



## Ohio Vision Professionals Board

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## Call to Order



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## 2021 Board Members

Dr. Jacqueline Davis, President

Thomas Barracato, Secretary

Dr. Cheryl Archer

Dr. Darrell “Duke” Dye

Mark Gibson

Brian J. Miller

Dr. Thomas Nye

**AAG Crystal Richie**

## 2021 Staff

Marlene Anielski

Jordan Bare

Adela Lopez-Wellman

Gary Price

**Ohio Vision Professionals Board  
Meeting Agenda  
Thursday, November 18, 2021 9:30 a.m.  
77 South High Street, Room 1960  
Columbus, OH 43215**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of last meeting minutes
5. Report of President
6. Report of Executive Director
7. Financial Report
8. Ratification of Licenses
  - a. Optician applicants
  - b. Optometrist applicants
9. Approval of Continuing Education / Requests for waivers
10. Report of Assistant Attorney General
11. Report of Investigator
12. Therapeutic optometry / optician / ocularist / apprentice matters
13. Administrative Code Update
  - a. 4725-3-08 (Amended) Requirements for Licensure by Reciprocity
14. Reports of committees
  - a. Rules Committee
15. Old business – No Report
16. New business
  - a. Extending Online CE's for Optometrists
  - b. Election of Officers
  - c. 2022 Board Meeting Dates
17. Public comments
18. Executive session
19. Adjournment



**Ohio Vision Professionals Board**

77 South High Street, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215

**Board Meeting Minutes of Thursday, August 12, 2021**

The Regular Business Meeting of the Ohio Vision Professionals Board was called to order at 9:35 a.m, held at the Vern Riffe Center, 77 South High St., 31st Floor, Columbus, OH 43215.

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Cheryl Archer, O.D., Thomas Barracato, Jacqueline Davis, O.D., Darrell Dye, O.D., Mark A. Gibson, Brian J Miller, and Thomas E. Nye, O.D. A roll call was taken by Thomas Barracato to verify all members in attendance.

**STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Marlene Anielski, Executive Director, Crystal Richie, AAG, Gary Price, Investigator, Adela Lopez-Wellman, Administrative Professional, and Jordan Bare, Administrative Professional. The staff listed verbally identified themselves.

President Davis requested any guest to identify themselves.

**GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Executive Director Keith Kerns, Esq., OOA, President John Bruening, OAO, and President David Corey, PACA. The guests listed verbally identified themselves.

**ORDERING OF THE AGENDA:**

Brian Miller moved to accept the agenda for the August 12, 2021 meeting as written. Dr. Cheryl Archer, OD seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken by Thomas Barracato. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Thomas Barracato moved to accept into record the draft minutes of the May 13, 2021 Ohio Vision Professionals Board meeting. Dr. Thomas Nye, OD seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken by Thomas Barracato. The motion passed unanimously.



## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

President Davis welcomed all guests. President Davis further stated that the board said goodbye to Wilma Simmons and welcomed Jordan Bare. The board also welcomed Mark A. Gibson to the board. Crystal Richie, AAG, was also welcomed to the board.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

### **LEGISLATION:**

#### **Enacted:**

- HB 263 from the 133<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly (GA) became effective April 12, 2021. It revises occupational licensing restrictions applicable to individuals convicted of criminal offenses. The bill would enact the "Fresh Start Act of 2019." Requires within 180 days, October 9, 2021, after the bill's effective date, a list of criminal offenses be adopted for which a conviction disqualifies licensure. The bill applies to every profession or occupation for which a license issued or conferred by a state licensing authority is required. Exempt occupations only include peace officer basic training certificates. An annual report is required for the director of administrative services with information about the number of accepted and denied applications and a listing of criminal offenses of individuals approved and denied licenses. The first report is due October 4, 2021 and includes the required information from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2020.
- HB 352 from the 133<sup>rd</sup> GA became effective April 15, 2021. It modifies civil rights laws relating to employment.
- HB 404 from the 133<sup>rd</sup> GA became effective November 22, 2020. It is to continue essential operations of virtual meetings of state and local governments in response to the declared pandemic and global health emergency related to COVID 19 until July 1, 2021. An amendment was added to extend certain agency license deadlines until July 1, 2021.
- SB 178 from the 133<sup>rd</sup> GA became effective March 2, 2021. It is regarding the authority of podiatrists to administer influenza vaccinations.
- SB 331 from the 133<sup>rd</sup> GA became effective April 12, 2021. It is to implement the recommendations of the Sunset Review Committee, comprised of senators and representative, by terminating or renewing various agencies four years more or less after the effective date of the act that established the agency. The VPB may be reviewed in the first year of the 134<sup>th</sup> GA, which is the year 2021. It requires a Sunset Review Committee to be convened during each General Assembly.
- HB 5 becomes effective September 28, 2021. It is to modify the requirements that may be met for licensure as a chemical dependency counselor II and to modify the professionals who may supervise certain individuals providing prevention services.
- HB 6 became effective May 14, 2021. It is to modify the laws governing certain health professionals and educator programs due to COVID-19 and other circumstances; to amend the version of section 4729.92 of the ORC that is scheduled to take effect on October 9,

- 2021, to continue the changes to that section on and after that date; and to declare an emergency.
- HB 252 becomes effective September 28, 2021. It is to enter into the Audiology / Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact.
  - SB 2 became effective August 3, 2021. It is to enter into the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT) and make changes to the requirement for competency evaluation and mental health treatment in criminal cases.
  - SB 3 becomes effective September 28, 2021. It is to enter into the Nurse Licensure Compact and to revise the law governing occupational license restrictions for individuals convicted of criminal offenses.
  - SB 5 became effective June 29, 2021. It is to enter into the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact.
  - SB 6 becomes effective September 28, 2021. It is to enter into the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact and to revise the law governing nurse aide training and competency evaluation programs, and to make an appropriation.
  - SB 7 became effective June 29, 2021. It is to enter into the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact.

**Current 134th General Assembly Bills:**

- HB 21 is in the Senate Transportation Committee. It is to increase the annual contribution for the “Donate Life” license plate and the requested contributions to the Second Change Trust Fund and to provide additional opportunities for Ohio residents to register as an organ donor.
- HB 43 is in the House Government Oversight Committee. It is to authorize public bodies to meet via teleconference and video conference.
- HB 52 was withdrawn on February 5, 2021. It is to allow municipalities, townships, and counties to establish minimum wage requirements higher than the state minimum wage.
  - Same as SB 51 and is in the Senate Workforce and Higher Education Committee.
- HB 69 is in the House Commerce and Labor Committee. It is to increase the state minimum wage.
- HB 81 is in the Senate. It is to make changes to the laws governing massage establishments and massage therapy.
  - Same as SB 55 and is in the Senate Health Committee.
- HB 88 is in the House Commerce and Labor Committee. It is to require commercial roofing contractors to have a license.
  - Same as SB 64 and is in the Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee.
- HB 103 is in the House State and Local Government Committee. It is regarding the adoption and duration of emergency administrative rules.
- HB 122 is in the Senate Health Committee. It is regarding the provision of telehealth services. Sec. 4725.35. An optometrist who holds a therapeutic pharmaceutical agents certificate issued under this chapter may provide telehealth services in accordance with

section 4743.09 of the Revised Code. . . . 4743.09. (A) As used in this section: (1) "Durable medical equipment" means a type of equipment, such as a remote monitoring device utilized by a physician, . . . that can withstand repeated use, is primarily and customarily used to serve a medical purpose, . . . includes repair and replacement parts for the equipment. . . . (3) "Health care professional" means: . . . (b) An optometrist licensed under Chapter 4725. of the Revised Code to practice optometry under a therapeutic pharmaceutical agents certificate; . . . (4) "Health care professional licensing board" means any of the following: . . . (b) The state vision professionals board; . . . (6) "Telemedicine Telehealth services" has the same meaning as in section 3902.30 of the Revised Code means health care services provided through the use of information and communication technology by a health care professional, within the professional's scope of practice, who is located at a site other than the site where either of the following is located: (a) The patient receiving the services; (b) Another health care professional with whom the provider of the services is consulting regarding the patient. (B) Each health care professional licensing board shall permit a health care professional under its jurisdiction to provide the professional's services as telehealth services in accordance with this section. The board may adopt any rules it considers necessary to implement this section. The rules shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119 of the Revised Code. (C) With respect to the provision of telehealth services, all of the following apply: (1) A health care professional may use synchronous or asynchronous technology to provide telehealth services to a patient during an initial visit if the appropriate standard of care for an initial visit is satisfied. . . . (a) The professional may provide telehealth services to a patient located outside of this state if permitted by the laws of the state in which the patient is located. (b) The professional may provide telehealth services through the use of medical devices that enable remote monitoring, including such activities as monitoring a patient's blood pressure, heart rate, or glucose level.

