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Olympia, Washington 98504

WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
MEETING AGENDA

Date: September 8, 2023
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.

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Order of Agenda

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

Call to Order and Introductions – Keren Yang, OD, Vice-Chair

1. Approval of agenda

2. Approval of minutes – June 9, 2023, business meeting

3. Rules Hearing

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

- WAC 246-851-225 Health equity continuing education requirements. Filed on December 15, 2022, as WSR 23-01-076.
- WAC 246-851-440 through 246-851-470. The Board of Optometry is updating health professional monitoring program terminology. Filed on December 13, 2022, as WSR 23-01-046.
- WAC 246-851-090 through 246-851-230. The Board of Optometry conducted a review of the continuing education requirements. Filed on December 01, 2021, as WSR 21-24-102.

4. Open forum

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

5. Legislative Update – SSB 5389 Scope of Optometry

The board will review 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.

6. Administrative Items

- The board will consider approving the board of optometry bylaws.
- Approval of the 2024 meeting dates.

7. Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry (ARBO)

Keren Yang, vice chair will provide an overview of the ARBO 2023 conference.

Adjournment of Open Session