handy, O.D., Arthur Dampier, O.D., and Steve Edwards, O.D., Lori Blackmer, O.D., voting against: none; recusal: none; absent: none

In the determination session, it was moved by Dewey Handy, O.D. and seconded by Arthur Dampier, O.D., that the Board had reason to go into Executive Session, namely to:

(b) Strategy sessions or negotiations with respect to prospective *litigation*, or issuance of an appealable order when an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body.

(d) Investigative proceeding by any public body regarding allegations of misconduct or violations of law.

(i) Transaction of business and discussion concerning the preparation of tests for admission to practice in recognized professions.

(k) Transaction of business and discussions regarding employment or job performance of a person in a specific position or termination of an employee holding a specific position. The exemption provided by this paragraph includes the right to enter into executive session concerning a line item in a budget which might affect the termination of an employee or employees. All other budget items shall be considered in open meetings and final budgetary adoption shall not be taken in executive session.

Upon the conclusion of business of Executive Session, the Board voted, upon motion made by Dr. Dampier and seconded by Dr. Blackmer to come out of Executive Session. The motion carried with the following members voting: voting for: Dewey Handy, O.D., Steve Edwards, O.D., Arthur Dampier, O.D., Lori Blackmer, O.D., Voting against: none; recusal: none; absent: none

### **Return to Regular Session**

The Board resumed in open meeting by announcing the following actions and votes taken in Executive Session. \* see Executive Session Minutes

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT, TRAVEL, AND NEXT MEETING**

A. **Travel.** Steve Edwards, O.D. made a motion that the Board unanimously approved travel to this meeting. The motion was seconded by Dewey Handy, O.D. and it was unanimously approved.

- B. Next meeting.** Beverly Limbaugh announced that the next scheduled Board meeting will be at the Hilton Hotel in Jackson, MS, in conjunction with the Mississippi Optometric Associations Fall Conference beginning October 4, 2018.
- C. Adjournment.** Dewey Handy, O.D. made a motion that the board adjourn at 6:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Dr. Lori Blackmer and passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

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Steve Edwards, O.D., President

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Arthur Dampier, O.D, Secretary