- HB 130 is in the House State and Local Government Committee. It is to allow a police department to fill a vacant position in the classified civil service without a competitive examination.
- HB 166 is in the House Criminal Justice Committee. It is to modify the criminal sentencing law with respect to non-life felony indefinite sentencing.
- HB 172 is in the Senate Veterans and Public Safety Committee. It is to revise the fireworks law.
  - Same as SB 113 was vetoed by the governor on July 9, 2021. It was to revise the Fireworks Law. The Senate has the option to start the override process.
- HB 176 is in the Senate Health. It is to revise the law governing the practice of athletic training and to amend the version of section 4755.6 of the ORC that is scheduled to take effect on October 9, 2021, to continue the changes to that section on and after that date.
- HB 179 is in the House Families, Aging, and Human Services Committee. It is to modify the laws governing expedited licensure inspections and reviewing plans for long-term care facilities and license providers of home health services.
- HB 181 is in the House Commerce and Labor Committee. It is to require a licensing



authority to issue an occupational license to an applicant who completes a registered apprenticeship program and meets other requirements.

- HB 196 is in the House Health Committee. It is to regulate the practice of surgical assistants.
- HB 198 is in the House Health Committee. It is to require health plan issuers to cover hearing aids and related services for persons twenty-one years of age and younger and to designate these changes as Madeline's Law.
- HB 202 is in the House Government Oversight Committee. It is to void the order of the Interim Director of Health requiring the use of facial coverings throughout the state and prohibit the Governor or other administrative department heads from requiring the use of facial coverings without approval by the General Assembly.
- HB 203 is in the House State and Local Government Committee. It is to require an occupational licensing authority to issue a license or government certification to an applicant who holds a license, government certification, or private certification or has satisfactory work experience in another state under certain circumstances and to amend the version of section 3319.22 of the ORC that is scheduled to take effect on April 12, 2023, to continue the changes on and after that date.
  - Same as SB 131 and is in the Senate Workforce and Higher Education Committee.
- HB 215 is in the Senate Small Business & Economic Opportunity. It is to enact the Business Fairness Act and to declare an emergency.
- HB 218 is in the House Commerce and Labor Committee. It is to temporarily extend bar hours of operation, exempt bars from statewide curfews, and declare an emergency.
- HB 221 is in the House Health Committee. It is to modify the laws governing the practice of advanced practice registered nurses and to designate these provisions as the Better, Access, Better Care Act.
- HB 231 is in the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee. It is to prohibit the Registrar of Motor Vehicles or the Motor Vehicle Dealers Board from adopting rules regarding the hours of operation of a used motor vehicle dealer as a condition of licensure.
- HB 232 is in the House Commerce and Labor Committee. It is to enact the Ohio Equal Pay Act to address wage disparities in public and private employment.
- HB 235 is in the House Commerce and Labor Committee. It is to enact the High Hazard Training Certification (HHTC) Act regarding construction services performed under a contract at a stationary source.
- HB 236 is in the House Health Committee. It is to regulate the processing, sale, and distribution of kratom.
- HB 243 is in the Government Oversight Committee. It is regarding the regulation of knives.
  - Same as SB 156 in the Senate Veterans and Public Safety Committee.
- HB 247 is in the Senate Small Business and Economic Opportunity Committee. It is to amend the law related to plumbing inspections.
- HB 248 is in the House Health Committee. It is to authorize an individual to decline a vaccination and to name the act the Vaccine Choice and Anti-Discrimination Act.
- HB 277 is in the House Commerce and Labor Committee. It is to revise regulations of



cosmetologists and barbers.

- Same as SB 133 and is in the Senate Small Business and Economic Opportunity Committee.
- HB 321 is in the House Agriculture and Conservation Committee. It is to eliminate the apprentice auctioneer and special auctioneer's license and to make other revision to the law governing auctions.
- HB 350 is in the House Civil Justice Committee. It is to prohibit mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations, requiring proof of COVID-19 vaccination, and certain other actions relating to an individual's COVID-19 vaccination or health status and to declare an emergency.
  - Same as SB 169 and is in the Senate Health Committee.
- HB 359 is in the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee. It is to license and regulate art therapists and music therapists.
  - Same as SB 206 and has been introduced in the Senate.
- HB 372 has been introduced in the House. It is to make changes to the law relating to building inspections.
  - Same as SB196 and is in the Senate Small Business and Economic Opportunity Committee.
- SB 9 is in the House Government Oversight Committee. It is to require certain agencies to reduce the number of regulatory restrictions in their administrative rules.
- SB 48 is in the Senate Health Committee. It is to require certain health care professionals to complete instruction in cultural competency.
- SB 66 is in the Senate Workforce and Higher Education Committee. It is to establish a career pathways apprentice program.
- SB 68 is in the Senate Workforce and Higher Education Committee. It is to prohibit private employers from including on an employment application any question concerning whether an applicant has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a felony.
- SB 70 is in the Senate Small Business and Economic Opportunity Committee. It is to prohibit employers from seeking a prospective employee's wage or salary history.
- SB 78 is in the Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee. It is to establish the nineteenth of June as Juneteenth, a legal holiday for which government employees receive paid leave. **PASSED AS A NATIONAL HOLIDAY.**
- SB 129 is in the Senate Health Committee. It is to prohibit a hospital from requiring a nurse to work overtime as a condition of continued employment.
- SB 142 is in the Senate Small Business and Economic Opportunity Committee. It is to license residential only construction contractors and to make changes to the law regulating specialty construction contractors.
- SB 150 is in the Senate Small Business and Economic Opportunity Committee. It is to prohibit the use of noncompete provisions in physician employment contracts.
- SB 152 is in the Senate Finance Committee. It is to establish the Fraud, Waste and Abuse Task Force in the office of the Attorney General and to make an appropriation.
- SB 160 is in the Senate Veterans and Public Safety Committee. It is to enact the Veteran Information Act.

- SB 189 is in the Senate Judiciary Committee. It is to change the venue in which an appeal from an agency order is proper to the local court of common pleas.
- SB 204 has been introduced in the Senate. It is to enter the Counseling Compact.
- To review the verbiage and status on any law or bill, click on the link below and enter “HB” for House Bill or “**SB**” for Senate Bill or “SR” for Senate Resolution with the appropriate bill number, ie. **303**. The current General Assembly “GA” is **134**.  
[Legislature.Ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-303](https://legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-303)

**ACTIVITIES:**

- Welcome Public Board Member Mark A. Gibson to the VPB.
- Welcome Jordan Bare to the VPB staff.
- State audit is ongoing for the State Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021.
- Renewals occurred until July 1, 2021 for the 2021 licensure year. Some reinstatements have already occurred for the 2021 licensure year. The remaining renewals include 3 optometrists, 85 Ohio opticians and 14 outside of Ohio opticians, which the staff is following up on. There are 1,149 apprentices that have not renewed. Thanks to the associations for their assistance in June in contacting licensees to renew.
- The Rules Committee will meet today at 1:00 p.m.
- The August quarterly VPB eNewsletter will be emailed to all stakeholders in August. All other eNewsletters are available on the website.
- Attended virtual ARBO Executive Director’s monthly meetings.
- Attended virtual Healthcare Executive Director’s meetings with the Governor’s office.
- Attended virtual Healthcare Executive Director’s meetings as to a continuation of the Governor’s Working Group on sexual assault and abuse with the development of the best investigative practices for the boards.
- Attended Healthcare Executive Director’s meeting with the Governor’s office on telehealth.
- Working on the transition of a new state storage migration for the VPB.
- Working on creating the VPB website on the new platform. Estimate live date is in the fall.
- Staff has been teleworking since March 16, 2020. A hybrid return to work will occur in the fall.

