

SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTICIANRY

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

October 19, 2017 at 9:00 A.M.

110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Room 202-02

Columbia, South Carolina

Public Notice of this meeting was properly posted at the Opticianry Board Office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, Section 30-4-80.

A. Call to Order ✓

B. Approval of Agenda ✓ Rhodes/Brown - Approved

C. Approval / Disapproval of Absent Board Member(s) ✓ Rhodes/Brown

D. ✓ Approval of June 29, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes ✓ - Hayes / Rhodes Approved

E. Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) Statistical Report – David Love, Chief of Investigations

F. Investigative Review Committee (IRC) Report – David Love, Chief of Investigations Brown / Hayes - Approved

G. Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Report – Tina Brown, ODC Hayes / Mikell - Approved

H. Reinstatement Application Hearing – Vincent Hopkins Execution: Hayes / Brown & Hayes / Rhodes

Closes session - Hayes & Hollis

Execution: 1

I. Reports / Information

Administrative Report – April Koon

1. Licensee Totals Report/
2. S.C. Practical Examination
3. Renewal Update
4. Financial Report

Motion:

legal advice

Hollis / Rhodes - Approved for Reinstatement

- 6 mos. probation & SLEI

- Upon payment of fees & CE hrs.

(4)

J. New Business

1. Regulatory Review Pursuant to Executive Order 2017-09 - See notes

2. Approve 2018 Board Meeting Dates - Send invite

2/15, 5/17, 7/26, 10/4 - Hayes / Hollis

① Milton Cortez - Gosnell to contact

K. Unfinished Business

1. Appointment of IRC Member - Mikell - Suggestee

Neal Higgins - potential subject

2. Chapter 96 - Apprenticeship Registration and Program Revisions (96-106)

Pat Forth to their consent

Brown / Hayes

Public Comments

Announcements

S.C. Practical Examination, December 5, 2017 SC Fire Academy Columbia S.C.

Upcoming Board Meeting Date – To be announced

Adjournment

Hayes / Rhodes @ 10:43 Am

2018 SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTICIANRY

Date	Time	Location	Description
February 15 or 21	9:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m.	Room 204	Board Meeting
May 17 or 24	9:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m.	Room 204	Board Meeting
July 19 or 26	9:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m.	Room 204	Board Meeting
October 4 or 25	9:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m.	Room 204	Board Meeting

South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (SCLLR)
Board of Examiners in Opticianry
Board Meeting Minutes
June 29, 2017
110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Room 204
Columbia, South Carolina

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Daniel B. Gosnell, Chairman
Keith Hayes, Vice Chair
Grant Brown
Emily Mikell
James L. Rhodes
John Hollis Inabinet, Esquire, Public Member

VACANT POSITION:

Public Member (One)

SCLLR STAFF PRESENT:

Mary League, Esquire, Office of Advice Counsel
April Koon, Administrator
Missy L. Jones, Administrative Assistant
Holly Beeson, Office of Governmental Affairs
For IRC Report:
David Love, Chief Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement
For ODC Report:
Shanika Johnson, Esquire, Office of Disciplinary Counsel
Tina Brown, Esquire, Office of Disciplinary Counsel

PRESENT:

Tina Behles, Court Reporter, Capital City Court Reporting, Inc.
Jim Morris, Esquire, ABO and NCLE
Michael Vann
Michella Dupont
Michael Chace

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Gosnell called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A **motion** was made by Mr. Hayes to accept the June 29, 2017 agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rhodes and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF ABSENT BOARD MEMBER(S): All Board members were present.

WASHINGTON STATE ADOPTS ABO & NCLE EXAM AS LICENSING EXAM: Mr. Morris presented to the Board the results of the American Board of Opticianry Hands on Practical Exam which was taken on June 6, 2017 in South Carolina. Mr. Morris stated there were 20 exam candidates. Eleven passed the exam and nine failed. Mr. Morris presented a video and tutorials regarding the equipment that is used during the exams. Mr. Morris announced to the Board that Washington State has selected the ABO and NCLE Computerized Basic and Practical Examinations as their licensing examination starting January 1, 2018. Mr. Morris provided a link for the ABO/NCLE online computerized basic and practical exams to April Koon, Administrator to disburse to all Board members so they can test the program at their leisure. The Board accepted this as information at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A **motion** was made by Mr. Hayes to accept the February 16, 2017 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Ms. Mikell and carried unanimously.

OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT (OIE) STATISTICAL REPORT: Mr. Love presented the OIE Statistical Report. The Board accepted this report as information.

INVESTIGATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE (IRC) REPORT: Mr. Love provided the IRC Report. It was recommended to dismiss case #2016-1 and case #2017-2. A **motion** was made by Mr. Inabinet to accept the IRC dismissal recommendations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hayes and carried unanimously. Mr. Gosnell recused himself for the discussion and motion for case #2016-10. A **motion** was made by Mr. Brown to accept the IRC dismissal recommendations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hayes and carried unanimously.

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL (ODC) REPORT: Ms. Johnson reported that there were no cases pending in the Office of Disciplinary Counsel. Ms. Johnson also announced to the Board that Tina Brown would be the Board's new disciplinary counsel attorney.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mrs. Beeson gave the Board a brief legislative update regarding the Chapter 96 Regulation for document number 4723. The changes to the Chapter 96-105, 96-106, and 96-107 passed through the legislative session and is in effect as of May 2017. Board staff will send an e-blast out to licensees.

APPLICATION HEARING:

1. **MICHELLA DUPONT:** A **motion** was made by Mr. Rhodes to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brown and carried unanimously. A **motion** was made by Mr. Rhodes to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hayes and carried unanimously. A **motion** was made by Mr. Brown to approved Ms. Dupont's application for the Apprenticeship Program. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hollis and carried unanimously.
2. **MICHAEL VANN:** A **motion** was made by Mr. Rhodes to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hayes and carried unanimously. A **motion** was made by Mr. Rhodes to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brown and carried unanimously. A **motion** was made by Mr. Inabinet to approved Mr. Vann's application for the Apprenticeship Program. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rhodes and carried unanimously.
3. **MICHAEL CHACE:** A **motion** was made by Mr. Hayes to approved Mr. Chace's application for the South Carolina Practical Exam. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rhodes and carried unanimously.

REPORTS / INFORMATION

Information provided by Ms. Koon concerning the following topics:

- **Licensee Totals Report** – 953 S.C. licensed opticians; 816 opticians practice in S.C.; 137 practice out-of-state, 120 registered apprentices.
- **S.C. Practical Examination** – Twenty candidates signed up for the June 6, 2017 S.C. Practical Exam. Eleven exam candidates passed. Nine exam candidates failed.
- **Financial Report** – presented as information.

NEW BUSINESS

APPOINTMENT OF IRC MEMBER: This item is carried over to the October 19, 2017 Meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF ABO CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS AUGUST 2017 GREENVILLE HOSPITAL SYSTEM (GHS):

Mr. Brown recused himself from all discussion and motions regarding this matter. A **motion** was made by Mr. Rhodes to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Mikell and carried unanimously. A **motion** was made by Mr. Hayes to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Inabinet and carried unanimously. A **motion** was made by Mr. Hayes to delegate a review of the GHS Continuing Education hours for August 2017 to Ms. Mikell and Mr. Rhodes for approval once further documentation has been obtained. The motion was seconded by Mr. Inabinet and carried unanimously.

*The hours were later approved by Ms. Mikell and Mr. Rhodes.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF ONLINE CONTINUING EDUCATION—LISA CORBETT: A motion

was made by Mr. Hayes to go into closed session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Inabinet and carried unanimously. A **motion** was made by Mr. Inabinet to allow the use of online courses for the 2017 renewal period only. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brown. A **motion** was made by Mr. Hayes to come out of closed session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rhodes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MOBILITY ACT – RON HARBERT: Mr. Harbert was not present at this meeting. The Board briefly discussed the mobility of the ABO practical exam. The Board has determined that an applicant that has taken the practical exam in another state will need to take the SC Practical Exam or appear before the Board with their request for exemption.

Mr. Brown asked staff to reach out to the four approved professional programs for an update of their programs for review since it's been a while since the Board has looked at them.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next South Carolina Board Examiners in Opticianry Board Meeting will be held October 19, 2017.

The next South Carolina Practical Examination in Opticianry will be administered December 5, 2017, 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina, Kingtree Building, Room 115.

ADJOURNMENT

A **motion** was made by Mr. Brown to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Mikell and unanimously carried. Mr. Gosnell adjourned the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

These minutes are a record of the official actions taken by the Board and a summary of the meeting provided by April Koon, Administrator. Minutes are presented to the Board for final approval.

