



State of Idaho  
Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses  
Idaho Board of Optometry

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**Board Meeting Minutes of 3/11/2025**

**Board Members Present:** Shawn Sorenson, O.D. – Chair  
Terri Haley, O.D.  
Lauren Huber, O.D.  
Joshua Sears, Public Member

**Division Staff:** Tabitha Edwards, Executive Officer  
Russell Spencer, General Counsel  
Pam Rebolo, Board Support Supervisor

**Board Members Absent:** Jared Birch, O.D.

**Others Present:** Joan Callahan, Board Prosecutor

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Shawn Sorenson, O.D.

**Introductions**

The Board welcomed new Board member Lauren Huber and introduced themselves and DOPL staff.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 09/16/2024 minutes with corrections as discussed by the Board. The motion carried unanimously.

**DIVISION BUSINESS**

**2025 Legislative Update:** Ms. Edwards presented the legislative update, making special reference to H0014 Code Clean-up bill, which will require a legal review of all practice acts under DOPL, and H0505 Renewal bill.

**Financial Update:** Ms. Edwards presented the Board's second quarter, FY2025 financial report which indicated that the Board had a cash balance of \$47,763.54 as of 01/27/2025.

**Renewal Transition Plan:** Ms. Edwards explained that all licensure renewals under the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses will change to a biennial renewal cycle, with an expiration date at the licensee's birth date. This will allow for consistency in renewal cycles throughout the Division. Ms. Edwards stated that DOPL is working on the plan for implementation and the Board of Optometry is currently in Phase 1.

**Board Training – Respectful Workplace:** The Board watched a video presentation from the Idaho Department of Human Resources.

## **BOARD BUSINESS**

**Continuing Education Guidance:** The Board has tabled this discussion until further updates with the two-year renewal cycle begins.

**ARBO 2025 Annual Meeting:** A motion was made and seconded to approve travel and expenses for up to one (1) board member and one (1) staff member to attend the 2025 annual meeting June 22-24 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The motion carried.

### **Executive Session**

A motion was made and seconded to enter executive session under Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure under the Idaho Public Records Law, Idaho Code § 74-106(9). The purpose of the executive session was to discuss documents relating to the fitness of a licensee to obtain or retain a license or registration. The vote was: Mr. Sears, aye; Dr. Haley, aye; Dr. Huber, aye; and Dr. Sorenson, aye. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to exit executive session.

### **Discipline**

A motion was made and seconded to close case number 1422627. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:37 AM.

The next meeting is on 06/10/2025.