



**Kentucky Board of Optometric Examiners
Special Called Board Meeting Minutes
March 30, 2026
Teams Video Teleconference Meeting**

Roll Call: The following members and staff were present: President Mary Beth Morris, O.D.; Vice President Karoline Munson, O.D.; Secretary/Treasurer Murray Adams, O.D.; Member Ian McWherter, O.D.; Consumer Member Laken Albrink; Executive Director Christi LeMay; Board Counsel Kristen Webb.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:04 pm upon confirmation of a quorum.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Murray Adams, O.D., and seconded by Ian McWherter, O.D., to approve the February 19, 2026 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was stopped two times due to a Board member dropping off camera view.

New Business —

1. Consideration of items related to 201 KAR 5:021E and other regulations filed. A motion was made by Karoline Munson, O.D., and seconded by Laken Albrink that KBOE submits an agency comment that says “Protecting the public remains the top priority of the Kentucky Board of Optometric Examiners. KBOE has listened to and greatly respects the opinions received during the public comment period. As a result, KBOE believes that it should further evaluate whether the Optometry Examining Board of Canada (OEBC) written examination and/or the American Board of Optometry (ABO) board certification exam should be included in 201 KAR 5:021E moving forward. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Karoline Munson, O.D., and seconded by Laken Albrink to delegate to the President, Vice President and Executive Director all powers necessary through the regulatory process to draft, to amend, to make any necessary edits, to execute, to complete any withdrawal, to file any amendments as needed and determined by them in regard to the emergency and ordinary administrative regulation and amended regulation as discussed. This delegation includes but is not limited to the power for them to amend the emergency and ordinary administrative regulation and amendments as needed before or after all public comments have been received. Any substantive changes to the emergency or ordinary administrative regulations will be brought before the full board for review and approval prior to execution. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Board Review of Applicant for Approval – A motion was made by Karoline Munson, O.D. and seconded by Murray Adams, O.D. to approve the applicant for licensure eligibility pending passage of the jurisprudence exam.
3. Eyecare Working Group – A motion was made by Karoline Munson, O.D. and seconded by Ian McWherter, O.D. to approve the creation of the Optometry Laser Procedure Safety and Credentialing Workgroup as described by the President. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Laken Albrink and seconded by Karoline Munson, O.D. to adjourn at 8:32 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Certification

These minutes are respectfully submitted for approval by the Kentucky Board of Optometric Examiners.

Mary Beth Morris O.D.

Mary Beth Morris, O.D., President

Christi LeMay

Christi LeMay, Executive Director