**REPORTS:**

- Reports to Human Resources.
- Report to the House State and Local Government Chair of the purpose of testifying in the near future for the purpose of the Vision Professionals Board.



### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Director Anielski presented the financial report from the SFY 2021. After discussion Mark A. Gibson moved to accept the SFY 2021 Financial Report of the Ohio Vision Professionals Board. Dr. Darrell Dye, OD seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken by Thomas Barracato. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Thomas Nye inquired about the amount of people that come into the board offices on an average basis. This was due to the discussion of how the board was under budget in SFY 2021. It was brought up that less than 10 visitors per year come into the VPB offices and that the director is working on a hybrid model to return to the offices.

### **RATIFICATION OF LICENSES:**

It was moved by Tom Barracato and seconded by Brian Miller that the board ratify for licensure the Optician applicants listed on Addendum 1.0. A roll call vote was taken by Thomas Barracato. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Dr. Cheryl Archer, OD and seconded by Mark A. Gibson that the board ratify for licensure the Optometrist applicants listed on Addendum 2.0. A roll call vote was taken by Thomas Barracato. The motion passed unanimously.

### **APPROVAL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION:**

After review of the course content, it was moved by Dr. Jacqueline Davis, O.D. and seconded by Dr. Darrell Dye, OD that continuing education courses 2021-101P to 2021-122P be approved. A roll call vote was taken by Thomas Barracato. The motion passed unanimously.

### **REQUESTS FOR WAIVERS:**

After review of the request from optician Eric Eisinger, it was moved by Brian Miller and seconded by Thomas Barracato that the board grant the request to waive the continuing education requirements for 2021 renewal period. The motion passed unanimously. The optician will be advised verbally and in writing.

### **AAG Report:**

AAG Crystal Richie, no new litigation.

### **INVESTIGATOR REPORT:**

Investigator Price delivered the Investigator Report.

### **THERAPEUTIC OPTOMETRY/OPTICIAN/OCULARIST/APPRENTICE MATTERS:**



No report.

### **OHIO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE (OAC) UPDATE:**

Director Anielski updated the Board regarding rules going through the rule making process. Director Anielski informed the board that the Rules Committee would be meeting today at 1:00 p.m.

#### **OAC RULE 4725-3-08 | Requirements for licensure by reciprocity**

This motion has been tabled for rules committee review.

#### **OAC RULE 4725-9-01 | Hours required; study compliance year.**

Motion made by Mark A. Gibson, seconded by Dr. Cheryl Archer, OD. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **OAC RULE 4725-9-02 | Approved education programs.**

Motion made by Dr. Thomas Nye, OD, seconded by Mark A. Gibson. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **OAC RULE 4725-9-03 | Board approval of continuing education.**

Motion made by Mark A. Gibson, seconded by Dr. Thomas Nye, OD. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **OAC RULE 4725-9-04 | Exemption from compliance.**

Motion made by Mark A. Gibson, seconded by Dr. Darrell Dye, OD. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **OAC RULE 4725-9-05 | Certificate of attendance; application for approval of continuing education courses.**

Motion made by Brian Miller, seconded by Dr. Cheryl Archer, OD. The motion passed unanimously.

### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:**

Rules Committee:

Thomas Barracato delivered the Rules Committee Report.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**



No report.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Annual Continuing Education Requirements for Optometrist:**

The topic was discussed in great depth. It was moved by Brian Miller and seconded by Dr. Darrell Dye, O.D. that the board recognizes optometrists do not have the ability to attend live or on site courses and that the board accepts Council on Optometric Practitioner Education (COPE) or board approved online continuing education courses to fulfill the annual continuing education requirements through September 30, 2022. A roll call vote was taken by Thomas Barracato. The motion did not pass, with a majority voting no and Brian Miller abstaining the motion.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

President Davis opened the floor.

Keith Kerns, Executive Director of the Ohio Optometric Association: The East West Side Conference is happening from Oct 7-9, moving from Cleveland to Columbus this year. The pharmacy board has expanded that any business entity no longer needs to obtain a terminal distributor license. An article will be coming from the Ohio Optometric Association's prospectives newsletter.

John Bruening, President of Ohio Optician Association: The Ohio Optician Association has had four live events in last twelve months. The Ohio Optician Association Conference will be at the end of September where Director Anielski will be speaking.

### **Executive Session:**

It was moved by Thomas Nye, OD and seconded by Mark A. Gibson that the board go into executive session in accordance with Section 121.22(G) of the Ohio Revised Code for the purposes of discussing personnel matters and to engage in quasi-judicial case discussions related to the consent agreements involving two optometrists. A roll call vote was taken by Thomas Barracato. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Dr. Darrell Dye, OD and seconded by Brian Miller that the Board exit executive session. A roll call vote was taken by Thomas Barracato. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Dr. Thomas Nye, OD and seconded by Dr. Darrell Dye, OD that the board approve employee pay as per das guidance, retroactive to June 20, 2021. A roll call vote was taken by Thomas Barracato. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Dr. Cheryl Archer, OD and seconded by Thomas Barracato that the board grant Dr. Leon Favede, Sr. with a consent agreement as the doctor agreed upon. A roll call vote was taken by Thomas Barracato. The motion passed unanimously.



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It was moved by Brian Miller and seconded by Dr. Darrell Dye, OD that the board grant Dr. Corrie Leshner with a consent agreement as the doctor agreed upon. A roll call vote was taken by Thomas Barracato. The motion passed, with Dr. Davis being absent during the vote.

Hearing no other issues for discussion, President Davis requested a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting.

It was moved by Dr. Thomas Nye, OD and seconded by Dr. Cheryl Archer, OD that the August 12, 2021, meeting of the Ohio Vision Professionals Board be adjourned. A roll call vote was taken by Thomas Barracato. The motion passed unanimously.

President Davis adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting at 12:25 p.m. August 12, 2021.

### ATTESTED:

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**PRESIDENT, DR. JACQUELINE DAVIS**

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**SECRETARY, TOM BARRACATO**

### Future Board Meeting Dates:

November 18, 2021



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### ADDENDUM 1.0

Number	Applicant: Full Name	Applicant Street Address	Applicant City	Applicant Sta	Applicant Zip Co	Parcel: Coun
OP.017334-S	Sherry Greathouse	4106 Woodmere Drive	Youngstown	OH	44515	Mahoning
OP.017336-S	Tia Porter	1131 Sharon Ave	Zanesville	OH	43701-4442	Muskingum
OP.017335-S	Mary Dolsen	230 Stower Ln Unit 7M	Norwalk	OH	44857-2652	Huron
OP.017337-S	Kelly Hathaway	790 Main St PO Box 164	Jerry City	OH	43437	Wood
OP.017338-S	Katie Dewey	584 Gateway Dr	Logan	OH	43138-9039	Hocking
OP.017339-S	Erin Perry	228 E North St	Medina	OH	44256-1948	Medina
OP.017340-S	Caitlin Harris-Korinek	237 Smith St	Dayton	OH	45417-4038	Montgomery
OP.017341-S	Carmen Cassell - Dillinger	5169 Eastbend Dr	Canal Winchester	OH	43110-8743	Franklin
OP.017342-SC	Milana Frey	1618 Beacon Ridge Rd Apt 605	Charlotte	NC	28210-3461	
OP.017343-S	Joseph Browning	2260 Par Ln Apt 200	Willoughby Hills	OH	44094-2945	Lake
OP.017344-S	Miles Sims	7044 Creekside Way	Hamilton	OH	45011	Butler
OP.017345-S	Rachel Grisham	5572 Muddy Creek Rd	Cincinnati	OH	45238-2030	Hamilton
OP.017346-S	Katherine Dotson	38241 Lake Shore Blvd Apt 406	Willoughby	OH	44094-7067	Lake
OP.017347-S	Douglas Valerio	943 W 28th St	Erie	PA	16508-3241	
OP.017349-S	Claire LeBlanc	721 Allen Ave	Springdale	OH	45246	Hamilton
OP.017348-S	Charissa Moore	3227 Cardinal Cv	Franklin	OH	45005-9738	Warren
OP.017351-S	Justin Little	3771 Village Dr Apt J	Franklin	OH	45005-5657	Warren
OP.017350-S	Lee Stahley	4139 Virginia Cir E	Whitehall	OH	43213-2827	Franklin
OP.017352-S	Sarah Bishop	232 Sunny Meadow Dr	Batavia	OH	45103-7521	Clermont
OP.017353-S	Emma Schratt	710 Rawson Ave	Fremont	OH	43420-2133	Sandusky
OP.017354-S	Alicia Terry	17807 Olympia Rd	Cleveland	OH	44112-1227	Cuyahoga
OP.017355-S	Amy Shoaff	21575 Caris Rd	Bowling Green	OH	43402-9633	Wood