Date: October 28, 2017

**South Carolina Board of Examiners in
Opticianry**

Statistical Board Report

Case Status: Opticianry cases received from 1/1/2016 thru Sept. 27, 2017		Total
Closed (Avg days: 202) (OPTICIANRY)		11
Pending Board Action (Avg days: 205) (OPTICIANRY)		1
Pending Further Information (Avg days: 6) (OPTICIANRY)		2
Total		14

Date: October 19, 2017

**South Carolina Board of Examiners in
Opticianry**

IRC Board Case Recommendation Report

IRC held on September 27, 2017

Dismissal -1

IRC Members

Tina Brown – Attorney

Ray Sansbury – IRC Advisor

April Koon- Administrator

Adrian Rivera– Investigator

David Love – Chief Investigator

As of 10/19/2017

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**APPLICATION HEARING BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF
EXAMINERS IN OPTICIANRY**

Re: Vincent Hopkins

1. This hearing is called to order.
 2. This is the matter of: Vincent Hopkins
 3. The purpose of this hearing is to determine whether Mr. Hopkins's license should be reinstated.
 4. Does any Board member have reason to recuse him or herself from this matter?
 5. Everyone is reminded that these proceedings are being recorded and that all witnesses must be sworn before they testify. All remarks should be directed to the Chair.
 6. Mr. Hopkins submitted an application for reinstatement on October 2, 2017. He answered "Yes" to the question "Since you last held an active opticians license, have you been convicted of or pled guilty or nolo contendere to a felony of any kind or to a non-felony crime involving drugs or moral turpitude (You may exclude juvenile court convictions or expunged crimes.)?" Mr. Hopkins submitted a letter of explanation wherein he stated that he had made some poor choices in 2014 which led felony charges and a prison sentence. Mr. Hopkins has since served his prison sentence and would like to move forward with his career as an Optician in South Carolina.
 7. Would the court reporter please swear in the Applicant?
 8. Mr. Hopkins – Are you aware that you have the right to be represented by counsel of your choosing in this hearing? Are you waiving your right to counsel and wish to proceed without an attorney?
 9. Mr. Hopkins - is there anything you wish to tell the Board in regards to this application?
(after Applicant concludes) Do you have any witnesses here today to testify on your behalf? (If so, have them state their names and be sworn). (Witness), you may proceed.
 10. Do any Board Members have questions at this time?
[alternative A] Your case is submitted and the Board is ready to make a decision.
[alternative B] Your case is submitted and the Board will take it under advisement. Is there a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice in this matter? Second? All those in favor, say "aye." Will everyone please be excused while the Board goes into executive session?
- Is there a motion to come out of executive session? Second? All those in favor, say "aye."
11. Is there a motion as to the disposition of this application?
 12. *At the conclusion of the Board's decision, the following statement should be read into the record IF THE REQUEST IS DENIED OR GRANTED WITH CONDITIONS:*

The decision we announce today expresses only the basic elements of our ruling in this case. Counsel for the Board will prepare an order which more fully expresses our conclusions in the appropriate language and format which the Board has traditionally used. The final written decision must be approved by and signed by the Chair of the Board and will be the final order in this matter. If you wish to appeal the decision to the Administrative Law Court, you will need to do so within 30 days of receipt of the order.



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Optician Reinstatement Application

Submit the following with your application to the above address:

- Make check or money order payable to the SC Board of Opticianry. All fees are non-refundable. A returned check fee of up to \$30, or an amount specified by law, may be accessed on all returned funds.
- Reinstatement fee: \$50.00 plus the renewal fee that applies below.
 - Optician: \$200 for each odd year the license was lapsed
 - Contact Lens Optician: \$100 for each odd year the license was lapsed
 - Out of state/inactive Optician: \$120 for each odd year the license was lapsed
 - Out of state/inactive Contact Lens Optician: \$60 for each odd year the license was lapsed
- If you have changed your name, include a copy of legal documentation (marriage cert, divorce, decree, etc.)
- Copy of your Driver's license, passport, or State issued ID
- **Optician:** Documentation of 4 hours of ABO approved continuing education obtained for every year the license has been lapsed; **Contact Lens Dispenser:** Documentation of 1 hour of NCLE approved continuing education obtained for every year the license has been lapsed.

Note for SC Residents: To find your Congressional District you may go to <http://www.sccstatehouse.gov/legislatorssearch.php>

Registration Number: _____

Full Name: Vincent Lamar Hopkins Birth Name: _____

Home Address: _____ District: _____
(Street, City, State & Zip Code) Congressional District (SC Residents Only)

Mailing Address: _____
(If different than above)

Business Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security No. (last 5 digits): _____

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

If you answer "yes" to any of the below questions, provide a detailed explanation along with any supporting documentation indicated.

