

Board of Registration of Dispensing Opticians

Public Session Minutes

Date: January 8, 2025 Time: 10:00 a.m.

A public meeting of the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Dispensing Opticians (“the Board”) was held via Videoconference and Conference Call pursuant to section 40 of chapter 2 of the acts of 2023, signed into law on March 29, 2023.

Board Members Present:

William Carleton, Board Chair

Deborah Black

Jesse Ellis

Alicja Prachanronarong

Staff Present:

Shiela York, Board Counsel

Thomas F. Burke, Executive Director

Lauren McShane, Chief Investigator

Margaret McKenna, Board Staff

Lisa Park, Board Intern

Board Members not Present:

Mark Davini, Board Secretary

Housekeeping:

- Board Chair, William Carleton called the meeting to order at 10:14 am and established a quorum via calling attendance: Deborah Black, Jesse Ellis, and Alicja Prachanronarong. All members participated remotely via Cisco Webex.

Board Business:

- Public Session agenda for January 8, 2025: **Mr. Ellis moved to accept the public session agenda. Ms. Black seconded. The motion to accept the January 8, 2025 agenda passed by roll call vote: Ms. Black: “Yes”, Mr. Ellis: “Yes”, Dr. Davini: “Not Present”, Mr. Carleton: “Yes”, Ms. Prachanronarong: “Yes”.**
- Public Meeting Minutes from November 6, 2024: **Ms. Black moved to accept the minutes and Mr. Ellis seconded. The motion to accept the November 6, 2024 minutes passed by a roll call vote: Ms. Black: “Yes”, Mr. Ellis: “Yes”, Dr. Davini: “Not Present”, Mr. Carleton: “Yes”, Ms. Prachanronarong: “Yes”.**
- Public Meeting Minutes from December 4, 2024: **Mr. Ellis moved to accept the minutes and Ms. Black seconded. The motion to accept the November 6, 2024 minutes passed by a roll call vote: Ms. Black: “Yes”, Mr. Ellis: “Yes”, Dr. Davini: “Not Present”, Mr. Carleton: “Yes”, Ms. Prachanronarong: “Abstain”.**

Apprentice Extension Request:

- Gina Cruz met with the Board to request an extension of her apprenticeship so that she may achieve a passing score on the NCLE and Massachusetts Practical Exams. **After reviewing the apprentice extension request, Ms. Black moved to grant Gina Cruz an apprentice extension until January 7, 2026. Ms. Prachanronarong seconded. The**

motion passed by roll call vote: Ms. Black: “Yes”, Mr. Ellis: “Yes”, Dr. Davini: “Not Present”, Mr. Carleton: “Yes”, Ms. Prachanronarong: “Yes”.

Application Review (Initial and Reactivation):

- At 10:25 a.m. the Board was scheduled to meet with three applicants for licensure and one applicant seeking to reactivate a dispensing optician license. The Board reviewed applications and additional documentation. Below is a list of the candidates for review and the motion and roll call vote for each:

Christopher Rindfleisch – After review of Mr. Rindfleisch’s application, Mr. Ellis moved to approve him for licensure. Ms. Black seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Ms. Black: “Yes”, Mr. Ellis: “Yes”, Dr. Davini: “Not Present”, Mr. Carleton: “Yes”, Ms. Prachanronarong: “Recused”.

Laura Crane - After reviewing Ms. Crane’s application, Ms. Black moved to approve her for licensure. Ms. Prachanronarong seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Ms. Black: “Yes”, Mr. Ellis: “Yes”, Dr. Davini: “Not Present”, Mr. Carleton: “Yes”, Ms. Prachanronarong: “Yes”.

Micha Benton – Tabled.

Jenna Garcia – After review of Ms. Garcia’s application to reactivate her dispensing opticians license, Mr. Ellis moved to approve the reactivation application. Ms. Black seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Ms. Black: “Yes”, Mr. Ellis: “Yes”, Dr. Davini: “Not Present”, Mr. Carleton: “Yes”, Ms. Prachanronarong: “Yes”.

Discussion

- Dispensing Opticians – Apprentice as Manager Responses from States – Tabled.

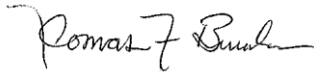
Adjournment:

At 11:12 a.m., Mr. Ellis moved to adjourn the public meeting. Ms. Prachanronarong seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Ms. Black: “Yes”, Mr. Ellis: “Yes”, Dr. Davini: “Not Present”, Mr. Carleton: “Yes”, Ms. Prachanronarong: “Yes”.

Move to 65C:

At 11:14 a.m., Mr. Ellis moved to enter into closed session to conduct investigatory conferences pursuant to G.L. c. 112, §65C. Ms. Prachanronarong seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Ms. Black: Ms. Black: “Yes”, Mr. Ellis: “Yes”, Dr. Davini: “Not Present”, Mr. Carleton: “Yes”, Ms. Prachanronarong: “Yes”.

Respectfully Submitted,



Thomas F. Burke
Executive Director

Documents used in the public session meeting:

- Public session meeting agenda for January 8, 2025
- Draft public meeting minutes from November 6, 2024
- Draft public meeting minutes from December 4, 2024
- Application for C. Rindfleisch (protected personal data redacted)
- Application for L. Crane (protected personal data redacted)
- Application for M. Benton (protected personal data redacted)
- Reactivation application for J. Garcia (protected personal data redacted)
- Apprentice as manager responses culled by the Division of Apprentice Standards