



# LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY EXAMINERS

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## Meeting Agenda for March 17, 2023

Meeting start time 9:30 am

Location: 1100 Poydras St.

suite 898

New Orleans, La 70163

- I. Roll Call/Call to Order/Confirmation of posting of notice and agenda.
  - II. Adoption of Agenda
  - III. Approval of Minutes
  - IV. Secretary's Report –
    - A. Finance and Budget Report
      - i. P&L, Balance Sheet, Budget Comparison
    - B. License Activity (vi and vii) to be discussed in Executive Session
      - i. Renewals
      - ii. Retirement requests
      - iii. Endorsement request
      - iv. Inactive requests
      - v. Hardship requests
      - vi. Request for Reinstatement from Prior Disciplinary Action
      - vii. Complaints
    - C. Required Training
      - i. Ethics Training –2023 required training completed.
      - ii. Sexual Harassment Prevention
  - V. Travel as per Secretary
- OLD BUSINESS**
- VI. Louisiana Legislative Audit 2020
    - A. General update –
    - B. Review of the Unresolved Audit findings and corrective action
  - VII. Telehealth - Rule status
  - VIII. Dispensing of Pharmaceuticals – Rule status
  - IX. CE - Rule Status
  - X. Alternate Route of Licensure (NBEO) – Rule Status

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- XI. Discussion/Approval of Compensation Contract – State Board Exam/Dr. Lewis

David Heitmeier, O.D.  
New Orleans, LA  
President

Gary Avallone, O.D.  
Ruston, LA  
Secretary

Gerald Gerdes, O.D.  
Lafayette, LA  
Member

Dale Benoit  
Belle Chasse, LA  
Member

Christopher W. Wroten, O.D.  
Denham Springs, LA  
Member

Paul LaPoint, O.D.  
Bunkie, LA  
Member

- XII. Discussion/Approval of contract with ARBO as requested by the LLA**
- XIII. Discussion/Approval of CPA contracts**
- XIV. Discussion on Board Diversity**
- XV. Increase Legal Budget from 75,000 to 150,000 due to pending litigation**
- XVI. Legal Representation and/or Indemnification of Board members named in OAL suit**
- XVII. Request for Advisory Opinions Interpretations or Guidance**
- XVIII. Discussion of 2021 LLA audit findings and corrective actions**
- XIX. Discussion of hiring an Executive Director in lieu of a Secretary to execute the duties and responsibilities of the LSBOE**
- XX. LADOJ Occupational Licensing Review Program and motion to participate in program**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- XXI. Litigation:**
  - A. By OAL v Heitmeier, et al No C-729018 19<sup>th</sup> JDC State of Louisiana**
  - B. By LSBOE v OAL et al No. C-729434 19<sup>th</sup> JDC State of Louisiana**
- XII. Complaints**
  - A. Complaints & Investigation of complaints**
    - i. Ongoing**
    - ii. New**
  - B. Reactivation requests**
  - C. Request for Reinstatement from Prior Disciplinary Action**
- XIII. Report on Items Discussed in Executive Session**
- XIV. Public Comment**
- XV. Next Meeting**
- Adjourn**