

HAWAII BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
Professional and Vocational Licensing Division
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
State of Hawaii

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: August 11, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
HRH King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, First Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar
<https://dcca-hawaii-gov.zoom.us/j/85298838438?pwd=UVOajBhN3ZaIU1jbX2fYabxvWgHguY.1>

Zoom Recording Link: <https://youtu.be/GdDY185Oo0>

Present: K. Paul Chin, O.D., Chairperson (“Chair”)
Peter Clayton Searl, O.D., Vice-Chairperson (“VC”)
Gayle Chang, Public Member
Wallace Kojima, O.D (Virtual)
Katherine Mau, O.D. (Virtual)
Ashley Porter, O.D. (Virtual)

Excused: None

Staff: Andrew I. Kim, Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)
Kerrie Shahan, Executive Officer (“EO”)
Cortnie Tanaka, Secretary
Danny Chou, Secretary
Johnny Li, Tech Support

Guests: None

Agenda: The agenda for this meeting was posted on the State electronic calendar as required by HRS section 92-7(b).

A short video was played to explain the meeting procedure and how members of the public could participate in the virtual meeting.

Call to Order: Chairperson Chin welcomed everyone to the meeting and proceeded with a roll call of the Board members. Board members joining via Zoom confirmed that they

were present and alone.

There being a quorum present, Chair Chin called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

Approval of
Board Minutes
Of February 10,
2025

Chair Chin inquired if anyone would like to provide public testimony regarding the agenda item for approving the Board Meeting Minutes. Since no one came forward, he then asked the Board members if they had any corrections or amendments to the minutes. With no corrections offered, he requested a motion to approve the minutes. It was moved by Ms. Chang and seconded by Vice Chair Searl. The motion to approve the open session Board meeting minutes from February 10, 2025, as circulated, was without objections. The motion was unanimously carried.

Chapter 91, HRS
Adjudicatory
Matters

Chair Chin inquired if anyone would like to provide public testimony regarding the agenda item, there was none.

Chair Chin called for a recess from the meeting at 9:08 a.m. to discuss and deliberate on the following adjudicatory matter pursuant to Chapter 91, HRS (Note: Board members and staff entered into a ZOOM Breakout Room).

- a. In the Matter of the Optometrist's License of Lizeth R. Delgado, O.D., Settlement Agreement Prior to Filing of Petition for Disciplinary Action and Board's Final Order, OPT 2025-0003-L

After discussion, it was moved by Vice Chair Searl, seconded by Ms. Chang, and unanimously carried to approve the Settlement Agreement Prior to Filing of Petition for Disciplinary Action and Board's Final Order relating to the Matter of the Optometrist's license of Lizeth R. Delgado, OPT 2025-0003-L.

- b. In the Matter of the Optometrist's License of Akshay Sanjay Patil; Settlement Agreement Prior to the Filing of Petition for Disciplinary Action and Board's Final Order, OPT 2025-011-L

After discussion the board decided to defer a decision on the Settlement Agreement Prior to the Filing of Petition for Disciplinary Action and Board's Final Order for the Optometrist's License of Akshay Sanjay Patil; OPT 2025-011-L.

Reconvene
to Chapter 92
Meeting

Following the Board's review, deliberation, and decision on these matters pursuant to Chapter 91, HRS, Chair Chin announced that the Board was reconvening to its open meeting at 9:16 a.m.

Applications

a. Ratifications

Approved for DPA Certification

OD1047 ELISA HEARN
OD1048 SARA FRYE
OD1049 JERRY NAVE
OD1050 YANLEI WU

Approved for TPA Certification

OD290 JON SAKUDA
OD1047 ELISA HEARN

License Restoration

None.

Chair Chin inquired if anyone would like to provide public testimony regarding the agenda item concerning the approval of DPA and TPA Certifications. Since there were no objections, he requested a motion to ratify the approved applications. The motion was moved by Vice Chair Searl and seconded by Ms. Chang. He then asked if there were any objections. As there were no objections, the motion to ratify the applications was approved.

