BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION COMMITTEE
MAY 10, 2006

TIME AND PLACE:	The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions, 6603 West Broad Street, 5th Floor, Room 3, Richmond, Virginia.
CHAIRMAN:	Paula H. Boone, O.D., Chair
MEMBERS PRESENT:	W. Ernest Schlabach, Jr., O.D.
STAFF PRESENT:	Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D. Emily Wingfield, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel Sandra W. Ryals, Chief Deputy Director Elaine Yeatts, Senior Regulatory Analyst Carol Stamey, Administrative Assistant
OTHERS PRESENT:	No others were present.
PUBLIC COMMENT:	No public comment was presented.
REVIEW OF AGENDA:	The agenda was approved as presented.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:	◈**Action** On properly seconded motion by Dr. Schlabach, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2005 meeting.
DISCUSSION ITEMS:	**Discussion of Discipline Related to Professional Designations** Due to the number of disciplinary cases related to professional designations and the uniformity of sanctions, the Committee discussed the possibility of amending the regulations. Dr. Carter apprised the Committee that the smaller boards, including Optometry, are scheduled to review their disciplinary case history through the Sanction Reference Study beginning January 2006. Further, that the existing 2001 disciplinary matrix could be updated for referencing prior sanctions. The Committee recommended that staff conduct a survey of all states for determining the requirements for registration of professional designation titles or trade names. Additionally, upon receipt of the states' survey and the results of the Sanction Reference Study, that the Committee meet to make formal recommendations to the full Board.
NEW BUSINESS:	No new business was presented.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned 10:25 a.m.

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Paula H. Boone, O.D., Chair

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Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D., Executive Director