



# LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY EXAMINERS

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Meeting Agenda for December 2, 2022  
Meeting start time 9:30 am  
Location: First Horizon Tower  
200 W. Congress Street 12th Floor Boardroom  
Lafayette, La. 70501

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

Gary Avallone, O.D.  
Ruston, LA  
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Lafayette, LA  
Member

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Belle Chasse, LA  
Member

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

Paul LaPoint, O.D.  
Bunkie, LA  
Member

- I. Roll Call/Call to Order/Confirmation of posting of notice and agenda
- II. Adoption of Agenda
- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. Welcome New Board member Dr. Paul LaPoint
- V. Senator Fred Mills address with the Louisiana Legislative Auditor
- VI. Secretary's Report –
  - a. Finance and Budget Report
    - i. P&L, Balance Sheet, Budget Comparison
  - b. License Activity – All to be discussed in Executive Session (if needed)
    - i. Renewals
    - ii. Applicants/New Licensees
    - iii. Retirement requests
    - iv. Endorsement request
    - v. Inactive requests
    - vi. Hardship requests
    - vii. Complaints
  - c. Required Training
    - i. Ethics Training
    - ii. Sexual Harassment Prevention

## OLD BUSINESS

- VII. Louisiana Legislative Audit 2020
  - a. general update –
  - b. Recovery from OAL – To be discussed in Executive session
  - c. Review of the 5 Unresolved Audit findings – To be discussed in executive session

- VIII. Telehealth Rule status
  - a. specific to Dr. in Office
  - b. Telehealth Application and Registration fee
- IX. Dispensing of Pharmaceuticals – Rule status
- X. CE Rule Status
- XI. Alternate Routes of Licensure Testing – Rule Status (NBOE)
- XII. 2021 LLA update –

**NEW BUSINESS**

- XIII. Discussion on Changes to Continuing Education: COPE accreditation, synchronous CE, approved sources, and online CE
- XIV. Reciprocity La. R.S. 37:1051
- XV. Request for approval from LSBOE private investigator for a contract rate adjustment
- XVI. Compensation - Dr. Lewis

**ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION (upon motion and 2/3 vote) (La. R.S. 42:17)**

- XVII. Potential Litigation: LLA audit report and mediation status to recover amounts owed the LSBOE, and proposal received from counsel for the Optometry Association of Louisiana with respect to same (La. R.S. 42:17(A)(2) and/or (A)(4)
  - a. General Update
  - b. Recovery from OAL
  - c. Review of unresolved Audit Findings
- XVIII. 2021 LLA Update
- XIX. Complaints, Endorsement and Reactivation request
  - A. Continuation of review or updates of formal complaints from prior meetings
  - B. Complaints and Investigations of Complaints (La. R.S. 42:17(A)(4))
    - i. Complaint against Barthelemy’s Optical by Allyson Fisher, O.D. – Status
    - ii. Complaint by John Bollich, O.D. - Status
    - iii. Complaint against America’s Best – Status
  - C. Reactivation requests
  - D. Endorsements
- XX. Report on Items Discussed in Executive Session and the making of any motions for votes in connection therewith
- XXI. Public Comment
- XXII. Next Meeting
- Adjourn