

# **LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY EXAMINERS**

**301 Main Street, 23<sup>rd</sup> Floor**

**Baton Rouge, LA 70801**

## **MINUTES**

**June 6, 2026**

**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, Anastasio, Jong, Lamar and Fisher. Mrs. Wicker arrived shortly after roll call. Dr. Lapoint was absent. Public guests were also present, including licensees and OAL members. Board counsel, Ms. Carrie Jones and Executive Director, Anna Cahill were absent. Declaring a quorum was present, Dr. Kasovich called the meeting to order.

**II. Introductions – Dr. Kasovich introduced all present board members.**

**III. Public Comment – There was no public comment.**

**IV. Adoption of Agenda**

Dr. Lamar moved to adopt the agenda with the suggested changes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jong and was passed unanimously.

**V. Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Fisher moved to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Anastasio and passed unanimously.

**VI. Counting of Ballots for District 2 Election**

Dr. Anastasio and present Board members opened all sealed ballots. Dr. Kasovich recused himself from the ballot counting as it is his seat up for nomination. After counting all ballots received with the postmarked date no later than May 22, 2026, Dr. Fisher made a motion to submit the top three nominees to the Governors' office for consideration. Dr. Lamar seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. The names submitted are as follows: Dr. Hunter Bond, Dr. Kevin Kasovich and Dr. Lisa Mitchell.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**VII. Board Update – Dr. Kasovich informed those present that the OAL Litigation has been settled. He stated that the Board can now focus their attention on other matters, specifically rule making. He provided an update on the rules the Board is currently working on.**

**VIII. Question & Answer Session for Licensees – There were several questions and a discussion regarding the switch from ARBO to CE Broker.**

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Dr. Avallone suggested to the Board that voting be changed to allow for all licensees across the state to vote during elections for members being appointed to the Board.

There were questions taken regarding the current rules the Board is working on.

Several licensees shared their gratitude for the service that the Board members provide and the work that they do.

- IX. Motion to Adjourn** – Dr. Fisher moved to adjourn. Dr. Lamar seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 4:56 PM.