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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Olympia, Washington 98504

WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
MEETING AGENDA

Date: March 1, 2024,
Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: **Labor & Industries**
7273 Linderson Way S.W., Room S119
Tumwater, WA 98501

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Riya Paranthan, OD – Vice-Chairperson
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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**
2. **Approval of minutes** – December 1, 2023, business meeting
3. **Open forum**

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

4. **Reports**

- 4.1. Melissa Dacumos, OD, Vice-Chair
- 4.2. Amber Freeberg Executive Director Department of Health

5. **Legislative Update – SSB 5389 Scope of Optometry – Melissa Dacumos, OD - Chair**

The sub-committee will provide an update and discuss SSB 5389. The bill amends RCW 18.53.010 expanding the optometrist scope of practice to include advanced procedures an optometrist may perform with a license endorsement. The bill also adds drug prescribing and administering rights.

Full board discussion and possible decision for proposed draft language on the following rules.

- WAC 246-851-515, License endorsement to perform advanced procedures (New Section).
- WAC 246-851-400, Certification required for use of pharmaceutical agents.
- WAC 246-851-410, Drug formulary.
- WAC 246-851-570, Certification required for use or prescription of drugs administered orally for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes.
- WAC 246-851-580, Drug list.
- WAC 246-851-590, Guidelines for the use of oral Schedule II hydrocodone combination products and Schedule III through V controlled substances and legend drugs.
- WAC 246-851-600, Certification required for administration of epinephrine by injection for treatment of anaphylactic shock.

6. **Legislation Update HB1724 – Increasing the trained behavioral health workforce update**, Kristina Bell, Program Manager.

A disciplining authority must waive education, training, experience, and exam requirements for applicants who have been credentialed in another state or states with substantially equivalent standards for at least two years immediately preceding their application with no interruption in licensure lasting longer than 90 days.

The board will be provided with an update on the status of this legislative change.

7. **Continuing Education Policy, Melissa Dacumos, OD - Chair,**

To address the confusion related to the minimum number of synchronous in person learning CE hours the board is considering adopting a CE policy to assist optometrist in understanding how many in person CE hours are required. This policy will only affect optometrists who have a CE reporting period in 2024.

8. Administrative Items, Melissa Dacumos, OD - Chair

The board will consider approving the bylaws.

9. Agenda-building, Kristina Bell, Program Manager

The board will review board business and discuss priority items for the June 14, 2024, agenda.

Adjournment of Open Session

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