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On October 1, 2025, the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Office of the Attorney General issued an opinion that directed KBOE to review the licensure of optometrists who were licensed under waiver and alternative testing measures to ensure they met the licensure requirements as established in regulations under KRS 13A. In addition, the Office of the Attorney General concluded that any changes in examination requirements must be addressed through the administrative regulation process.

In accordance with the Attorney General Opinion, KBOE began an investigation into licenses previously issued. KBOE is continuing to diligently investigate previously issued waivers and alternative testing measures. In addition, KBOE is reviewing their past board decisions along with board governance best practices to determine what changes should be implemented to ensure greater transparency, communication and oversight. The Board intends to release additional information on its efforts to provide greater transparency and protect the public at a special called board meeting Thursday, February 5, 2026 beginning at 10:00 am EST at the Louisville Marriott East.