

**Board of Registration of Dispensing Opticians  
General Session Minutes  
Date: March 4, 2026**

**A public meeting of the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Dispensing Opticians (“the Board”) was held via WebEx.**

**Board Members Present by Phone/Video:**

William Carleton, Board Chair (present as of 10:10am)  
Mark Davini, Board Secretary  
Deborah Black  
Jesse Ellis  
Alicja Prachanronarong

**Board Staff Present:**

Samuel Leadholm, Board Counsel  
Thomas Burke, Executive Director  
Margaret McKenna, Program Coordinator  
Monique Brown, Board Staff

**Board Members Not Present by Phone/Video:**

None

**Administrative Tasks:**

- Board Secretary Mark Davini called the general session meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. and established quorum via calling attendance: **Mr. Carleton: “Absent”, Dr. Davini: “Yes”, Ms. Black: “Yes”, Mr. Ellis “Yes”, Ms. Prachanronarong “Yes”**. All members in attendance participated remotely via Cisco Webex.

**Board Business:**

- General session agenda March 4, 2026: **Mr. Ellis moved to accept the agenda as written. Ms. Prachanronarong seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Mr. Carleton: “Absent”, Dr. Davini: “Yes”, Ms. Black: “Yes”, Ms. Prachanronarong “Yes”, Mr. Ellis “Yes”**.

William Carleton joined the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

- General session meeting minutes February 4, 2026: **Mr. Ellis requested that the minutes be amended to show that he was not present at the February 2026 board meeting. Mr. Ellis then moved to accept the general session minutes as amended. Ms. Black seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Mr. Carleton: “Yes”, Dr. Davini: “Yes”, Ms. Black: “Yes”, Ms. Prachanronarong “Yes”, Mr. Ellis “Yes”**.
- Opticians Association of Massachusetts (OAM) report, Executive Officer Dibby Bartlett
  - The United Opticians Association will host their annual Leadership Conference, Chicago, June 25-27
  - D. Bartlett reported on the upcoming UPA leadership conference in Chicago and encouraged the public to contact her for information.

### **Apprentice Extension Request:**

- Jason Meilleur – Mr. Meilleur met with the Board to request an extension of his apprenticeship so that he may successfully compete the required ABO, NCLE and Massachusetts practical exams. **After discussion, Mr. Ellis moved to grant Jason Meilleur an apprentice extension until February 28th, 2027, so that he may complete the examination requirements. Ms. Black seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Mr. Carleton: “Yes”, Dr. Davini: “Yes”, Ms. Black: “Yes”, Ms. Prachanronarong “Abstain”, Mr. Ellis “Yes”.**

### **Initial Application Review:**

The Board was scheduled to meet with applicants for licensure and review applications. Below is a list of the candidates for review and the motion and roll call vote for each:

- Chrislene Eliacin – **After reviewing Chrislene Eliacin’s application, Mr. Ellis moved to approve the applicant for licensure. Dr. Davini seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Mr. Carleton: “Yes”, Dr. Davini: “Yes”, Ms. Black: “Yes”. Ms. Prachanronarong “Yes”, Mr. Ellis “Yes”.**
- Wendmipouti Alice Boudnoma Savadogo – **After reviewing Wendmipouti Alice Boudnoma Savadogo’s application, Mr. Ellis moved to approve the applicant for licensure. Dr. Davini seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Mr. Carleton: “No”, Dr. Davini: “Yes”, Ms. Black: “Yes”. Ms. Prachanronarong “Recuse”, Mr. Ellis “Yes”.**

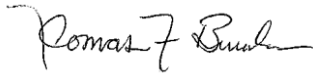
### **Discussion:**

- 235 CMR 4.06: Credit for Apprenticeships in Other Jurisdictions  
The Board discussed how registered apprentices may receive credit for apprentice training completed in other jurisdictions. The Board agreed that any out-of-state apprentice training must be substantially equivalent to Massachusetts apprentice training standards in 235 CMR 4.06, and apprentices should demonstrate that they received appropriate licensed supervision while completing their training. The Board directed counsel to work with board staff on developing a guidance document and report back to the Board at a subsequent meeting.

### **Adjourn:**

- **At 11:35 a.m. Mr. Ellis moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Davini seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Mr. Carleton: “Yes”, Dr. Davini: “Yes”, Ms. Black: “Yes”. Ms. Prachanronarong “Yes”, Mr. Ellis “Yes”.**

Respectfully Submitted,



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Thomas F. Burke  
Executive Director

Documents used in the general session meeting:

- General session meeting agenda for March 4, 2026
- Draft general session meeting minutes from February 4, 2026
- Apprentice extension request for J. Meilleur (protected personal data redacted)
- Application for C. Eliacin (protected personal data redacted)
- Application for W. A. B. Savadogo (protected personal data redacted)
- 235 CMR 4.06: Credit for Apprenticeships in Other Jurisdictions
- 454 CMR 26.00: Apprentice Standards