

Board of Registration in Optometry

General Session Minutes

Meeting Held by Phone/Video Conference

DATE: June 17, 2026 TIME: 10:00 a.m.

A public meeting of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Optometry (“the Board”) was held via Webex.

Board Members Present by Phone/Video:

Rhonda Willinger, OD
Jeanette Sewell, OD
Julie Hiura, OD
Michael Hawley
Everett Sabree, OD

DPH Staff Present by Phone/Video:

Samuel Leadholm, Board Counsel
Thomas Burke, Executive Director
Margaret McKenna, Board Staff

Board Members Not Present by Phone/Video:

Administrative Items:

Meeting called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Dr. Sabree

- Roll Call vote for attendance

Board chair Dr. Sabree established a quorum by conducting a roll call of board members present: Everett Sabree, Jeanette Sewell, Julie Hiura, Michael Hawley and Rhonda Willinger. All members participated by video via Webex.

Board Business:

- Review of general session agenda: June 17, 2026

Dr. Sewell moved to accept the general session agenda. Dr. Hiura seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Dr. Willinger – “yes”; Dr. Sewell – “yes”; Mr. Hawley– “yes”; Dr. Hiura “yes”; Dr. Sabree – “yes”.

- Review of general session minutes: May 26, 2026

Mr. Hawley moved to accept the amended general session minutes for May 26, 2026. Dr. Hiura seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Dr. Willinger – “yes”; Dr. Sewell – “yes”; Mr. Hawley– “yes”; Dr. Hiura “yes”; Dr. Sabree – “yes”.

- Unified Recovery and Monitoring Program (URAMP) Activity Report, April 2026
Read and filed.

Correspondence:

- National Board of Examiners in Optometry
 - Response to the Kentucky Board of Optometric Examiners
 - New Website

Read and filed.

- Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry (ARBO) new legal counsel

Read and filed.

Discussion:

- Correspondence on pupillary distance for prescription eyewear

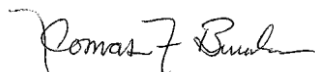
The Board reviewed a correspondence regarding the requirement to provide pupillary distance on eyeglass prescriptions. The Board noted a discrepancy between the requirements in 246 CMR 3.02 (4)(b)(6) and policy in inter-pupillary distance on prescriptions. Board counsel will present a draft policy statement outlining the requirement for optometrists to include pupillary distance on prescriptions at a subsequent meeting.

Adjourn:

At 10:19 a.m., Dr. Willinger moved to conclude the general session meeting. Dr. Hiura seconded. The motion passed on a roll call vote: Dr. Willinger – “yes”; Dr. Sewell – “yes”; Mr. Hawley– “yes”; Dr. Hiura “yes”; Dr. Sabree – “yes”.

Dr. Sewell then moved to enter closed session pursuant to 65C M.G.L. c. 112 §65C for the purpose of investigative conference and, following closed session, not return to general session and adjourn the meeting. Dr. Willinger seconded. The motion passed on a roll call vote: Dr. Willinger – “yes”; Dr. Sewell – “yes”; Mr. Hawley– “yes”; Dr. Hiura “yes”; Dr. Sabree – “yes”.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas F. Burke, Executive Director

Documents used in the public session meeting:

- General session agenda for June 17, 2026
- General session minutes for May 26 2026
- Unified Recovery and Monitoring Program (URAMP) Activity Report, April 2026

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