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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Olympia, Washington 98504

WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
MEETING AGENDA

Date: June 13, 2025
Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: **Department of Health**
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Tumwater, WA 98501

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Board/Committee Members: Melissa Dacumos, OD – Chair
Riya Paranthan, OD – Vice-Chairperson
Keren Yang, OD

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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 – Melissa Dacumos, OD, Chair

1.1. June 13, 2025, draft agenda

2. Approval of minutes – Melissa Dacumos, OD, Chair

2.1. March 21, 2025, meeting minutes

3. Open forum

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

4. Program Updates

4.1. Budget

4.2. Recruitment

5. Executive Director Update – Amber Freeberg, Executive Director

5.1. HELMS

5.2. Committee Review

6. SSB 5389 Committee update – Melissa Dacumos, OD, Chair

6.1. Committee will give update

7. Telehealth Committee update – Keren Yang, OD

7.1. Committee will give update

8. Rulemaking – WAC 246-851-490 Examination and Licensure – Board may vote to file CR105 and contingently authorize CR103.

8.1. The Board will discuss amendments needed due to passage of SSB 5389 which expanded the optometry scope and added language to RCW 18.53.010. The added language created typographical errors in WAC 246-851-490.

9. Discussion of practice Management – Discharge of patients

10. Board Travel Updates - Melissa Dacumos, OD, Chair

10.1. ARBO June 22-25, 2025- Riya Paranthan will be attending

11. Schedule 2026 Board Meeting Dates - The Board may schedule regular meetings for 2026

11.1. March 6, 2026

 June 12, 2026

 September 18, 2026

 December 4, 2026

12. Reminder: Meeting Dates for 2025

12.1. September 19, December 12

13. Agenda building-

13.1. The board will review Board business and discuss priority items for the September 19, 2025, agenda.

Adjournment of Open Session