

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

**Statutory Board Meeting Minutes  
November 30, 2018  
Hilton Hotel, Ridgeland, MS**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Mississippi State Board of Optometry meeting was called to order by the President, Steve Edwards, O.D, at 1:00 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Ridgeland, 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, Esq., Counsel for the Board. Gloria Green, Esq, Hearing Officer. Amy Key, with Cite Reporting.

Brittany Richardson with Vision to Learn, came before the Board for 15 minutes to answer questions regarding the Vision to Learn program.

**II. READING OF THE MNUTES**

Arthur Dampier, acting as Secretary, made a motion that the Board accepts the minutes from July 14, 2018 as written. The motion was seconded by Lori Blackmer, O.D.. The vote was as follows:

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

A motion was made by Dr. Dampier that the October 4, 2018 minutes are excepted as written, The motion was seconded by Dewey Handy, O.D. and the vote was as follows:

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

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

Beverly Limbaugh, Executive Director, gave her report to the Board including, but not limited to, travel, financial reports, and OE Tracker update.

#### **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:

a.) To discuss a 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.

b.) to deal with investigative proceedings by any public body regarding allegations of misconduct or violation of the Board Statutes and Regulations.

##### **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.** The second Saturday in January 2019

**C. Adjournment.** Dewey Handy, O.D. made a motion that the board adjourn at 4:20 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

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While in Executive Session, the Board discussed Vision to Learn. The discussion was tabled until a later date. No action was taken.

Dr. Arthur Dampier made a motion, as investigative Board member, that no further action be taken in Compliant no. 07-04-18. Dewey Handy, O.D. made a motion that the Board accepts Dr. Dampier's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Dr. Lori Blackmer, O.D. and passed unanimously.

An administrative Hearing took place at 1:00 p.m. in the case of Compliant 10-05-18. Based on exhibits, testimony and evidence, Dr. Edwards made a motion that the Board voted to approve the attached Final Order. The vote was seconded by Lori Blackmer and the vote was as follows: Steve Edwards, O.D., Lori Blackmer, O.D., and Arthur Dampier, O.D. voting in favor of, Recusal Handy, voting against, None.

An administrative Hearing took place at 3:00 p.m. in the case of Compliant 10-06-18. The Board made the following conclusions and order based on clear and convincing evidence. See attached order. Dr. Edwards made a motion that the Board voted to approve the attached Final Order. The vote was seconded by Lori Blackmer and the Vote was as follows: Those in favor: Steve Edwards, O.D. , Lori Blackmer, O.D., and Arthur Dampier, O.D. Recusal, Dewey Handy, as investitive Board member,  
Voting against, None.

Upon the conclusion of business of Executive Session, Dr. Arthur Dampier made a motion that the Board come out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Lori Blackmer, O.D.. The vote was as follows:

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

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

APPROVED:

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Steve Edwards, O.D., President

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Arthur Dampier, O.D, Secret