

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY

CONDENSED MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MAY 21, 2026

THESE DRAFT MINUTES WERE PREPARED BY THE STAFF OF THE DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING. THEY HAVE NOT BEEN REVIEWED OR APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

Date:	May 21, 2026
Time:	09:00 AM
Location:	Teleconference (Zoom)
Attending:	Members: Kathleen Rice (OD, Chair), Damien Delzer (OD), Ethan Arndt (OD), Charles (C.O.) Rudstrom (Public Member) Staff: Ashley Carabajal (Licensing Examiner III), Kim Lilly (Senior Investigator)
Absent:	Sheryl Lentfer (OD)

1a. Call to Order/Roll Call: <u>Ethics Disclosure</u>	
Brief Discussion:	<i>Each member of the board confirmed they had no ethical conflicts to disclose.</i>
1b. Call to Order/Roll Call: <u>Review/Approve Agenda</u>	
Brief Discussion:	<i>Dr. Rice asked to amend the agenda to include discussing continuing education and submitting a letter of waiver to allow an amendment to regulations.</i>
	<i>The board agreed.</i>
Motion:	<i>Motion to amend the agenda to include a discussion for a letter of waiver.</i>
Recorded Votes:	<i>Dr. Rice – Y</i>
	<i>Dr. Lentfer – Absent</i>
	<i>Dr. Delzer – Y</i>
	<i>Dr. Arndt – Y</i>
	<i>Mr. Rudstrom – Y</i>
Action Items:	<i>The board will follow the agenda as amended.</i>
2. <u>Public Comment</u>	
Brief Discussion:	<i>Ms. Carabajal informed the board there were no members of the public present.</i>
	<i>The board proceeded to the next agenda item.</i>

3. Board Business: <u>Consideration for Consent Agreement</u>		
Motion:	<i>Motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion. (First: Dr. Delzer; Second: Mr. Rudstrom)</i>	
	<i>Dr. Arndt requested to be recused from executive session due to being the Reviewing Board Member in this case. Dr. Rice allowed him to be recused.</i>	
Recorded Votes:	<i>Dr. Rice – Y</i>	<i>Dr. Lentfer – Absent</i>
	<i>Dr. Delzer – Y</i>	<i>Dr. Arndt – Recused</i>
	<i>Mr. Rudstrom – Y</i>	
Action Items:	<i>The board entered into executive session and Dr. Arndt was moved to the waiting room. The board went off the record at 09:03 AM.</i>	
3. Board Business: <u>Consideration for Consent Agreement - Continued</u>		
Motion:	<i>The board came back on the record at 09:05 AM.</i>	
	<i>Ms. Carabajal let Dr. Arndt back into the meeting.</i>	
	<i>Motion to approve the consent agreement for Dr. Slaugh. (First: Dr. Rice; Second: Mr. Rudstrom)</i>	
Recorded Votes:	<i>Dr. Rice – Y</i>	<i>Dr. Lentfer – Absent</i>
	<i>Dr. Delzer – Y</i>	<i>Dr. Arndt – Recused</i>
	<i>Mr. Rudstrom – Y</i>	
Action Items:	<i>Ms. Carabajal will send the Consent Agreement to Dr. Rice via Docusign for her to sign off on. Once signed, she will forward it to Ms. Lilly.</i>	
4a. New Business: <u>Letter of Waiver</u>		
Brief Discussion:	<i>Dr. Rice brought up that a lot of issues the board has that take up a lot of time, deal with continuing education. She suggested changing the regulations where it states no more than 10 hours online. She stated the issue isn't too much online CE, but that licensees are not obtaining enough in-person CE.</i>	
	<i>The board agreed on changing the regulations.</i>	
	<i>Ms. Carabajal stated the board would need to draft a letter addressed to the Division Director explaining what the waiver is for and why.</i>	
	<i>Dr. Rice volunteered to draft a letter of waiver and submit it to Ms. Carabajal by the end of the week.</i>	
Recorded Votes:	<i>Dr. Rice – Y</i>	<i>Dr. Lentfer – Absent</i>
	<i>Dr. Delzer – Y</i>	<i>Dr. Arndt – Recused</i>
	<i>Mr. Rudstrom – Y</i>	
Action Items:	<i>Dr. Rice will draft a letter of waiver and submit it to Ms. Carabajal. Ms. Carabajal will get the letter uploaded to OnBoard for review and approval. If approved, she will submit it to Director Robb.</i>	

4b. New Business: <u>Annual Report Review/Approval</u>		
Brief Discussion:	<i>Ms. Carabajal asked the board if anything needed to be changed or added to the Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Report. She stated she did update a few typos that were found. No members had any comments.</i>	
Motion:	<i>Motion to approved the Board of Examiners in Optometry FY2026 Annual Report as written. (First: Dr. Delzer; Second: Mr. Rudstrom)</i>	
Recorded Votes:	<i>Dr. Rice – Y</i>	<i>Dr. Lentfer – Absent</i>
	<i>Dr. Delzer – Y</i>	<i>Dr. Arndt – Y</i>
	<i>Mr. Rudstrom – Y</i>	
Action Items:	<i>Ms. Carabajal will get the approved annual report submitted to the Publications Team after the meeting.</i>	

Next Meeting:	October 08, 2026, at 09:00 AM
Adjournment:	09:11 AM