1. Since you last held an active opticians license, have you been convicted of or pled guilty or nolo contendere to a felony of any kind or to a non-felony crime involving drugs or moral turpitude (You may exclude juvenile court convictions or expunged crimes.)?

☒ YES ☐ NO

2. Since you last held an active opticians license, have you had a license denied, restricted or disciplined by any other licensing board or national certifying body?

☐ YES ☒ NO

- a. If yes, send a request to the board/body where your disciplinary action occurred for a final order to be sent directly to the Board.

3. Since you last held an active opticians license, have you had any mental, emotional, and/or physical condition, including alcohol or other substance abuse that may presently interfere with your ability to competently and safely perform the essential functions involved in this profession?

☐ YES ☒ NO

I HEREBY swear/affirm I have read all questions on this reinstatement application and have answered truthfully, accurately, and completely. I hereby acknowledge that failure to answer these questions truthfully, accurately and completely shall constitute cause for the initiation of disciplinary action against my South Carolina license.

Signature _____

Date

Oct 2, 2017

PRIVACY DISCLOSURE:

South Carolina Law requires that every individual who applies for an occupational or professional registration provide a social security number for use in the establishment, enforcement and collection of child support obligations and for reporting to certain databanks established by law. Failure to provide your social security number for these mandatory purposes will result in the denial of your licensure application. Social security numbers may also be disclosed to other governmental regulatory agencies and for identification purposes to testing providers and organizations involved in professional regulation. Your social security number will not be released for any other purpose not provided for by law.

Other personal information collected by the Department for the licensing boards it administers is limited to such personal information as is necessary to fulfill a legitimate public purpose. The South Carolina Freedom of Information Act ensures that the public has a right to access appropriate records and information possessed by a government agency. Therefore, some personal information on the application may be subject to public scrutiny or release. The Department collects and disseminates personal information in compliance with The South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, the South Carolina Family Privacy Protection Act, and other applicable privacy laws and regulations. Additionally, the Department shares certain information on the application with other governmental agencies for various governmental purposes, including research and statistical services.

A copy of the Practice Act and Regulations governing the practice of Opticianry in South Carolina can be obtained from the website at www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Opticians/ under Laws / Policies.

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Course Title: Opticianry Leading the Way
Course # CT17R183-1 # of CEC's 1
Meeting & Date: Atlanta, GA - July 16, 2017
Sponsor: SouthEastern Opticians Conference/OAA
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Course Title: Optical Tic Tac Toe
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Course Title: The Science and The Art of Rimless

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Course Title: Top Dispensing Hints
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CONTINUING EDUCATION CERTIFICATE

Course Title: Polarized Lenses "The Technology and Benefits"

Course # S17R358 # of CEC's 1

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Course Title: Implementing a Blue Light Practice
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ATLANTA, GEORGIA
DISPENSING ATROCITIES AND MEANINGLESS
NIGHTMARES

Course Title:

Course #

ST15R394-1

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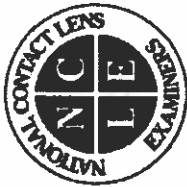
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Course Title:

OPTICAL TRIAGE FOR OPTICIANS, TECHNICIANS, AND
MEDICAL PERSONNEL SEP 13 2015

Course #

CT15R204-1

of CEC's

2.00

Meeting & Date:

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From: Missy Jones
To:
Subject: South Carolina Board of Opticianry Reinstatement Hearing
Date: Monday, October 09, 2017 11:36:00 AM
Importance: High

Dear Mr. Hopkins:

Since your license expired on October 1, 2013, you must appear before the Board at a reinstatement hearing to determine eligibility for licensure. You will need to provide proof of attending required continuing education and pay past renewal and reinstatement fees. Reinstatement hearings are conducted at Board meetings. You will need to pay an additional \$200.00 in reinstatement fees. You will also need to submit proof of six (6) hours of ABO approved continuing education.

You are scheduled to appear in a licensure reinstatement application hearing before the South Carolina Board of Examiners in Opticianry (the "Board"). Your appearance is scheduled for **October 19, 2017, at 9:00 a.m., Room 202-02, Kingstree Building, 110 Centerview Drive, Synergy Business Park, Columbia, SC, 29210.** Please let me know if you are unable to attend the hearing on this date.

You have the right, at your expense, to be represented by legal counsel who may be helpful in guiding you through this. If you plan to be represented by an attorney, please provide me with their contact information as soon as possible.

