



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Olympia, Washington 98504

WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
MEETING AGENDA

Date: October 11, 2024
Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: **Labor & Industries**
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Tumwater, WA 98501

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Mission Statement:

The mission and purpose of the Board of Optometry is to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, and to provide for state administrative control, supervision, licensure, and regulation of the practice of optometry.

Order of Agenda

9:00 a.m. **Open Session**

Call to Order and Introductions – Melissa Dacumos, OD, Chair

1. Approval of agenda –

1.1. October 11, 2024, draft agenda

2. Approval of minutes –

2.1. June 14, 2024, meeting minutes

3. Rules Hearing –

The board will consider public comment and the adoption of proposed rules for

3.1 Board of Optometry, Continuing Education, Chapter 246-851 WAC -Jurisprudence Examination.

In order to comply with Section 8 of Second Substitute House Bill (2SHB) 1724 (chapter 425, Laws of 2023) codified as RCW 18.130.077 and reduce barriers for optometrist to enter and remain in the health care workforce, the Board of Optometry (board) filed WSR 24-06-033 on February 28, 2024 proposing to move the jurisprudence (JP) exam required for initial licensure in Washington State to an optometrists first full continuing education (CE) reporting period.

3.2 Board of Optometry, Advanced Procedures Endorsement, Chapter 246-851 WAC.

The board is proposing to amend and establish new sections in chapter 246-851 WAC to implement Substitute Senate Bill (SSB) 5389 (chapter 400, laws of 2023), which expands the optometrist scope of practice. The board filed WSR 23-16-043 on July 25, 2024, to open rules to make the required legislative changes.

4. Open forum

4.1 The board will accept comments from the audience for ten minutes on issues of significance to the profession.

5. Substantially Equivalent States – Amber Freeberg, Executive Director

5.1 The board will look at the proposed states the department has determined substantially equivalent.

6. Board Travel Approval - Melissa Dacumos, OD, Chair

6.1 October 17-20, 2024 - The University of Pikeville Kentucky College of Optometry will be hosting an Expanded therapeutic Procedures Course and have invited board members to attend the course.

6.2 October 25-27, 2024 – National Board Exam Review Committee will be meeting in Charlotte, NC.

7. Agenda-building, Amber Freeberg, Executive Director

7.1 The board will review board business and discuss priority items for the December 6, 2024, agenda.

Adjournment of Open Session