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### ADDENDUM 2.0

#### Optometrist Newly Licensed Exam

Number	T/Number	Full Name	Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
OPT.006933	T6933	Peter Stan	4920 Lynn Pl NW	Warren	OH	44483-1444
OPT.006934	T6934	Chase Harter	2835 Neal Zick Rd	Willard	OH	44890-9618
OPT.006941	T6941	Stephanie Slifka	114 Hamilton St	Elyria	OH	44035-3915
OPT.006942	T6942	Kylee Swingle	9737 Stoneburner Rd NW	Crooksville	OH	43731-9647
OPT.006943	T6943	Sanjit Goraya	5131 Duxbury Dr	Copley	OH	44321-1021
OPT.006944	T6944	Helen Alemu	5125 Stone Ridge Rd S Apt C	Columbus	OH	43213-4154
OPT.006945	T6945	Kirsten Canini	8837 Castlevue Pl	Carroll	OH	43112-9562
OPT.006946	T6946	Jackson Carey	1210 Chambers Rd Apt 305B	Columbus	OH	43212-1726
OPT.006947	T6947	Joshua Curtisi	5067 Cambrian Dr	Columbus	OH	43220-2620
OPT.006948	T6948	Benjamin Cyphers	611 Vanadium Rd	Bridgeville	PA	15017-2936
OPT.006949	T6949	Danica Downard	225 Chesterville Ct	Canal Winchester	OH	43110-1097
OPT.006950	T6950	Nicolette Evans	126 HIGHLAND LAKES DR	LIMA	OH	45801
OPT.006951	T6951	Isidoros Fragoulis	1551 King Ave Apt B	Columbus	OH	43212-2149
OPT.006952	T6952	Auston Hood	4260 E County Road 36	Tiffin	OH	44883-9727
OPT.006953	T6953	Zachary Keese	116 N Ridge Heights Dr	Howard	OH	43028-9246
OPT.006954	T6954	Paije Kiraly	12021 Leffingwell Rd	Berlin Center	OH	44401-9651
OPT.006955	T6955	Alexander Lamorgese	27826 Sonoma Ct	Westlake	OH	44145-3002
OPT.006956	T6956	Kody Lecurgo	83 Hartfield Ct	Powell	OH	43065
OPT.006957	T6957	Rebecca Lifer	43 Jayne Ave	Shelby	OH	44875-1740
OPT.006958	T6958	Katherine Merry	3049 Rock Fence Dr	Columbus	OH	43221-4727



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OPT.006959	T6959	Dina Mubarak	1379 Weybridge Rd	Columbus	OH	43220-8108
OPT.006960	T6960	Sarah Pace	6017 Lilac Way	Monclova	OH	43542-9397
OPT.006961	T6961	Patrick Shepard	6329 Jamestowne Dr	Parma Heights	OH	44130-2855
OPT.006962	T6962	Jordan Spiess	431 Parkview Ave	Bryan	OH	43506-1636
OPT.006963	T6963	Emma Stewart-Bates	34965 Jackson Rd	Moreland Hills	OH	44022-1967
OPT.006964	T6964	Emma Thompson	30109 Washington Way	Westlake	OH	44145-6405
OPT.006965	T6965	Devin Webber	2551 Royal County Down Apt C	Uniontown	OH	44685-8102
OPT.006966	T6966	Bethany Army	20149 SR-245	Marysville	OH	43040
OPT.006967	T6967	Megan Ahrns	7733 Galley Rd.	Fort Loramie	OH	45845-9741

### Optometrist Newly Licensed Endorsement

Number	T/Number	Full Name	Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
OPT.006935	T6935	Sara Hafeez	1 Cedar Pond Dr Apt 4	Warwick	RI	02886-0801
OPT.006936	T6936	Sherene Vazhappilly	3791 Fox Run Dr Apt 305	Blue Ash	OH	45236-1144
OPT.006937	T6937	Olivia Reed	2534 Fairmont Ave	Oakwood	OH	45419-1510
OPT.006938	T6938	Levi Ridgeway	29735 Clinton St	Hanoverton	OH	44423-8643
OPT.006939	T6939	Rachel Obrock	824 E Deer Path	Columbia City	IN	46725-1826
OPT.006940	T6940	Jeffrey Natchez	13144 Harbor Landings Dr	Fenton	MI	48430-3905
OPT.006968	T6968	Hannah Vollmer	9588 Behnfeldt Rd.	Sherwood	OH	43556-9723

### Optometrist Reinstatement

Number	T/Number	Full Name	Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
OPT.006311	T3227	Trang Prosak	2403 Delta Bridge Dr.	2403 Delta Bridge Dr.	TX	77584-1568
OPT.005488	T2400	Trang Phan	33823 Turtle Creek St.	33823 Turtle Creek St.	CA	92592-5672

## President's Report

**November 18, 2021**

As a result of the Vision Professionals Board's membership in the Association of Regulatory Boards (ARBO), I have recently been appointed to the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE). The mission of the ACOE is to establish, maintain and apply standards to ensure the academic quality and continuous improvement of optometric education. The ACOE oversees professional optometric degree programs, optometric residency programs, and optometric technician programs.

On November 2, 2021, I attended an ACOE consultant training session in Boston. Simulations of program site visits were reviewed and evaluated, giving us insights into the rigorous assessment process.

On a personal note, I want to thank each one of you for your kind gestures of uplifting support and prayers for my family and me.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

### November 18, 2021 Board Meeting

#### Marlene Anielski

#### LEGISLATION:

##### Enacted:

- HB 263 from the 133<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly (GA) became effective April 12, 2021. It revises occupational licensing restrictions applicable to individuals convicted of criminal offenses. The bill would enact the "Fresh Start Act of 2019." Requires within 180 days, October 9, 2021, after the bill's effective date, a list of criminal offenses be adopted for which a conviction disqualifies licensure. The bill applies to every profession or occupation for which a license issued or conferred by a state licensing authority is required. Exempt occupations only include peace officer basic training certificates. An annual report is required for the director of administrative services with information about the number of accepted and denied applications and a listing of criminal offenses of individuals approved and denied licenses. The first report was due October 4, 2021 and included the required information from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2020.
- HB 352 from the 133<sup>rd</sup> GA became effective April 15, 2021. It modifies civil rights laws relating to employment.
- HB 404 from the 133<sup>rd</sup> GA became effective November 22, 2020. It is to continue essential operations of virtual meetings of state and local governments in response to the declared pandemic and global health emergency related to COVID 19 until July 1, 2021. An amendment was added to extend certain agency license deadlines until July 1, 2021.
- SB 178 from the 133<sup>rd</sup> GA became effective March 2, 2021. It is regarding the authority of podiatrists to administer influenza vaccinations.
- SB 331 from the 133<sup>rd</sup> GA became effective April 12, 2021. It is to implement the recommendations of the Sunset Review Committee, comprised of senators and representative, by terminating or renewing various agencies four years more or less after the effective date of the act that established the agency. The VPB may be reviewed in the first year of the 134<sup>th</sup> GA, which is the year 2021. It requires a Sunset Review Committee to be convened during each General Assembly.
- **HB 5 becomes effective September 28, 2021. It is to modify the requirements that may be met for licensure as a chemical dependency counselor II and to modify the professionals who may supervise certain individuals providing prevention services.**
- HB 6 became effective May 14, 2021. It is to modify the laws governing certain health professionals and educator programs due to COVID-19 and other circumstances; to amend the version of section 4729.92 of the ORC that is scheduled to take effect on October 9, 2021, to continue the changes to that section on and after that date; and to declare an emergency.
- **HB 21 becomes effective October 1, 2022. It is to increase the annual contribution for the "Donate Life" license plate and a voluntary \$2 contribution to the Second Change Trust Fund and to provide additional opportunities for Ohio residents to register as an organ donor.**