You may present any documents and witnesses that you deem appropriate to support your application. If you wish to submit documentary evidence, please bring at least ten (10) copies of each document so that Board members may have a copy. The staff will supply the Board with a copy of your application along with any other information you submitted with this request and a copy of the correspondence from the Board's administrative staff. Please remember that you have the burden of proof that you are trustworthy, honest and have the character and fitness for your license to be reinstated.

The types of information the Board will need includes, but is not limited to, details about your professional disciplinary record, your personal and business conduct, as well as any other information relating to your fitness to have your license reinstated.

If you decide to represent yourself, please understand that your presentation will be in a setting similar to that found in the Court of Common Pleas but less formal. You may present evidence through live testimony and written documentation. Witnesses you call, including yourself, will be sworn before testifying and all testimony will be recorded by a court reporter.

You will be offered the opportunity to make a brief opening statement and may call your witnesses in any order you choose. You may present your witnesses by asking them direct questions or they may testify by giving summary testimony on their own. Witnesses are also subject to questioning by the Board and the Board's administrative staff. It is often helpful for applicants to present character witnesses as well as an individual who will hire the

applicant if he or she becomes licensed.

If the Board's administrative staff calls any witnesses, you have the right to cross-examine them at the appropriate time. Once all testimony is concluded, you may make a closing statement to the Board after which it generally retires into executive session to discuss the evidence presented. After the executive session is over, a motion will be made and a vote will be taken in open session. You will be notified of their decision at that time and will receive a formal written decision at a later date.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions or concerns.

Thank you!

Missy D. Jones

Administrative Assistant

S.C. Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation

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To: South Carolina Board of Opticians

I wish to cover some details regarding my life around the times of my arrest, sentence, and conviction. In the year of 2012 I was employed with America's Best Eyewear in Harbison for over 18 months, living away from my wife and children while going about the separation phase of our subsequent divorce. It was a taxing time on all of us as we adjusted to the change in household. Dismantling 17 years of union was cause for petty conflicts between us. It was to the point that access to my children was limited or denied. Although it was less than a year since I moved out of our home, things got ugly quick. Not having my routine (family) and nothing but time on my hands, I began to hang at bars and night spots. In the 10th month of this separation, my daughter hung herself in our back yard. My heart was shattered. The initial thing was to get help for my sons since they were at the house at the time and discovered her. With the divorce still looming, family counseling was not an option. I was not thinking about my overall health and after the funeral is when my grief set in. I had taken a leave of absence but did not return to work. My night life of having a social drink at the bar became my coping mechanism every day. I started to supplement my drinking with cocaine. The abuse of both substances led to addiction. On the day of 12/17/13 riding in a car after purchasing drugs from a house being watched by police, we were pulled over and searched and found with the narcotics. I bonded out of jail awaiting trial for this but still had not the sense to seek treatment and continued my use of drugs and drinking. Months later I am still in the throes of my addiction which led me to the 07/15/15 arrest. After securing some drugs, myself and a fellow user go to a house to get high and as we arrive, the police comes to serve the owner with a drug warrant to search. I am found with narcotics again. At this point in my life I was virtually homeless, without steady income and estranged from family and friends. My recovery started in jail while awaiting trial. Being incarcerated gives you time to think about change so I signed up and attended all life skill classes that was offered. After being in county detention for almost a year I have my day in court and plead guilty to all charges. I was sentenced to 3 years with credit given for time served on 08/29/16 with a projected release date of 9/29/17. In prison I was classified to a minimum custody level and served my remaining time at Manning Reentry/Work Release Center in Columbia on Beckman Rd. Continuing a focused dedication to better myself, I again attended classes that addressed my mistakes. I was released back to society on July 1st of 2017. An early released that's earned by job and class attendance credits. I truly regret my actions during that period but I am now looking forward to repairing my life.

To; South Carolina board of Opticians

I Vincent Hopkins am seeking to reinstate my license to practice. My life went into a tailspin in 2012. While going through a divorce, my only daughter took her life March 17th of that year. She was 16 years old. I did not seek counseling and in dealing with my loss of marriage and child began to drink which led to substance abuse, which led to addiction. My self-destructive behavior did not change until I received help in prison. It was there that I had the chance to take classes for my faith, conflict resolution, and drug abuse. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Vincent Hopkins



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Status:	Disposed	Assigned Judge:	Brewer, Ethel L	Disposition Judge:	Hood, Robert E
Disposition:	Pled Guilty				
Disposition Date:	08/29/2016	Date Received:	07/30/2015	Arrest Date:	07/15/2015
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Prosecutor Case:		Indictment Number:	2016GS4000766	Waiver Date:	
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Case Parties Charges Sentencing Associated Cases Actions Financials Bonds

