

# STATE OF NEVADA



## Board of Dispensing Opticians

### Minutes of Public Meeting: June 13, 2024 at 3:30 p.m.

#### Board Members Present:

Jennifer Letten, President  
Jennifer Brusven, Vice President  
Mark Myers, Secretary  
Priscilla Acosta, Board Member

#### Board Staff Present:

Corinne Sedran, Executive Director  
Michael Cabrera, Board Counsel

1. Call to order  
Ms. Letten called the meeting to order and called roll at 3:30 p.m. Board members Mark Myers and Cristobal Esparza were not in attendance.
2. Public comment  
There was no public comment.
3. Welcome and introduction of new public board member  
Ms. Letten introduced Ms. Priscilla Acosta, who was just appointed by Governor Lombardo as the Board's public board member. Ms. Acosta said she is happy to be serving on the Board and gave an overview of her background working in public health in Nevada.
4. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Approval of previous board meeting minutes  
**April 18, 2024 Board Meeting**  
**Motion:** Ms. Letten moved to approve the minutes as presented.  
**Vote:** The motion passed unanimously.
5. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Confirmation of newly licensed Dispensing Opticians  
Ms. Sedran announced the names of the new opticians and asked the Board to confirm their licenses.

**809 Yesenia Torres**  
**810 Nelson Visanondh**  
**811 Stacey Dixon**  
**812 Robert Spirito**

**813 Lindsey Jackson**  
**814 Jenovie Carrera**  
**815 Sholeh Ryan**  
**816 Seyda Meza**  
**817 Richard Peden**

**Motion:** Ms. Brusven moved to confirm the licensure of the named opticians.

**Vote:** The motion passed unanimously.

6. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Updates on the Office of Nevada Boards, Commissions and Councils, created pursuant to SB 431

Ms. Sedran said she had not received any communication from the Office of Boards since the last meeting and had no updates to report.

7. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Discussion and decision on correspondence from NV Board of Optometry pertaining to laws and regulations and/or crossover complaints

Ms. Sedran said she received responses to the questions the Board voted to submit to the Optometry Board at the last meeting. The responses are available to review on the Optometry Board's website.

At its last meeting, the Optometry Board indicated it will be reviewing its policies on its two-door statutes (the laws requiring optometry practices to maintain physical and administrative separation from other businesses) and will be working on legislation for the upcoming session to address these issues. If opticians or members of the public have knowledge of possible violations of these statutes, they should submit their complaints to the Optometry Board. The Board of Dispensing Opticians does not have jurisdiction over these violations. Likewise, if there are questions related to the validity of a prescription issued by an optometrist via remote exam or other form of telemedicine, the optician should send a complaint to the Optometry Board. If an optometrist is violating optometry laws pertaining to telemedicine, the Optometry Board has jurisdiction over the issue.

8. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Review and approval of Language Access Plan, pursuant to NRS 232.0081

Ms. Sedran said the state agencies are required to submit Language Access Plans to the Governor's Office of New Americans. She would like the Board to approve the proposed plan before she submits it to that office.

**Motion:** Ms. Letten moved to approve the plan as presented.

**Vote:** The motion passed unanimously.

9. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Discussion and updates with representative for the American Board of Opticianry

Mr. James Morris spoke on behalf of the ABO. He was the Director of the ABO for many years but was recently asked to transition to CEO of the United Opticians Association (UOA). The UOA is a national association working to unify the message and vision for the opticianry profession nationally, as well as protect constituents and customers from incompetent opticianry. The ABO has appointed Nicole McGuinness as its new CEO.

Ms. McGuinness introduced herself and asked the Board members to reach out to her with any questions related to the ABO. She also provided information on current exam numbers and pass rates for the ABO and NCLE exams utilized by the Board.

Mr. Myers joined the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

10. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Executive Director's report

a. Financial report

Ms. Sedran said the Board's legal fees will be higher this year due to relying on a private attorney for many matters; the AG's Office is short-staffed, and the Board does not currently have an assigned Deputy Attorney General (DAG). There will also be costs associated with updating the Board's website and online applications. The Board's surplus funds have been reinvested in a 5-month CD. Ms. Sedran will prepare a new budget for FY25 once she receives the Board's June bank statements, which she will present at the next meeting.

b. Licensing updates

The Board issued 7 new optician licenses since the last meeting, for a total of 413 active licenses, and 6 new apprentice licenses, for a total of 116 active licenses.

c. Office and general updates

Ms. Sedran was notified in May that the Board's DAG (assigned through the AG's Office) would no longer be representing the licensing boards. A new DAG has not yet been assigned to the Board.

The Board will be having officer elections at its October meeting; if a board member would like to run for one of the offices, they should send notice to Ms. Sedran prior to that meeting.

11. Public comment

There was no public comment.

Ms. Letten thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 3:54 p.m.