

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY EXAMINERS

4914 Constitution Ave.

Baton Rouge, LA 70808

MINUTES

June 7, 2025

I. Roll Call/Call to Order/Confirmation of posting of notice and agenda

The roll was called at 3:30 PM with the following LSBOE board members present: Drs. Kasovich, Lamar, Anastasio, Jong and Ms. Wicker. Drs. LaPoint and Gerdes were absent. Also present were Public Guests, OAL Members and Board counsel Ms. Carrie Jones. Executive Director, Anna Cahill, was also present. Declaring a quorum was present, Dr. Kasovich called the meeting to order.

II. Introductions – To begin the annual meeting, the Board, Ms. Jones and Ms. Cahill each introduced themselves to the public.

III. Public Comment – There was no public comment.

IV. Adoption of Agenda

Dr. Lamar moved to adopt the agenda, which was seconded by Dr. Jong. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Wicker moved to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting, which was seconded by Dr. Anastasio. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Counting of Ballots for District 3 Election

The Board opened all ballots received by the predetermined deadline. Forty three votes were counted. Dr. Anastasio moved to send the top three nominees (Dr. Fischer, Dr. Waguespack and Dr. Trinh) to the Governor's office. Dr. Jong seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS – There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

VII. New Applicant: Welcome Home Act applicant review – Dr. Kasovich informed the Board of a WHA applicant who was previously licensed in Louisiana in 2016. The applicant dropped their Louisiana license due to moving but is now moving back to Louisiana. Dr. Lamar made a motion to conditionally approve the applicant for a Louisiana license through the Welcome Home Act pending receipt of the \$1,500 fee and completed NPDB and background check. Dr. Anastasio seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

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- VIII. New Applicant: Board exam conflict** – Dr. Kasovich notified the Board that an applicant reached out with a conflict of Mississippi Boards being the same weekend as Louisiana's. Due to Louisiana not offering a temporary license, Ms. Jones advised the Board to reach out to Mississippi Board to confirm they still offer a temporary license. She also advised that the applicant should sit for the Louisiana exam should Mississippi offer a temporary license.
- IX. Question & Answer Session for Licensees** - Dr. Kasovich opened the floor to all licensees to ask any questions they may have.
Dr. Avallone inquired about online CE hours being tracked.
Dr. Janot asked how in house auditing will work moving forward for CE hours.
A brief discussion was held regarding the potential regulation changes in Kentucky regarding acceptance of the OEBC (Canadian National Exam) as an alternative to the NBEO exam.
- X. Adjournment**
The meeting adjourned at 3:56 PM.