



# LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY EXAMINERS

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Meeting Agendas for July 12, 2022  
Law Office of Taggart and Morton LLC  
1100 Poydras St., Suite 2100  
New Orleans, LA 70163  
9:30am-1:30pm (estimated adjournment)

Jeff M. Anastasio, O.D.  
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Gary Avallone, O.D.  
Ruston, LA  
Secretary

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

Dale Benoit  
Belle Chasse, LA  
Member

Gerald Gerdes, O.D.  
Lafayette, LA  
Member

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

## Annual Meeting of Louisiana Licensed Optometrists (Originally held on June 24, 2022, but with incomplete notice)

- I. Roll Call/Call to Order/Confirmation of posting of notice and agenda
- II. Adoption of Agenda
  - a. Year in Review
  - b. SB 328/Act 313
  - c. Discussion of New Nominating Process
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Adjourn

## Louisiana Board of Optometry Examiners Board of Directors Meeting (Originally commenced on June 24, 2022, but adjourned upon discovery of incomplete notice)

- I. Roll Call/Call to Order/Confirmation of posting of notice and agenda
- II. Approval of Minutes from May 6, 2022, Meeting and the acceptance of minutes for informational purposes only of the adjourned June 24, 2022 meeting
- III. Secretary's Report – upon motion and approval, will be handled as a consent agenda item due to the Secretary's absence)
  - a. Finance and Budget Report
  - b. License Activity
    - i. Renewals
    - ii. Retirement requests
    - iii. Inactive requests
    - iv. Hardship requests

- v. Applicants
- c. Complaints Tracking System

**OLD BUSINESS**

- IV. State Audit Update
  - a. general update
  - b. Ethics training status
  - c. Sexual harassment policy and training status
- V. Dispensing of Pharmaceuticals -- status
- VI. Discussion of Alternate Routes of Licensure Testing
- VII. SB 328/Act 313
- VIII. LSBOE Secretary Compensation and approval of written contract for services

**NEW BUSINESS**

- IX. Discussion and steps to prepare Licensee Communications
- X. Discussion and steps to prepare ballots for nominating process for soon to be open LSBOE position
- XI. Discussion of suggestions by Louisiana Legislative Auditor to Psychology Board and possible implementation by LSBOE
- XII. Louisiana Legislative Audit 2021
- XIII. ARBO Update from Annual Meeting – Dr. Gerdes
- XIV. Request from Mississippi Optometrist - Does Mississippi qualify for licensure by endorsement in Louisiana?
- XV. Approval of engagement of MC3 Consulting and Mike Cahn to provide investigative services for the board on an independent contractor basis.
- XVI. Nomination and election of LSBOE officers

**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 potential litigation resulting therefrom to recover amounts owed the LSBOE, and proposals (2) received from counsel for the Optometry Association of Louisiana with respect to same (La. R.S. 42:17(A)(2) and/or (A)(4))
- XVIII. A. Continuation of review or updates of formal complaints from prior meetings
  - Dehlice Shelton - Re: Devjani Lahiri-Munir, OD
  - Kalle Allison – Re: Dr. Albert Burns, Jr
- B. Complaints and Investigations of Complaints (La. R.S. 42:17(A)(4))
  - i. New Complaint against Barthelemy’s Optical by Allyson Fisher, O.D.
  - ii. New Complaint by John Bollich, O.D.
  - iii. Complaint against America’s Best
- XIX. Report on Items Discussed in Executive Session and the making of any motions for votes in connection therewith
- XX. Public Comment
- XXI. Next Meeting
- XXII. Adjourn