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ALASKA BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY

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Narrative Statement

The annual meeting was held in Anchorage on June 5-6, 1987. Items discussed at the meeting were:

1. Current Legislation - House Bill 291 currently held up in House Finance. The board supports passage of this bill, but is not in favor of the optician amendment. The board also supports a change in HB 291 regarding use of drugs. (See proposed legislation.)

Should HB 291 not pass, the statutory changes regarding examination are included in the bill introduced by the Attorney General's Office.

2. Investigative Report - Also discussed with Ray Spiess were delegation orders.
3. Regulatory Changes:
 - a. Abandoned application
 - b. Continuing education
 - c. Reinstatement of a lapsed license
 - d. Paraoptometric personnel
4. Review of applications.
5. Examination procedures and evaluation of applicants/examination results.
6. Regional IAB meeting and national trends of optometry boards.

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Review of FY 87 Objectives

1. Continue to increase the scope and quality of the pathology ophthalmic, oral, and practical examinations.

Progress: This goal was partially met and will remain a perennial goal.

2. Continue review and update of all statutes and regulations.

Progress: The statutory changes will be accomplished with passage of HB 291. Regulatory changes are also being implemented.

3. Attendance by a board member at the International Association of Boards of Examiners meetings.

Progress: This goal was accomplished and was considered by the board to be beneficial in our efforts and will remain a continuous goal.

4. Work with the division in determining proper budget and setting appropriate fees.

Progress: Goal accomplished.

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Goals and Objectives for FY 88

1. Continue to increase the scope and quality of the pathology, ophthalmic, oral and practical examinations.
2. Continue review and update of all statutes and regulations:
 - a. Support HB 291 with suggested changes.
 - b. Paraoptometric personnel.
3. Attendance by a board member at the International Association of Boards of Examiners meeting.
4. Request additional meeting/examination.
5. Assist division with sunset and evaluation of board's performance.

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Budget Recommendations

The Board of Examiners in Optometry requests funding for two (2) meetings, two (2) examinations, with both meetings and examinations on successive dates, one (1) out-of-state (national) meeting for a board member and the International Association of Boards of Examiners' annual dues.

Travel Costs:

1	Board Member - Anchorage	
1	Board Member - Fairbanks	\$450.00
1	Board Member - Soldotna	140.00
1	Board Member - Kenai	140.00
1	Board Member - Ketchikan	904.00
1	Licensing Examiner - Juneau	704.00
1	Board Member to IAB Meeting	750.00
TOTAL TRAVEL		<u>\$3,068.00</u>

Per Diem:

\$80 x 6 (5 Board Members + 1 Licensing Exam)	
\$80 x 4 Days	\$1,920.00
IAB Meeting	240.00
TOTAL PER DIEM	<u>\$2,160.00</u>

Contractual:

Exam Rooms	\$800.00
IAB Dues	300.00
TOTAL CONTRACTUAL	<u>\$1,100.00</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	<u>\$6,348.00</u>

BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS FOR

PROPOSED REGULATIONS

The Division of Occupational Licensing requests that each board or commission proposing new or amended regulation requests, complete this form entirely. The completion of this analysis will provide the staff with a clearer understanding of the board's/commission's intent and position on relevant issues concerning the proposed changes.

1. Proposed language:

Assistants to optometrists are permitted to perform certain duties as obligated by a licensed optometrist when working in the same office, which do not necessarily require the use of a professional judgment. These duties will be construed by the board as having been performed by the optometrist.

2. State the problem or purpose prompting this request:

Optometric offices have trained personnel who are not addressed in the current law. Despite the fact that they are qualified and trained, they may be construed as practicing optometry in violation of current law for performing acts defined in the practice of optometry.

3. Briefly state the history of this problem or proposal:

Optometric assistants are receiving better education and the new technology available enables them to perform duties ,ater and portions of the examination that they heretofore were unable to accomplish.

4. Identify the alternatives to this regulation (if any):

Waiting until sunset to implement a statute and regulation.

5. Which alternative mentioned would be most acceptable?

6. Does the entire board/commission agree with this regulation request?

Yes

7. In the event questions should be raised during the processing on this request, who should we contact?

Board/Commission Member: John Demske, O.D.

