**Mississippi State Board of Optometry**

**P.O. Box 12370**

**Jackson, MS 39236-2370**

**Statutory Board Meeting Minutes**

**February 25, 2019**

**550 High St. Walter Sillars Bldg.**

**I & II. CALL TO ORDER and PRAYER**

The Mississippi State Board of Optometry meeting was called to order and opening prayer was given by the President, Steve Edwards, O.D, at 3:00 p.m. at the Walter Sillars building in the 11th floor conference room.

The following board members were present:

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. from the AG’s office.

Dewey Handy, O.D. was absent

**III. COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD**

Arthur Dampier, acting as Secretary, made a motion that the Board accepts the minutes from November 30, 2018 with requested changes. 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

Beverly gave an update regarding the new Board members and their appointment status.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Closed Determination session.**

Upon motion made by Arthur Dampier, O.D., with a second by Lori Blackmer, 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:, 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 Lori Blackmer, 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.

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: 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

**VII. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING**

A motion was made by Arthur Dampier, O.D. that the Board adjourn at 6:00 p.m. Dr. Lori Blackmer seconded the motion and it 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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**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

While in Executive Session, the Board discussed the draft memorandum of Understanding prepared by legal counsel for Vision to Learn. The Board reviewed a draft and had several issues to discuss with Leyser and requests to be made to the MOU. The topic was tabled until the next meeting.

Complaint no. 10-05-18.

Dr. Arthur Dampier made a motion that the Board accepts the request by Dr. Bradley Thompson, subject to a hearing if not paid in full within 90 days. The motion was seconded by Dr. Lori Blackmer, O.D. and the motion carried with the following members voting: voting for: Arthur Dampier, O.D., and Steve Edwards, O.D., Lori Blackmer, O.D., voting against: none; recusal: none; absent: none

Complaint no. 10-06-18.

Dr. Arthur Dampier made a motion that the Board accepts the request by Dr. Quatrisa Irving, subject to a hearing if not paid in full within 90 days. The motion was seconded by Dr. Lori Blackmer, O.D. and the motion carried with the following members voting: voting for: Arthur Dampier, O.D., and Steve Edwards, O.D., Lori Blackmer, O.D., voting against: none; recusal: none; absent: none

Complaint no. 02-01-19

Steve Edwards, O.D. assigned this new compliant to Dr, Arthur Dampier as investigative Board member.

Dr. Lori Blackmer made a motion that the MOU drafted by Leyser Hayes be mailed to Vision to Learn for consideration. The motion was seconded Arthur Dampier, O.D. and passed with the following vote: Steve Edwards, O.D. - Aye

Arthur Dampier, O.D. – Aye

Lori Blackmer, O.D. 0 Aye

**V. REPORT OF COUNSEL**

Leyser Q. Hayes, Esq. scheduled new Board member orientation for July 13th, 2019.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

The Board asked Leyser to draft a letter in response to Stan’s proposal for a Plan of Action for Mississippi Physician’s Eyecare Group.

Upon the conclusion of business of Executive Session, Dr. Arthur Dampier made a motion that the Board come out of Executive Session. The motion carried with the members voting unanimously.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

APPROVED:

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Steve Edwards, O.D., President

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Arthur Dampier, O.D, Secretary