- **HB 172 is effective February 8, 2022. It is to revise the fireworks law.**
  - Same as SB 113 was vetoed by the governor on July 9, 2021. It was to revise the Fireworks Law. The Senate had the option to start the override process, but did not.
- **HB 176 effective January 27, 2022. It is to revise the law governing the practice of athletic training and to amend the version of section 4755.6 of the ORC that is scheduled to take effect on October 9, 2021, to continue the changes to that section on and after that date.**
- **HB 252 becomes effective September 28, 2021. It is to enter into the Audiology / Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact.**
- SB 2 became effective August 3, 2021. It is to enter into the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT) and make changes to the requirement for competency evaluation and mental health treatment in criminal cases.
- **SB 3 becomes effective September 28, 2021. It is to enter into the Nurse Licensure Compact** and to revise the law governing occupational license restrictions for individuals convicted of criminal offenses.
- SB 5 became effective June 29, 2021. It is to enter into the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact.
- **SB 6 becomes effective September 28, 2021. It is to enter into the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact** and to revise the law governing nurse aide training and competency evaluation programs, and to make an appropriation.
- SB 7 became effective June 29, 2021. It is to enter into the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact.

### **Current 134th General Assembly Bills:**

- HB 43 is in the House Government Oversight Committee. It is to authorize public bodies to meet via teleconference and video conference.
- HB 52 was withdrawn on February 5, 2021. It is to allow municipalities, townships, and counties to establish minimum wage requirements higher than the state minimum wage.
  - Same as SB 51 and is in the Senate Workforce and Higher Education Committee.
- HB 69 is in the House Commerce and Labor Committee. It is to increase the state minimum wage.
- HB 81 is in the Senate Health Committee. It is to make changes to the laws governing massage establishments and massage therapy.
  - Same as SB 55 and has been reported out of the Senate Health Committee.
- HB 88 is in the House Commerce and Labor Committee. It is to require commercial roofing contractors to have a license.
  - Same as SB 64 and is in the Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee.
- HB 103 is in the House State and Local Government Committee. It is regarding the adoption and duration of emergency administrative rules.
- **Sub HB 122 is in the Senate Health Committee. A substitute bill was accepted on November 10, 2021. It is regarding the provision of telehealth services. Sec. 4725.35.** An optometrist who holds a therapeutic pharmaceutical agents certificate issued under this chapter may provide telehealth services in accordance with section 4743.09 of the Revised

Code. . . . **4743.09. (A) As used in this section: (1) "Durable medical equipment" means a type of equipment, such as a remote monitoring device utilized by a physician, . . . that can withstand repeated use, is primarily and customarily used to serve a medical purpose, . . . includes repair and replacement parts for the equipment. . . . (3) "Health care professional" means: . . . (b) An optometrist licensed under Chapter 4725. of the Revised Code to practice optometry under a therapeutic pharmaceutical agents certificate; . . . (4) "Health care professional licensing board" means any of the following: . . . (b) The state vision professionals board; . . . (6) "Telemedicine Telehealth services" has the same meaning as in section 3902.30 of the Revised Code means health care services provided through the use of information and communication technology by a health care professional, within the professional's scope of practice, who is located at a site other than the site where either of the following is located: (a) The patient receiving the services; (b) Another health care professional with whom the provider of the services is consulting regarding the patient. (B) Each health care professional licensing board shall permit a health care professional under its jurisdiction to provide the professional's services as telehealth services in accordance with this section. The board may adopt any rules it considers necessary to implement this section. The rules shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119 of the Revised Code. (C) With respect to the provision of telehealth services, all of the following apply: (1) A health care professional may use synchronous or asynchronous technology to provide telehealth services to a patient during an initial visit if the appropriate standard of care for an initial visit is satisfied. . . . (a) The professional may provide telehealth services to a patient located outside of this state if permitted by the laws of the state in which the patient is located. (b) The professional may provide telehealth services through the use of medical devices that enable remote monitoring, including such activities as monitoring a patient's blood pressure, heart rate, or glucose level.**

- HB 130 is in the House State and Local Government Committee. It is to allow a police department to fill a vacant position in the classified civil service without a competitive examination.
- **HB 153 is in the House Insurance Committee. It is regarding prescription drugs and medication switching.**
- HB 166 is in the House Criminal Justice Committee. It is to modify the criminal sentencing law with respect to non-life felony indefinite sentencing.
- HB 179 is in the House Families, Aging and Human Services Committee. It is to modify the laws governing expedited licensure inspections and reviewing plans for long-term care facilities and license providers of home health services.
- HB 181 is in the House Commerce and Labor Committee. It is to require a licensing authority to issue an occupational license to an applicant who completes a registered apprenticeship program and meets other requirements.
- **HB 193 is in the Senate Health Committee. It is in regards to electronic prescriptions for schedule II-controlled substances.**
- HB 196 is in the House Health Committee. It is to regulate the practice of surgical



assistants.

- HB 198 is in the House Health Committee. It is to require health plan issuers to cover hearing aids and related services for persons twenty-one years of age and younger and to designate these changes as Madeline's Law.
- HB 202 is in the House Government Oversight Committee. It is to void the order of the Interim Director of Health requiring the use of facial coverings throughout the state and prohibit the Governor or other administrative department heads from requiring the use of facial coverings without approval by the General Assembly.
- HB 203 is in the House State and Local Government Committee. It is to require an occupational licensing authority to issue a license or government certification to an applicant who holds a license, government certification, or private certification or has satisfactory work experience in another state under certain circumstances and to amend the version of section 3319.22 of the ORC that is scheduled to take effect on April 12, 2023, to continue the changes on and after that date.
  - Same as SB 131 and is in the Senate Workforce and Higher Education Committee.
- HB 215 is in the Senate Small Business & Economic Opportunity. It is to enact the Business Fairness Act and to declare an emergency.
  - Same as SB 119 and is in the Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee.
- HB 218 is in the House Commerce and Labor Committee. It is to temporarily extend bar hours of operation, exempt bars from statewide curfews, and declare an emergency.
- HB 221 is in the House Health Committee. It is to modify the laws governing the practice of advanced practice registered nurses and to designate these provisions as the Better, Access, Better Care Act.
- HB 231 is in the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee. It is to prohibit the Registrar of Motor Vehicles or the Motor Vehicle Dealers Board from adopting rules regarding the hours of operation of a used motor vehicle dealer as a condition of licensure.
- HB 232 is in the House Commerce and Labor Committee. It is to enact the Ohio Equal Pay Act to address wage disparities in public and private employment.
- HB 235 is in the House Commerce and Labor Committee. It is to enact the High Hazard Training Certification (HHTC) Act regarding construction services performed under a contract at a stationary source.
- HB 236 is in the House Health Committee. It is to regulate the processing, sale, and distribution of kratom.
- HB 243 is in the House Government Oversight Committee. It is regarding the regulation of knives.
  - Same as SB 156 and is in the House Government Oversight Committee.
- HB 247 is in the Senate Small Business and Economic Opportunity Committee. It is to amend the law related to plumbing inspections.
- HB 248 is in the House Health Committee. It is to authorize an individual to decline a vaccination and to name the act the Vaccine Choice and Anti-Discrimination Act.
- HB 277 is in the House Commerce and Labor Committee. It is to revise regulations of cosmetologists and barbers.