Name	Charge Code - Charge Description	Original Charge Code - Original Charge	Disposition Date
Hopkins, Vincent Lamar	0278-Trafficking Cocaine	0278-Trafficking Cocaine	08/29/2016

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Administrative Report – April Koon

a. Licensee Totals (Totals include OPI & OPC Credentials)

Total of all licensees – 846

Instate licensee total – 710

Out-of-state licensee total – 136

Total of all apprentices – 156

b. S.C. Practical Examination

December 5, 2017 Exam total – 15

c. Optician and Apprentice Renewals

As of October 17, 2017 650 Opticians have successfully renewed their licenses

As of October 17, 2017 97 Apprentices have successfully renewed their registrations.

Opticianry Board DB0018		June 2016 Cash Balance <u>FY16</u>	June 2017 Cash Balance <u>FY17</u>	September 2017 Cash Balance <u>FY18</u>
Beginning Cash Balance		\$ (229,633.31)	\$ (205,242.07)	\$ (319,437.26)
Total Revenue		\$ 128,595.00	\$ 8,920.00	\$ 85,325.00
Direct Expenditures		\$ (53,154.63)	\$ (67,438.51)	\$ (9,196.00)
Indirect Expenditures (Overhead):				
Admin/Dir/Adv Cou - Based on Previous Yr Exp	0.734%	\$ (29,281.30)	\$ (24,380.40)	\$ (3,357.85)
POL Admin - Based on Previous Yr Exp	0.734%	\$ (8,730.59)	\$ (6,529.17)	\$ (1,744.45)
OIE - Based on No. of Investigations	0.176%	\$ (2,711.31)	\$ (8,066.67)	\$ (1,233.86)
Legal - Based on No. of Investigations	0.176%	\$ (948.62)	\$ (2,667.35)	\$ (490.06)
Remittance to General Fund - Proviso 81.3	10.000%	\$ (5,315.46)	\$ (6,743.85)	-
Communications - Based on Previous Yr Exp	0.734%	\$ (2,052.40)	\$ (2,536.68)	-
Immigration - Proviso 81.8 - Based on Prev Yr Exp	0.734%	\$ (1,691.27)	\$ (1,386.05)	-
OSHA - Proviso 81.7 - Based on Prev Yr Exp	0.734%	\$ (1,488.12)	\$ (3,366.51)	-
Total Indirect Expenditures (Overhead)		\$ (52,219.07)	\$ (55,676.68)	\$ (6,826.22)
NET		\$ 23,221.30	\$ (114,195.19)	\$ 69,302.78
Fines Draw		\$ 1,169.94	\$ -	\$ -
Year End Balance		\$ (205,242.07)	\$ (319,437.26)	\$ (250,134.48)

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Vincent Hopkins

Agency Name: Board of Examiners in Opticianry - Labor, Licensing and Regulation

Statutory Authority: 40-1-50, 40-1-70, 40-38-60, and 40-38-250

Document Number: 4723

Proposed in State Register Volume and Issue: 40/10

House Committee: Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee

Senate Committee: Medical Affairs Committee

120 Day Review Expiration Date for Automatic Approval: 05/10/2017

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Status: Final

Subject: Examinations; Apprenticeship; and Continuing Education Requirements

History: 4723

<u>By</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Action Description</u>	<u>Jt. Res. No.</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>
-	10/28/2016	Proposed Reg Published in SR		
-	01/10/2017	Received by Lt. Gov & Speaker		05/10/2017
H	01/10/2017	Referred to Committee		
S	01/10/2017	Referred to Committee		
S	02/08/2017	Resolution Introduced to Approve	371	
-	05/10/2017	Approved by: Expiration Date		
-	05/26/2017	Effective Date unless otherwise provided for in the Regulation		

Document No. 4723
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION
BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTICIANRY
CHAPTER 96

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-1-50, 40-1-70, 40-38-60, and 40-38-250

96-105. Examinations.

96-106. Apprenticeship Registration and Program Provisions.

96-107. Reinstatement of Lapsed License or Lapsed Apprenticeship.

Synopsis:

The South Carolina Board of Examiners in Opticianry proposes to amend its regulations to clarify the waiting period after unsuccessful examination attempts; to clarify that apprenticeship is a training period and not a subclass of practice; and to adjust continuing education requirements to comport with biennial licensure.

A Notice of Drafting was published in the *State Register* on September 23, 2016.

