

Open Minutes
Missouri State Board of Optometry

Telephone Conference Call
May 23, 2001 **8:00 a.m.**

Division of Professional Registration
3605 Missouri Boulevard
Jefferson City, Missouri

The telephone conference call of the Missouri State Board of Optometry was called to order by Dr. H. L. Poynter, III, President, at approximately 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 23, 2001. The conference call meeting originated from the Optometry Board Office at the Division of Professional Registration, 3605 Missouri Boulevard, Jefferson City, Missouri.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. H. L. Poynter, III, President
Dr. Max T. Aldrich, Vice President
Dr. Karen B. Rosen, Secretary
Dr. Cathy L. Frier, Member
Dr. Larry D. Snider, Member
Ms. Vickie E. Young, Public Member

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sharlene Rimiller, Executive Director
Ms. Elena Vega, Assistant Attorney General
Mr. Glenn E. Bradford, Private Legal Counsel

To better track the order in which items were taken up on the agenda, each item in the minutes will be listed in the order it was discussed in the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Dr. Aldrich and seconded by Dr. Snider to move into closed session pursuant to Section 620.010.14 (7) and 610.021 (1), RSMo for the purpose of discussing legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys. Motion carried 4 to 0. Ms. Young did not vote as she joined the meeting later and was not present at this time.

PATIENT REFERRAL TO O.T.'s AND/OR P.T.'s

Mrs. Rimiller informed the Board of an inquiry received from Deb Till, a supervisor of occupational therapy at the rehabilitation services of Boone Hospital Center. The question is under what circumstances can an optometrist refer patients to a physical therapist and/or occupational therapist. According to Ms. Till, their facility has a driver's evaluation program and they want to know if they can accept referrals from

optometrists. Legal counsel was asked to study the laws governing occupational therapists and physical therapists and provide their opinions at the July meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Board at this time, a motion was made by Dr. Snider and seconded by Dr. Aldrich that this meeting adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharlene Rimiller, Executive Director

Approved by Board on: _____.