- Same as SB 133 and is in the Senate Small Business and Economic Opportunity Committee.
- **HB 318 is in the House Health Committee. It is to revise the laws governing anesthesiologist assistants.**
- HB 321 is in the House Agriculture and Conservation Committee. It is to eliminate the apprentice auctioneer and special auctioneer's license and to make other revision to the law governing auctions.
- HB 350 is in the House Civil Justice Committee. It is to prohibit mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations, requiring proof of COVID-19 vaccination, and certain other actions relating to an individual's COVID-19 vaccination or health status and to declare an emergency.
  - Same as SB 169 and is in the Senate Health Committee.
- HB 359 is in the State and Local Government Committee. It is to license and regulate art therapists and music therapists.
  - Same as SB 206 and is in the Senate Health Committee.
- HB 372 is in the House Commerce and Labor Committee. It is to make changes to the law relating to building inspections.
  - Same as SB 196 and is in the Senate Small Business and Economic Opportunity Committee.
- **HB 448 is in the House Insurance. It is in regards for prescription drug readers for visually impaired patients.**
- **HB 452 is in the House State and Local Government Committee. It is in regards for the chemical dependency professional regulations.**
- SB 9 is in the House Government Oversight Committee. It is to require certain agencies to reduce the number of regulatory restrictions in their administrative rules.
- SB 48 is in the Senate Health Committee. It is to require certain health care professionals to complete instruction in cultural competency.
- SB 66 is in the Senate Workforce and Higher Education Committee. It is to establish a career pathways apprentice program.
- SB 68 is in the Senate Workforce and Higher Education Committee. It is to prohibit private employers from including on an employment application any question concerning whether an applicant has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a felony.
- SB 70 is in the Senate Small Business and Economic Opportunity Committee. It is to prohibit employers from seeking a prospective employee's wage or salary history.
- SB 78 is in the Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee. It is to establish the nineteenth of June as Juneteenth, a legal holiday for which government employees receive paid leave. **PASSED AS A NATIONAL HOLIDAY.**
- SB 129 is in the Senate Health Committee. It is to prohibit a hospital from requiring a nurse to work overtime as a condition of continued employment.
- SB 142 is in the Senate Small Business and Economic Opportunity Committee. It is to license residential only construction contractors and to make changes to the law regulating specialty construction contractors.
- SB 150 is in the Senate Small Business and Economic Opportunity Committee. It is to prohibit the use of noncompete provisions in physician employment contracts.

- SB 152 is in the Senate Finance Committee. It is to establish the Fraud, Waste and Abuse Task Force in the office of the Attorney General and to make an appropriation.
- SB 160 is in the House Armed Services and Veterans Affairs Committee. It is to enact the Veteran Information Act.
- SB 189 is in the Senate Judiciary Committee. It is to change the venue in which an appeal from an agency order is proper to the local court of common pleas.
- **SB 204 has been referred to the House. It is to enter the Counseling Compact.**
- **SB 224 is in the Senate General Government Budget Committee. It is to revise the law regarding funerals and funeral services.**
- **SB 233 is in the Senate Primary and Secondary Education Committee. It is in regards to school nurse licensure and state retirement.**
- **SB 242 is in the Senate Small Business and Economic Opportunity Committee. It would require retail merchants to accept customer payment by cash.**
- **SB 245 is in the Senate Health Committee. It would modify supervised professional experience for psychologists.**
- To review the verbiage and status on any law or bill, click on the link below and enter "HB" for House Bill or "**SB**" for Senate Bill or "SR" for Senate Resolution with the appropriate bill number, ie. **303**. The current General Assembly "GA" is **134**.  
[Legislature.Ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-303](https://legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-303)

### ACTIVITIES:

- State audit is completed for the State Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021.
- License renewals are occurring until December 31, 2021 for the 2022 licensure year. Current renewals include 1 ocularist, 380 opticians and 1,050 optometrists. Over 3,900 licensees need to renew by December 31, 2021. Only 27% of licensees have renewed.
- The Rules Committee will meet today at 1:00 p.m.
- The November quarterly VPB eNewsletter will be emailed to all stakeholders in November. All other eNewsletters are available on the website.
- **Attended a virtual meeting with the Ohio Physicians Health Program, Inc. (OPHP). The nonprofit organization provides confidential services to all practitioners licensed with the Ohio Vision Professionals Board. OPHP provides a compassionate, supportive, and safe environment for healthcare professionals to receive confidential services. Their goal is to inspire healthcare professionals to seek support for burnout, anxiety, mental health disorders, or substance use disorders, to improve their health and well-being and ultimately to ensure patient care and safety. As of November 1, 2021, services provided by OPHP are at no cost to the provider.**
- Submitted "Fresh Start Act of 2019" annual report to the Director of DAS indicating information about the number of accepted and denied applications and a listing of criminal offenses of individuals approved and denied licenses.

**Mike DeWine**, Governor    **Marlene Anielski**, Executive Director  
**Jon Husted**, Lt. Governor

- Working on creating the VPB website on the new platform. Estimate live date is in first quarter 2022.
- Staff has been teleworking since March 16, 2020. A hybrid return to work will occur in the fall.

#### **REPORTS:**

- Reports to Human Resources.
- **As required by law, I testified in the House State and Local Government Committee as to the purpose of the Vision Professionals Board.**
- Acknowledgement letter to State of Ohio Auditor's office.



## Financial Report

Account	Account Description	ALI	Product Description	Dept	Department Description	Budget Period	Budget	Expense
500	Personal Services	129609	OPERATING EXPENSES	VPB	Vision Hearing Professional Bd	2022Q1	102,800.00	92,686.46
500	Personal Services	129609	OPERATING EXPENSES	VPB	Vision Hearing Professional Bd	2022Q2	119,900.00	49,431.68
500	Personal Services	129609	OPERATING EXPENSES	VPB	Vision Hearing Professional Bd	2022Q3	102,800.00	0
500	Personal Services	129609	OPERATING EXPENSES	VPB	Vision Hearing Professional Bd	2022Q4	119,900.00	0
510	Purchased Personal Services	129609	OPERATING EXPENSES	VPB	Vision Hearing Professional Bd	2022	8,000.00	0
520	Supplies and Maintenance	129609	OPERATING EXPENSES	VPB	Vision Hearing Professional Bd	2022	200,740.00	41,632.21
							<b>\$654,140</b>	<b>\$183,750</b>

## ADDENDUM 1.0

Number	Applicant: Full Name	Applicant Street Address	Applicant City	Applicant State	Applicant Zip Code
OP.017378-S	Jennifer Harriott	1744 Harrison Pond Dr	New Albany	OH	43054-8887
OP.017379-S	Edwin Chadwick	28705 N Lincoln Rd	Bay Village	OH	44140-2177
OP.017380-S	Amber Wagner	17443 Indian Hollow Rd	Grafton	OH	44044-9233
OP.017381-S	Edward Paul	1414 Meriline St	Cuyahoga Falls	OH	44221-4844
OP.017382-S	Denise Clark	140 Hidden Lake Ln	Peninsula	OH	44264-9578
OP.017383-S	Kendra Felicko	13039 Elton St SW	Navarre	OH	44662-8722
OP.017384-S	Kayla Ritchie	427A Sunset Dr	Liberty	IN	47353-8323
OP.017385-SC	Aaron Kalmerton	4201 Bentley Dr	Springfield	OH	45504-3703
OP.017386-S	Cameron Gage	9606 Meadow Woods Ln	Dayton	OH	45458-9506
OP.017387-S	Sharon Kernig	8146 Garfield Dr	Garrettsville	OH	44231-9121
OP.017388-S	Christina Marsh	648 Millpond Rd	Lexington	KY	40514-1719
OP.017389-S	Geraldo Delgado	3949 Hemphill Way	Cincinnati	OH	45236-2325
OP.017390-S	Sarah McNutt	342 Kingswood Trail Dr	Toledo	OH	43615
OP.017391-S	Emilee Brunswick	889 Heather Ct	Vandalia	OH	45377-1619
OP.017392-SC	Tessa Getz	1829 Arnold Way Apt 1702	Alpine	CA	91901-3743
OP.017393-S	Jennifer Logan	330 Hamilton Ave	Coshocton	OH	43812-2158
OP.017394-S	Tamitha Sorgi	446 Northvale Dr	Chippewa Lake	OH	44215-9719
OP.017395-S	Danyelle Ford	190 2nd St SE	Barberton	OH	44203-3529
OP.017396-S	Angela Odle	1097 Simon Miller Rd	Portsmouth	OH	45662-8960
OP.017397-S	Heather Shaffer	108 Stardust Dr	Wintersville	OH	43953-3750
OP.017398-S	Qandeel Qureshi	3080 Hemlock Edge Dr	Hilliard	OH	43026-6915
OP.017399-S	Christopher Jones	1707 Lamberton St	Middletown	OH	45044-6419
OP.017400-S	Brandon Ramos	1600 Waltham Rd Apt D	Upper Arlington	OH	43221-3889
OP.017401-S	Thomas Barton	151 Sardinia Mowrystown RD N/A	Sardinia	OH	45171