Instructions:

Regulations 96-105, 96-106, and 96-107 are amended as shown below.

Text:

96-105. Examinations.

(A) All applicants for initial licensure must take and pass an opticianry competency examination and an examination in practical areas of opticianry. Any applicant who passes one (1) of these two (2) separate examinations but fails the other examination will only be required to apply for and be reexamined on the examination which was not passed, provided that, if the time of filing the application, a period not greater than five (5) years has elapsed since the applicant took the examination which was passed. If more than five (5) years have elapsed, the Board may inquire into the applicant's training, work and study during that period and may require the applicant to retake both examinations, if, in the Board's opinion, the applicant has not had sufficient training, work or study to keep his knowledge or proficiency in the practice of opticianry current.

(1) The opticianry competency examination may be taken as many times and as often as necessary until the applicant passes it.

(2) The practical examination may be taken twice before the following restrictions apply. Upon taking and failing to pass twice, an applicant will not be permitted to take the examination within a year following notice of the second or succeeding failures. Application to take the practical examination the third and succeeding times shall be accompanied by a statement of additional training, work or study completed by the applicant since the time of the most recent notice of failure of the examination.

(B) All applicants for additional licensure as contact lens dispensing opticians must take and pass a qualifying contact lens examination. The examination may be taken as many times and as often as necessary until the applicant passes it.

96-106. Apprenticeship Registration and Program Provisions.

(A) South Carolina Registered Apprenticeships must:

- (1) be registered and approved in writing before the apprenticeship commences; and
- (2) be for a period of two (2) continuous years; and

(3) be served under the direct supervision of an approved state licensed optician, optometrist or ophthalmologist who does not train more than two (2) registered apprentices at a time, and must be full-time employment training in the practice of opticianry. Full-time is defined as a minimum of thirty-two (32) hours a week

(B) Any applicant desiring to be registered in the apprenticeship program must:

(1) submit an application on a form approved by the Board, along with the required fee; and

(2) submit proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant is a graduate of an accredited public or private high school or secondary school of an equal grade approved by the Board or completed an equivalent course of study approved by the Board; and

(3) submit an apprenticeship agreement form approved by the Board, providing the name of the South Carolina licensed optician, optometrist or ophthalmologist to be approved as the sponsor to provide the two-year training program, the nature of the program, the proposed curriculum, and the facilities and equipment of the apprenticeship location; and

(4) submit, upon the request of the Board, proof that the apprenticeship has not been altered or otherwise changed from the Board-approved apprenticeship program; and

(5) annually submit an evaluation of the apprenticeship signed by the apprentice and approved sponsor.

(C) The state licensed optician, optometrist or ophthalmologist under whom the applicant shall conduct his apprenticeship shall provide the Board with a statement agreeing to supervise the apprenticeship and to conduct training for the applicant and shall have facilities and equipment determined by the Board to be adequate for training in order for the apprenticeship to be approved.

(D) The Board shall consider the following criteria when approving an apprenticeship:

(1) nature of the apprenticeship program; and

(2) proposed curriculum; and

(3) facilities and equipment of the apprenticeship location; and

(4) documentation of the sponsor's statement to supervise and to conduct training.

(E) Any change in the information supplied in the apprenticeship application shall be immediately transmitted to the Board by the approved optician, optometrist or ophthalmologist responsible for the apprentice.

(F) The Board may extend the apprenticeship for an additional year upon request of the apprentice for good cause shown, and payment of a fee as specified by the Board. The request must be accompanied by a statement signed by the apprentice's sponsor providing the proposed curriculum for the extended apprenticeship period, to be approved by the Board. A written evaluation signed by the apprentice and the sponsor shall be submitted at the conclusion of the extended period. If the apprentice does not take the opticianry examination with five (5) years from the commencement of the apprenticeship, the apprentice must begin training over, but must wait for one year from the conclusion of the apprenticeship before recommencing the training period.

(G) The Board may rescind its approval of any apprenticeship or apprenticeship program when the curriculum is not being followed or taught, when it determines that the facilities and equipment available to the apprentice are not adequate, when the apprentice is not being properly trained or supervised by an approved sponsor, or when the apprentice is engaged in conduct which would cause the Board to discipline a licensed optician.

96-107. Reinstatement of Lapsed License or Lapsed Apprenticeship.

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(4) pay a fifty (\$50.00) dollar reinstatement fee for reinstatement of the license or the apprenticeship.
(B) If a license or an apprenticeship has been lapsed more than two (2) years, the optician or apprentice must:

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Fiscal Impact Statement:

There will be no cost incurred by the State or any of its political subdivisions for these regulations.

