

**Board of Registration of Dispensing Opticians
General Session Minutes
Date: April 1, 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
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

Board Members Not Present by Phone/Video:

None

Administrative Tasks:

- Board Chair William Carleton called the general session meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. and established quorum via calling attendance: **Mr. Carleton: “Yes”, 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 April 1, 2026: **Mr. Ellis moved to accept the agenda as written. 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”**.
- General session meeting minutes March 4, 2026: **Board counsel advised that the minutes be amended to show the time Mr. Carleton joined the meeting in the list of board members present and add him to roll call votes as absent for motions when he was not present. Dr. Davini then moved to accept the general session minutes as amended. Mr. Ellis seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Mr. Carleton: “Yes”, Dr. Davini: “Yes”, Ms. Black: “Yes”, Ms. Prachanronarong “Yes”, Mr. Ellis “Yes”**.

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:

- Joseph Targia – **After reviewing Joseph Targia’s application, Mr. Ellis moved to approve the applicant for licensure. 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”**.

- Badiollah Badihi – After reviewing Badiollah Badihi’s application, Mr. Ellis moved to approve the applicant for licensure by endorsement. 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”.

At 10:28 a.m., Ms. Prachanronarong recused from reviewing the following two applications and left the meeting.

- Jeremy Farmer – After reviewing Jeremy Farmer’s application, Mr. Ellis moved to approve the applicant for licensure by endorsement. Ms. Black seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Mr. Carleton: “Yes”, Dr. Davini: “Yes”, Ms. Black: “Yes”. Ms. Prachanronarong “Recuse”, Mr. Ellis “Yes”.
- Ginnie Marcurio – After reviewing Ginnie Marcurio’s application, Mr. Ellis moved to approve the applicant for licensure by endorsement. Dr. Davini seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Mr. Carleton: “Yes”, Dr. Davini: “Yes”, Ms. Black: “Yes”. Ms. Prachanronarong “Recuse”, Mr. Ellis “Yes”.

At 10:44 a.m., Ms. Prachanronarong rejoined the meeting.

- Megan Barndt – After reviewing Megan Barndt’s application, Dr. Davini moved to approve the applicant for licensure by endorsement. Mr. Ellis seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Mr. Carleton: “Yes”, Dr. Davini: “Yes”, Ms. Black: “Yes”. Ms. Prachanronarong “Yes”, Mr. Ellis “Yes”.

Reactivation Application Review

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

- Kristien Fox – After reviewing Kristen Fox’s application for licensure reactivation, Mr. Ellis moved to approve the applicant for licensure reactivation. Ms. Prachanronarong seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Mr. Carleton: “Yes”, Dr. Davini: “Yes”, Ms. Black: “Yes”. Ms. Prachanronarong “Yes”, Mr. Ellis “Yes”.
- John Bejakian – After reviewing John Bejakian’s application for licensure reactivation, Mr. Ellis moved to approve the applicant for licensure reactivation. 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”.

Discussion:

- Policy regarding apprentice training hours

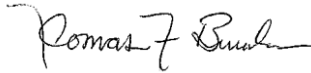
Board counsel and board members discussed drafting a policy for staff guidance on the minimum and maximum training hours that an apprentice must complete to demonstrate

competency in both supervised work and related technical instruction in the sixteen subject matter area requirements in 235 CMR 4.04. Counsel advised that identifying a range of acceptable training hours will provide objective guidance to apprentices and their supervisors. Along with the examination requirement, the addition of a set range of hours will provide a measurable threshold for competency. The Board agreed to consider minimum and maximum training hour thresholds and relay the information to the executive director. The Board instructed staff to include the topic for discussion at the subsequent general session meeting.

Adjourn:

- **At 11:34 a.m. Mr. Ellis moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Prachanronarong 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,



Thomas F. Burke
Executive Director

Documents used in the general session meeting:

- General session meeting agenda for May 6, 2026
- Draft general session meeting minutes from April 1, 2026
- Application for J. Targia (protected personal data redacted)
- Application for B. Badihi (protected personal data redacted)
- Application for J. Farmer (protected personal data redacted)
- Application for G. Marcurio (protected personal data redacted)
- Application for M. Barndt (protected personal data redacted)