**Grand Totals (24 records)**

ADDENDUM 2.0

License: Number	Enterprise Track Number	Status	Applicant Full Name	Mailing Address Street	City	State	Zip
OPT.007005	T7005	Active	Elizabeth Bedell	1874 Settlers Reserve Way	Westlake	OH	44145-2000
OPT.007006	T7006	Active	Katherine Harkins	16 Cross St E Apt 3	Somerville	MA	02145-2144
OPT.007007	T7007	Active	Shaun Hajjari	3101 Pomelo Cir	Norman	OK	73071-5073
OPT.007008	T7008	Active	Margi Patel	198 Wildflower Ln	Campbellsville	KY	42718-3361
OPT.007009	T7009	Active	Justin C. Gillette	3940 Forest Ave	Cincinnati	OH	45212-3931
OPT.007011	T7011	Active	Toni Schutte	217 2nd St NW	Canton	OH	44702-1567
OPT.007012	T7012	Active	Nicholas Paul Viglucci	18645 Detroit Ave	Lakewood	OH	44107-3276
OPT.007013	T7013	Active	Amber Aria	161 1st St W	Riverside	IA	52327-7725
OPT.007014	T7014	Active	Amber Nicole Dawson	3868 Grassy Creek Dr	Lexington	KY	40514-1059
OPT.007015	T7015	Active	ALYSSA VU	7233 Akins Rd	North Royalton	OH	44133-4805
OPT.007016	T7016	Active	Jessica M Badillo	1525 E Pass Rd Apt 921	Gulfport	MS	39507-3557
OPT.007017	T7017	Active	Frank Allen Carusone	9149 Stonegate Cir	North Ridgeville	OH	44039-8955
Grand Totals (12 records)							

Reinstatements

License: Number	Enterprise Track Number	Status	Applicant Full Name	Mailing Address Street	City	State	Zip
OPT.005912	T2826	Active	Shannon Zollinger	3340 Grovepark Dr	Grove City	OH	43123-4804
OPT.005643	T2557	Active	Randy Omlor	268 Echo Ridge Rd.	Whittier	NC	28789-7924



