

Board of Registration of Dispensing Opticians

Public Session Minutes

Date: April 2, 2025 Time: 10:00 a.m.

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
Alicja Prachanronarong

Board Staff Present:

Sheila York, Board Counsel
Thomas Burke, Executive Director
Margaret McKenna, Program Coordinator
Lisa Park, Board Staff

Board Members Not Present by Phone/Video:

Jesse Ellis

Administrative Tasks:

- Board Chair, William Carleton called the general session meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. and established a quorum via calling attendance: **Ms. Black: “Yes”, Mr. Ellis: “Not Present”, Dr. Davini: “Yes”, Mr. Carleton: “Yes”, Ms. Prachanronarong: “Not Present”**. All members in attendance participated remotely via Cisco Webex.

Board Business:

- General Session agenda for April 2, 2025: **Dr. Davini moved to accept the agenda and Ms. Black seconded. The motion to accept the general session agenda passed by a roll call vote: Ms. Black: “Yes”, Mr. Ellis: “Not Present”, Dr. Davini: “Yes”, Mr. Carleton: “Yes”, Ms. Prachanronarong: “Not Present”.**

Alicja Prachanronarong joined at 10:06 a.m.

- General Session Meeting Minutes from March 5, 2025: **Dr. Davini moved to accept the minutes and Ms. Black seconded. The motion to accept the March 5, 2025 minutes passed by a roll call vote: Ms. Black: “Yes”, Mr. Ellis: “Not Present”, Dr. Davini: “Yes”, Mr. Carleton: “Yes”, Ms. Prachanronarong: “Abstain”.**
- Opticians Association of Massachusetts (OAM) spring conference meeting and National Academy of Opticianry (NOA) update – D. Bartlett

Dibby (Olivia) Bartlett provided the Board an update on upcoming conferences for dispensing opticians. The Opticians Association of Massachusetts (OAM) will convene its spring meeting at Bentley University on April 27th, 2025. Participant opticians may receive up to 6 continuing education hours. The United Opticians Association (UOA) will hold its leadership conference at the Seelbach Hilton in Louisville, Kentucky June 6th - 7th 2025.

- Presentation on the Unified Recovery and Monitory Program (URAMP)

- Unified Recovery and Monitoring Program (URAMP) Operational Policy 24-08 – VOTE

Ed Taglieri presented the Unified Recovery and Monitoring Program (URAMP) Operational Policy 24-08. The policy establishes standards for dispensing opticians to enter into a non-disciplinary consent agreement with the Board for URAMP participation. **After discussion, Mr. Carleton moved to approve and authorize the URAMP operational policy 24-08. Ms. Black seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Ms. Black: “Yes”, Mr. Ellis: “Not Present”, Dr. Davini: “Yes”, Mr. Carleton: “Yes”, Ms. Prachanronarong: “Yes”.**

- Proposed Generic Practice and Supervision Criteria – VOTE

Mr. Taglieri presented an outline of generic practice restrictions and supervisor qualifications for participants in URAMP. He noted that at subsequent meetings the board may choose to add additional work restrictions and supervisor qualifications to align more closely with the practice of dispensing opticians. **After discussion, Ms. Black moved to approve and authorize the URAMP generic practice restrictions and supervisor qualifications dated 1/21/2025. Ms. Prachanronarong seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Ms. Black: “Yes”, Mr. Ellis: “Not Present”, Dr. Davini: “Yes”, Mr. Carleton: “Yes”, Ms. Prachanronarong: “Yes”.**

Application Review (Initial):

- At 10:35 a.m. the Board was scheduled to meet with applicant(s) for licensure and reviewed applications and additional documentation. Below is a list of the candidate(s) for review and the motion and roll call vote for each:

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

Ms. Prachanronarong recused and was removed as a panelist for the following topic:

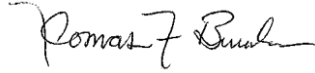
Alani Lopez - **After reviewing Ms. Lopez’s application, Ms. Black moved to approve her for licensure. Dr. Davini seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Ms. Black: “Yes”, Mr. Ellis: “Not Present”, Dr. Davini: “Yes”, Mr. Carleton: “Yes”, Ms. Prachanronarong: “Recused”.**

Ms. Prachanronarong returned to the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

Adjournment:

At 10:43 a.m. Ms. Black moved to adjourn the general session meeting. Dr. Davini seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Ms. Black: “Yes”, Mr. Ellis: “Not Present”, Dr. Davini: “Yes”, Mr. Carleton: “Yes”, Ms. Prachanronarong: “Yes”.

Respectfully Submitted,



Thomas F. Burke
Executive Director

Documents used in the general session meeting:

- Public session meeting agenda for April 2, 2025
- Draft public meeting minutes from March 5, 2025
- Application for A. Valle (protected personal data redacted)
- Application for A. Lopez (protected personal data redacted)
- URAMP Generic Practice and Supervision Criteria
- URAMP Operational Policy 24-08 Staff Action Policy Final Draft 12.16.2024 (002)