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## Board of Registration of Dispensing Opticians Meeting

**Location:** Virtual **Date:** October 2, 2024 **Time:** 10:00 AM

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### Housekeeping

- Call meeting to order
- Roll Call for attendance

### Board Business

- Public agenda for October 2, 2024 – VOTE
- Public meeting minutes from September 4, 2024 – VOTE
- Meeting dates 2025
- Board Elections
  - Chair – VOTE
  - Secretary – VOTE
- Receive update on state and national optician associations:
  - United Opticians Association (UOA): merger of North America, the Opticians Association of America (OAA) and the National Federation of Opticianry Schools (NFOS)
  - Opticians Association of Massachusetts (OAM): Fall conference November 2-3, 2024

### Apprentice Extension Request

- Yomayra Lopez – VOTE

### Application Review

- Amy Forbes-Larkin – VOTE
- Hobraiam Garcia Suarez – VOTE

## **Discussion**

- Review draft dispensing optician apprenticeship policy.
- Review draft frequently asked questions regarding:
  - starting an apprenticeship, taking exams, and applying for licensure
  - managers serving as apprentices
  - lab work
  - extending an apprenticeship
- Review draft interpretation of 235 CMR 4.04(6) *Lens Hardening, including drop ball testing*.
- Review possible dispensing optician monitoring requirements and practice restrictions.
- Recommendations for URAMP requirements and practice restrictions for dispensing opticians.

## **Cases, Investigative Conference, Settlement Offers [Closed session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 112 §65C]:**

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