

## BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

**July 17, 2025**

**Open Session Agenda 9:30 AM**

**2201 Shannon Pl, SE, 2nd Floor, Washington, DC 20020**

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**MEETING PARTICIPANTS:**

<b>BOARD MEMBERS:</b>	
Dr. Lisa Johnson, OD - Chairperson	
Dr. David Reed, OD – Vice-Chairperson	
Dr. Greg Foley, OD, FAAO – Board Member	
Vacant- Board Member	
Vacant- Consumer Member	
<b>BOARD STAFF:</b>	
Ayanna Bennett, MD, MSPH, FAAP- Director	
J. Sam Hurley, MPH, EMPS, NRP- Senior Deputy Director	
Aisha Nixon, MPT, CPM- Associate Director	
Vito DelVento, DVM, MS- Executive Director	
Mark Donatelli- Investigator	
Thelma Ofosu-Mensah – Health Licensing Specialist	
<b>LEGAL STAFF:</b>	
Matteo Lieb – Director of Government Affairs	
Ajay Gohil, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	

CALL TO ORDER		
OS-0717 - 01	<p><b><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></b></p> <p><b>A. BOARD MEMBERS</b></p> <p>Dr. Lisa Johnson</p> <p>Dr. David Reed</p> <p>Dr. Gregory Foley</p> <p><b>B. QUORUM</b></p> <p><b>C. BOARD STAFF MEMBERS</b></p> <p>Vito DelVento, DVM, MS</p> <p>Ajay Gohil, Esq</p> <p>Thelma Ofosu-Mensah</p> <p>Mark Donatelli</p> <p><b>D. PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE</b></p>	
APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CONSENT AGENDA AND STAFF REPORTS		
OS-0717 -02	<p><b><u>OPEN SESSION AGENDA</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b></p> <p>Consideration and approval of July 17, 2025, Open Session Agenda.</p>	
OS-0717 -03	<p><b><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b></p> <p>Consideration and approval of April 17, 2025, Open Session Minutes.</p>	

OS-0717 -04	<p><b><u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT REPORT</u></b></p> <p><b>BOARD CHAIR’S REPORT-</b></p> <p><b>SENIOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR REPORT-</b></p> <p><b>ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR REPORT-</b></p> <p><b>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT-</b> Vito DelVento, DVM, MS</p> <p><b>DC Health Updates</b> The Executive Director will provide an update on DC Health.</p> <p><b>Licensure Census</b> <b>211</b></p> <p><b>Meeting Dates</b> <b>October 16, 2025</b> <b>January 15, 2026</b></p> <p><b>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</b></p> <p><b>DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS REPORT</b></p>	
OS-0717 -05	<p><b><u>Policy – Retirement and/or unexpected incapacity</u></b> <b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Board to review the policy</p>	
OS-0717 -06	<p><b><u>New Format for NBEO Score Report</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> The Board reviews the new exam score format.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> NBEO sent an email to the various Boards indicating the new</p>	

	format of their exam score.	
OS-0717-07	<p><b><u>CEU REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSES TRANSITIONING TO BIRTH MONTH/BIRTH YEAR RENEWAL CYCLE</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> To determine if the Board should prorate or adjust the required Continuing Education Unit (CEU) hours for licensees whose renewal cycles have been shortened due to the transition to a birth month/birth year renewal schedule.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> All health professional licensing boards in the District of Columbia transitioned to a birth month/birth year-based renewal cycle. This change was implemented to improve administrative efficiency and simplify license tracking for both the Board and licenses.</p> <p>As a result of this transition, some licensees have received license terms of less than the standard two years. This presents a challenge, as the Board’s current policy assumes a two-year license cycle when evaluating CEU compliance. Given that CEUs are a requirement for license renewal, the Board must now determine an equitable policy for the affected licensees that ensures fairness while maintaining the integrity of continuing education expectations and public protection.</p> <p>One proposed recommendation is that affected licensees be required to complete 50% of the standard CEU hours, including all mandatory content areas (such as LGBTQ+ cultural competency and DC Health public health priorities).</p>	
OS-0717-08	<p><b><u>Adoption of New Character Reference Form for New Applicants</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> The Board reviews the new character reference form and decides whether to adopt it or not to adopt it.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b></p>	

	<p>The current Optometry Reference form for applicants is not detailed. It only requires applicants to list the names and contact information of the individual they identify with as their professional referees, in response to the Board's request for additional insight into the professional character of an applicant, a new reference form has been adopted, which requires detailed information, in line with the Board of Medicine's standards. The Board is to review and decide whether to adopt or not to adopt</p>	
OS-0717 -09	<p><b><u>CONSENT AGENDA</u></b></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the applications approved and items for review and/or ratification of Board actions taken since the last Board meeting.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> The Consent Agenda is a record of the decisions and/or actions taken by the Board or its staff since the last Board meeting.</p> <p><b>Consent Agenda</b> Approved Optometry Licenses from April 17 2025.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Dr. Cailyn Strupek</li> <li>➤ Dr. David Duffy</li> <li>➤ Dr. Rosanna Luna</li> <li>➤ Dr. Mark Henriksen</li> <li>➤ Dr. Aaron Figler</li> <li>➤ Dr. Sana Tahir</li> <li>➤ Dr. Jimmy Vo</li> </ul>	
OS-0717-10	<p><b><u>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u></b></p> <p><b>Background:</b> The Board provided the public with the opportunity to comment on or provide feedback to the Board.</p>	
OS-0717 -11	<p><b><u>HOUSEKEEPING</u></b></p>	

OS-0717 -12	<u><b>MATTERS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION</b></u>	
OS-0717 -13	<u><b>READING OPEN SESSION MOTIONS</b></u>	

<b>MOTION TO CLOSE</b>		
OS-0717 - 14	<p><b><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><b>Background:</b> Pursuant to DC Official Code § 2-575(b), the Board may move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting to discuss the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To consult with an attorney to obtain legal advice and to preserve the attorney-client privilege between an attorney and a public body, or to approve settlement agreements pursuant to § 2-575(b)(4)(a);</li> <li>2. Preparation, administration, or grading of scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examinations pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(6);</li> <li>3. To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(9);</li> <li>4. To plan, discuss, or hear reports concerning ongoing or planned investigation of alleged criminal or civil misconduct or violations of law or regulations, if disclosure to the public would harm the investigation pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(14).</li> </ol>	

MOTION TO ADJOURN		
OS-0717 - 15	<p><b><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> At the end of every meeting, a motion to adjourn must be made in open session to close out the business of the Board.</p>	

**This ends the Open Session Agenda.**

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