Request for
CE Program
Approval

a. New Course Request

Chair Chin inquired if anyone would like to provide public testimony regarding the agenda item concerning the request for approval of these Continuing Education “CE” programs. Since there were no objections, he requested a motion to approve the CE programs. The motion was moved by Vice Chair Searl and seconded by Ms. Chang. He then asked if there were any objections. Dr. Porter abstained her vote, Dr. Mau abstained her vote, Ms. Chang approved, Vice Chair Searl approved, Chair Chin approved; the motion carried to approve the following CE programs:

INDEX #	PROGRAM TITLE	SPONSOR'S NAME	DATE	LOCATION	HOURS REQUESTED	TPA HOURS REQUESTED
25-006	New Developments in Corneal and Lens Technology	Aloha Laser Vision	3.18.2025 4.15.2025 5.13.2025	Honolulu	1	1
25-007	Meeting the Unmet Needs for Pseudophakic Glaucoma Patients	Hawaii Vision Specialists	3.5.2025	Hilo	1	1

25-008	Update on MIGS & Interventional Glaucoma	Jenkins Eye Care	2.11.2025	Zoom	1	1
25-009	Adjustable IOLs: Reshaping the Refractive surgery Landscape	Jenkins Eye Care	3.27.2025	Zoom	1	1
25-010	Hawaii Optometric Association Live Virtual CE	Hawaii Optometric Association	4.27.2025	Honolulu	4	4
25-011	Minimally Invasive Drop Instillation for Continuing Glaucoma Care	Hawaii Vision Specialists	6.5.2025	Hilo	2	2
25-012	A Year with iDose: Moving Beyond the Traditional Eye Drops	Hawaii Vision Specialists	7/17/2025	Hilo	2	2
25-013	Refractive Technology and Co-Management Update 2025	Aloha Lasor Vison	8/20/2025	Honolulu	1	1

New Business

a. Request for Trade Name

- i. Simply Eyes of Hawaii, LLC
Tracie Inouchi, OD-571
Sherry S.Y. Wong, OD-536

Chair Chin inquired if anyone would like to provide public testimony regarding the agenda items concerning new business. No requests for testimony were made.

EO Shahan reported to the board that researching all other trade names there are none that are similar to the requested name.

Chair Chin stated that the Board sees no problem with the request from Simply Eyes of Hawaii. The motion was made by Ms. Chang and seconded by Vice Chair Searl. Chair Chin asked if there were any objections. As there were no objections, the motion carried to approve the trade name "Simply Eyes of Hawaii, LLC".

b. COPE Annual Report

The report was distributed to the Board members.

c. Modernization Efforts at NBEO

The report was distributed to the Board members.

2025 Legislature

a. SB1373 SD2 HD2 CD1: Relating to Administrative Licensure Actions Against Sex Offenders

Authorizes the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and certain licensing boards to automatically revoke and refuse to renew, restore, or reinstate the professional licenses of registered sex offenders.

Chair Chin inquired if anyone would like to provide public testimony regarding the agenda items concerning 2025 legislature. No requests for testimony were made.

EO Shahan reported that the bill was signed into law on July 2, 2025, with the effective date July 1, 2025. EO Shahan stated a quick review of the bill for the new board members.

Next Board Meeting:

Monday, November 10, 2025

9:00 a.m.

In-Person: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
HRH King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, Third Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Virtual

Participation: Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar

Election of Officers:

Chair Chin inquired if anyone would like to provide public testimony regarding this agenda item. No requests for testimony were made.

a. Chairperson

It was moved by Dr. Kojima, seconded by Ms. Chang, and unanimously carried to elect Dr. Chin as Chair of the Hawaii Board of Optometry.

b. Vice-Chair

It was moved by Dr. Kojima, seconded by Ms. Chang, and unanimously carried to elect Dr. Searl as Vice Chair of the Hawaii Board of Optometry.

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, Chair Chin adjourned the meeting at 9:31 a.m.

Taken by:

/s/Cortnie Tanaka
Cortnie Tanaka
Secretary

Reviewed by:

s/ Kerrie Shahan
Kerrie Shahan
Executive Officer

10/20/2025

- [] Minutes approved as is.
[] Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of _____.

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