Statement of Rationale:

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96-105. Examinations.

96-106. Apprenticeship Registration and Program Provisions.

96-107. Reinstatement of Lapsed License or Lapsed Apprenticeship.

Synopsis:

The South Carolina Board of Examiners in Opticianry proposes to amend its regulations to clarify the waiting period after unsuccessful examination attempts; to clarify that apprenticeship is a training period and not a subclass of practice; and to adjust continuing education requirements to comport with biennial licensure.

A Notice of Drafting was published in the *State Register* on September 23, 2016.

Instructions:

Regulations 96-105, 96-106, and 96-107 are amended as shown below.

Text:

96-105. Examinations.

(A) All applicants for initial licensure must take and pass an opticianry competency examination and an examination in practical areas of opticianry. Any applicant who passes one (1) of these two (2) separate examinations but fails the other examination will only be required to apply for and be reexamined on the examination which was not passed, provided that, if the time of filing the application, a period not greater than five (5) years has elapsed since the applicant took the examination which was passed. If more than five (5) years have elapsed, the Board may inquire into the applicant's training, work and study during that period and may require the applicant to retake both examinations, if, in the Board's opinion, the applicant has not had sufficient training, work or study to keep his knowledge or proficiency in the practice of opticianry current.

(1) The opticianry competency examination may be taken as many times and as often as necessary until the applicant passes it.

(2) The practical examination may be taken twice before the following restrictions apply. Upon taking and failing to pass twice, an applicant will not be permitted to take the examination within a year following notice of the second or succeeding failures. Application to take the practical examination the third and succeeding times shall be accompanied by a statement of additional training, work or study completed by the applicant since the time of the most recent notice of failure of the examination.

(B) All applicants for additional licensure as contact lens dispensing opticians must take and pass a qualifying contact lens examination. The examination may be taken as many times and as often as necessary until the applicant passes it.

96-106. Apprenticeship Registration and Program Provisions.

(A) South Carolina Registered Apprenticeships must:

- (1) be registered and approved in writing before the apprenticeship commences; and
- (2) be for a period of two (2) continuous years; and

(3) be served under the direct supervision of an approved state licensed optician, optometrist or ophthalmologist who does not train more than two (2) registered apprentices at a time, and must be full-time employment training in the practice of opticianry. Full-time is defined as a minimum of thirty-two (32) hours a week

(B) Any applicant desiring to be registered in the apprenticeship program must:

(1) submit an application on a form approved by the Board, along with the required fee; and

(2) submit proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant is a graduate of an accredited public or private high school or secondary school of an equal grade approved by the Board or completed an equivalent course of study approved by the Board; and

(3) submit an apprenticeship agreement form approved by the Board, providing the name of the South Carolina licensed optician, optometrist or ophthalmologist to be approved as the sponsor to provide the two-year training program, the nature of the program, the proposed curriculum, and the facilities and equipment of the apprenticeship location; and

(4) submit, upon the request of the Board, proof that the apprenticeship has not been altered or otherwise changed from the Board-approved apprenticeship program; and

(5) annually submit an evaluation of the apprenticeship signed by the apprentice and approved sponsor.

(C) The state licensed optician, optometrist or ophthalmologist under whom the applicant shall conduct his apprenticeship shall provide the Board with a statement agreeing to supervise the apprenticeship and to conduct training for the applicant and shall have facilities and equipment determined by the Board to be adequate for training in order for the apprenticeship to be approved.

(D) The Board shall consider the following criteria when approving an apprenticeship:

(1) nature of the apprenticeship program; and

(2) proposed curriculum; and

(3) facilities and equipment of the apprenticeship location; and

(4) documentation of the sponsor's statement to supervise and to conduct training.

(E) Any change in the information supplied in the apprenticeship application shall be immediately transmitted to the Board by the approved optician, optometrist or ophthalmologist responsible for the apprentice.

(F) The Board may extend the apprenticeship for an additional year upon request of the apprentice for good cause shown, and payment of a fee as specified by the Board. The request must be accompanied by a statement signed by the apprentice's sponsor providing the proposed curriculum for the extended apprenticeship period, to be approved by the Board. A written evaluation signed by the apprentice and the sponsor shall be submitted at the conclusion of the extended period. If the apprentice does not take the opticianry examination with five (5) years from the commencement of the apprenticeship, the apprentice must begin training over, but must wait for one year from the conclusion of the apprenticeship before recommencing the training period.

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