**Mississippi State Board of Optometry**

**P.O. Box 12370**

**Jackson, MS 39236-2370**

**Statutory Board Meeting Minutes**

**October 4, 2018**

**Hilton Hotel, Jackson, MS**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Mississippi State Board of Optometry meeting was called to order by the President, Steve Edwards, O.D, at 1:07 p.m. at the Hilton Hotel, 1001 E . County Line Rd., 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 July 14, 2018 as written. The motion was seconded by Lori Blackmer, O.D. and passed unanimously

**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:

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

**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**

1. **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.
2. **Next meeting.** The second Saturday in January 2019
3. **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