Phone: (907) 262-3120

BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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1. Proposed language:

HB 291 - Sec. 08.72.272. Use of Drugs. Change (c) Miotics - for differential diagnosis of neurological conditions. For treatment of angle closure glaucoma only with ophthalmological consultation.

2. State the problem or purpose prompting this request:

The way HB 291 is written implies that miotic drugs are not used for diagnostic purposes. They can be used for diagnostic purposes and should be included for that purpose also.

3. Briefly state the history of this problem or proposal:

Miotics are more often used as a therapeutic drug for glaucoma. The current language precludes the use of drugs for any purpose other than examinations (Sec. B).

4. Identify the alternatives to this legislation (if any):

None

5. Which alternative mentioned would be most acceptable?

6. Does the entire board/commission agree with this legislative request?

Yes

7. In the event questions should be raised during the processing on this request, who should we contact?

Board/Commission Member: John Demske, O.D.

Phone: (907) 262-3168

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1. Proposed language:

HB 291 - Delete Sec. 08.72.300. Exemption for Opticians.

2. State the problem or purpose prompting this request:

Does not this language allow opticians to practice optometry?

3. Briefly state the history of this problem or proposal:

4. Identify the alternatives to this legislation (if any):

The language should be changed so that the optometry law does not prohibit an optician from practicing as described under AS 08.71.

5. Which alternative mentioned would be most acceptable?

6. Does the entire board/commission agree with this legislative request?

Yes

7. In the event questions should be raised during the processing on this request, who should we contact?

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FY 87 STATISTICAL INFORMATION
(Please Type)

Date: August 4, 1987

Method: Check the appropriate method in which licenses are issued (not including Examination), and cite the specific statutory authority.

<u> </u> Credentials	AS 08. _____
<u> </u> Reciprocity	AS 08. _____
<u> </u> Comity	AS 08. _____
<u> </u> Endorsement	AS 08. _____

** See Bottom of Page 2.

New Licenses: List each category and the number of licenses issued within each category for the first time in FY 87.

CATEGORY:	NUMBER OF LICENSES:
(1) <u>Optometrist</u>	<u>6</u>
(2) <u>Branch Office</u>	<u>5</u>
(3) _____	_____
(4) _____	_____
(5) _____	_____
Total:	<u>11</u>

Number of CURRENT licensees:	<u>105</u>
Number of LAPSED licensees:	<u>96</u>
Number of INACTIVE licensees:	<u>n/a</u>

Expiration Date: If the expiration date is different for each category, indicate the category after each date.

Expire: December 31, 1988

Examination: List each examination separately indicating the licensure category (such as RN, LPN, Dentist, Dental Hygienist), the total number of examinees, number passed and failed.

Exam Statute Authority: Sec. 08.72.160

(1) Category:	Total Candidates	#Passed	#Failed
<u>Optometrist</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>
Date and City: <u>June 5, 1987, Anchorage</u>			

(2) Category:	Total Candidates	#Passed	#Failed
_____	_____	_____	_____
Date and City: _____			

(3) Category:	Total Candidates	#Passed	#Failed
_____	_____	_____	_____
Date and City: _____			

(4) Category:	Total Candidates	#Passed	#Failed
_____	_____	_____	_____
Date and City: _____			

Total Licensed by Exam: 6

Meetings: List Date(s) and Location(s)

1. June 6, 1987, Anchorage
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Teleconferences: List Date(s) and Site(s)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Regulation Hearings: List Date(s) and Site(s)

Investigations: (Attach Case Summary)

** Sec. 08.72.170. Issuance of certificate by waiver of written examination. (a) The board may waive the written portion of the examination requirement for an applicant who meets the necessary requirements.

OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING
ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS
FY 87

Optomtry
Board

Investigations

Cases Pending Start of FY 87

1

New Cases Opened

2

Cases Closed

3

Cases Pending End of FY 87

0

Litigation

Cases Pending Start of FY 87

0

New Cases Opened

0

Cases Closed

0

Cases Pending End of FY 87

0

Enforcement Activity

Accusations

0

Statement of Issues

0

Cease and Desist Orders

0

Hearings

0

Disciplinary Actions

Cases Dismissed

0

Licenses Denied

0

Licenses Suspended

0

Probation

0

Licenses Revoked

0

Stipulations/Settlements

0

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