### Approval of Continuing Education

Course Number	Course Name	Course Description	Total Hours	Provider	Primary Contact	Email	Phone	Course Effective Date	Course Expiration Date
2021-123P	Requested Topics in Ophthalmology	MIGS & Current Glaucoma Treatments, Clinical Refractive Cases	2	CVP Physicians	Angela Yocum	<a href="mailto:avocum@cvphealth.com">avocum@cvphealth.com</a>	(614) 565-9991	8/18/2021	-
2021-124P	Requested Topics in Ophthalmology	Current trends in glaucoma management from Diagnostic Procedures in MIGS, Oculoplastic Case Studies	2	CVP Physicians	Angela Yocum	<a href="mailto:avocum@cvphealth.com">avocum@cvphealth.com</a>	(614) 565-9991	8/25/2021	-
2021-125P	Clinical/Surgical Grand Rounds	Clinical/Surgical Grand Rounds	8	Ohio Eye Associates	Kelli Adams	<a href="mailto:kadams@ohioeyeassociates.com">kadams@ohioeyeassociates.com</a>	(419) 756-8000	10/1/2020	9/30/2021
2021-126P	University of Cincinnati and Cincinnati Society of Ophthalmology	Pediatric Anterior Uveitis; Scleritis	2	University of Cincinnati-Ophthalmology	Jenna Atkinson	<a href="mailto:jenna.atkinson@cchmc.org">jenna.atkinson@cchmc.org</a>	(513) 803-3013	9/21/2021	-
2021-127P	Grand Rounds	Grand Rounds	8	Eye Specialists of Ohio	Sabe Jackson	<a href="mailto:sjackson@eyeohio.com">sjackson@eyeohio.com</a>	(740) 774-4434	10/1/2020	9/30/2021
2021-129P	Surgical Observation	Refractive Surgery	8	Columbus Laser & Cataract Center	Danielle Bartholomew	<a href="mailto:danielle@columbuslaser.com">danielle@columbuslaser.com</a>	(614) 939-1600	8/1/2020	9/30/2021
2021-130P	Zone 3 September Meeting	Patients with Various Corneal Pathology	1	Ohio Optometric Association	Cori McCabe	<a href="mailto:cmccabe@ooa.org">cmccabe@ooa.org</a>	(614) 781-0708	9/8/2021	-
2021-131P	Requested Topics in Ophthalmology	AMD New Technologies, Gene Therapy for Treatment of Retinal Diseases	2	CVP Physicians	Angela Yocum	<a href="mailto:avocum@cvphealth.com">avocum@cvphealth.com</a>	(614) 565-9991	9/28/2021	-
2021-132	2021 OOA President's Nights	Our Vision for the Next Generation	1	Ohio Optometric Association	Cori McCabe	<a href="mailto:cmccabe@ooa.org">cmccabe@ooa.org</a>	(614) 781-0708	9/15/2021	-
2021-133	2021 OOA President's Nights	Our Vision for the Next Generation	1	Ohio Optometric Association	Cori McCabe	<a href="mailto:cmccabe@ooa.org">cmccabe@ooa.org</a>	(614) 781-0708	9/22/2021	-
2021-134	2021 OOA President's Nights	Our Vision for the Next Generation	1	Ohio Optometric Association	Cori McCabe	<a href="mailto:cmccabe@ooa.org">cmccabe@ooa.org</a>	(614) 781-0708	9/28/2021	-
2022-001P	Cleveland VAMC Optometry Section Grand Rounds	Grand Rounds	8	Cleveland VA Medical Center	Piana Simpson, OD, FAAO	<a href="mailto:piana.simpson@va.gov">piana.simpson@va.gov</a>	(216) 791-3800 ext 63065	10/1/2021	9/30/2022
2022-002P	Surgery Observation	Surgery Observation	8	Davis Eye Center	Andrea Moore	<a href="mailto:aim@daviseyecenter.net">aim@daviseyecenter.net</a>	(330) 923-5676	10/1/2021	9/30/2022
2022-003P	Dayton VA Lecture Series	Optometry Lecture series on various systemic and ocular disease topics which are managed in clinic.	1	Dayton VA Medical Center	Kristin McDougall	<a href="mailto:kristin.mcdougall@va.gov">kristin.mcdougall@va.gov</a>	(614) 580-4071	10/1/2021	9/30/2022
2022-004P	Grand Rounds	Grand Rounds	8	Eye Specialists of Ohio	Sabe Jackson	<a href="mailto:sjackson@eyeohio.com">sjackson@eyeohio.com</a>	(740) 774-4434	10/1/2021	9/30/2022
2022-005P	Ohio Eye Alliance Grand Rounds	Grand Rounds	8	Ohio Eye Alliance	Scott Young	<a href="mailto:svod13@gmail.com">svod13@gmail.com</a>	(330) 823-1680	10/1/2021	9/30/2022
2022-006P	Clinical/Surgical Grand Rounds	Clinical/Surgical Grand Rounds	8	Ohio Eye Associates	Kelli Adams	<a href="mailto:kadams@ohioeyeassociates.com">kadams@ohioeyeassociates.com</a>	(419) 756-8000	10/1/2021	9/30/2022
2022-007P	Refractive Surgery Grand Rounds	Refractive Surgery Grand Rounds	8	Specialty Eye Institute	Terri Jess	<a href="mailto:tjess@specialtyeyeinstitute.com">tjess@specialtyeyeinstitute.com</a>	(269) 217-5102	10/1/2021	9/30/2022
2022-008P	Ophthalmic Surgical/Clinical Grand Rounds	Ophthalmic Surgical/Clinical Grand Rounds	8	Specialty Eye Institute	Terri Jess	<a href="mailto:tjess@specialtyeyeinstitute.com">tjess@specialtyeyeinstitute.com</a>	(269) 217-5102	10/1/2021	9/30/2022
2022-009P	Office Techniques and Procedures/Surgery Observation	Office Techniques and Procedures/Surgery Observation	8	Retina Associates of Cleveland	Janet Delventhal	<a href="mailto:jdelventhal@retina-assoc.com">jdelventhal@retina-assoc.com</a>	(216) 831-5700	10/1/2021	9/30/2022
2022-010P	Surgical Observation	Refractive Surgery	8	Columbus Laser & Cataract Center	Danielle Bartholomew	<a href="mailto:danielle@columbuslaser.com">danielle@columbuslaser.com</a>	(614) 939-1600	10/1/2021	9/30/2022
2022-011P	Optometric Glaucoma Society Update	Ohio BCOO Optometry Section Grand Rounds	2	Cleveland VA Medical Center	Piana Simpson, OD, FAAO	<a href="mailto:piana.simpson@va.gov">piana.simpson@va.gov</a>	(216) 791-3800 ext 63065	11/17/2021	-
2022-012P	Pharmacology A-Z	Ohio CBOC Optometry Section Grand Grounds	2	Cleveland VA Medical Center	Piana Simpson, OD, FAAO	<a href="mailto:piana.simpson@va.gov">piana.simpson@va.gov</a>	(216) 791-3800 ext 63065	2/9/2022	-
2022-013P	Orbital Imaging	Ohio CBOC Optometry Section Grand Rounds	2	Cleveland VA Medical Center	Piana Simpson, OD, FAAO	<a href="mailto:piana.simpson@va.gov">piana.simpson@va.gov</a>	(216) 791-3800 ext 63065	4/13/2022	-
2022-014P	Observation & Grand Rounds Involving a Specialty Ophthalmology Practice	Optometrist will observe the evaluation and management of ophthalmic diseases.	8	Central Ohio Eye Physicians & Surgeons Inc.	Nadine Eggleston	<a href="mailto:nadine@centralohioeye.com">nadine@centralohioeye.com</a>	(614) 224-4297	10/1/2021	9/30/2022
2022-015P	Grand Rounds/Observation	Grand Rounds/Observation	8	Midwest Retina Inc.	Laurie Nicholls, RN	<a href="mailto:lnicholls@midwestretina.com">lnicholls@midwestretina.com</a>	(614) 339-8500	10/1/2021	9/30/2022
2022-016P	EastWest Eye Conference 2021	Contact Lens Round Table, CPR, Ocular Disease Round Table, Poster Session, Realeyes Classroom Initiative, Rapid Fire Presentation	11	Ohio Optometric Association	Jordan Quickel	<a href="mailto:jquickel@ooa.org">jquickel@ooa.org</a>	(614) 781-0708	10/7/2021	10/9/2021
2022-017P	Grand Rounds	Surgical Observation	8	Pajka Eye Center	Julie Bassitt	<a href="mailto:jbassitt@pajkaeyecenter.com">jbassitt@pajkaeyecenter.com</a>	(419) 228-7432	10/1/2021	9/30/2022
2022-018P	Fall Symposium	Vitreolysis, Glaucoma Treatments, New Lens Options	3	Cleveland Eye Clinic	Nanette Gray	<a href="mailto:ngray@clevelandeyeclinic.com">ngray@clevelandeyeclinic.com</a>	(440) 740-0400	10/14/2021	-
2022-019P	Hydrus Microstent	Hydrus Microstent	1	Parschauer Eye Center	Kim Woodruff	<a href="mailto:kim@parschauer.com">kim@parschauer.com</a>	(419) 625-6181	10/28/2021	-
2022-020P	ReVision Grand Rounds	Cataract, Refractive, Corneal Surgery Observation	8	ReVision LASIK and Cataract Surgery	Paige York	<a href="mailto:paige@revisioneyes.com">paige@revisioneyes.com</a>	(614) 203-7064	10/1/2021	9/20/2022
2022-021P	Current Trends in Refractive, Refractive Cataract, and Corneal Procedures	Current Trends in Refractive, Refractive Cataract, and Corneal Procedures	3	ReVision LASIK and Cataract Surgery	Paige York	<a href="mailto:paige@revisioneyes.com">paige@revisioneyes.com</a>	(614) 203-7064	10/1/2021	9/30/2022
2022-022P	Grand Rounds/General Ophthalmology	Grand Rounds/General Ophthalmology	8	Comprehensive EyeCare of Central Ohio	Pam Fries	<a href="mailto:pfries@compeyecare.com">pfries@compeyecare.com</a>	(614) 890-5692 ext.155	10/1/2021	9/30/2022
2022-023P	University of Cincinnati Continuing Education Lecture Series	Various Topics	16	University of Cincinnati-Ophthalmology	Jenna Atkinson	<a href="mailto:jenna.atkinson@cchmc.org">jenna.atkinson@cchmc.org</a>	(513) 803-3013	10/26/2021	5/24/2022
2022-024P	The Eye Center's Fall Update 2021	Not All Migs are Created Equal, Temporal Arteritis, Myopia Management Discussions, Grand Rounds	4.5	Fairview Eye Center Inc.	Nicole Bacha	<a href="mailto:nbacha@fairvieweyecenter.com">nbacha@fairvieweyecenter.com</a>	(440) 333-3060 Ext.147	10/20/2021	-
2022-025P	Cataract/Refractive Surgery Grand Rounds	Cataract/Refractive Surgery Grand Rounds	8	Dr. Jeffrey Starkey, M.D.	Mary B. Placke	<a href="mailto:mbplacke@gmail.com">mbplacke@gmail.com</a>	(330) 753-7523	10/1/2021	9/30/2022
2022-026P	Cataract and Refractive Surgery Grand Rounds	Cataract and Refractive Surgery Grand Rounds	8	Whitewater Eye Centers	Theresa Clark	<a href="mailto:tclark@wweyecenters.com">tclark@wweyecenters.com</a>	(765) 962-2020	10/1/2021	9/30/2022
2022-027P	Ocular/Refractive Surgery Observation	Ocular Surgery Observation Peri Operative Management of Ophthalmic Surgery	8	Parschauer Eye Center	James Walker, OD	<a href="mailto:jimwalkerod@neo.rr.com">jimwalkerod@neo.rr.com</a>	(419) 625-6181	10/1/2021	9/30/2022
2022-028P	Surgery/Grand Rounds Observation	Surgery/Grand Rounds Observation	8	Novus Clinic	Annette Cooper	<a href="mailto:acooper@novusclinic.com">acooper@novusclinic.com</a>	(330) 630-9699	10/1/2021	9/30/2022
2022-029P	Surgery Observation/Grand Rounds	Ocular Surgery Observation	8	Lee Eye Center	Kim Horne	<a href="mailto:khorne@sbglebal.net">khorne@sbglebal.net</a>	(330) 758-0900	10/1/2021	9/30/2022
2022-030P	Clinical and Surgical Grand Rounds	Grand Rounds	8	CVP Physicians	Angela Yocum	<a href="mailto:avocum@cvphealth.com">avocum@cvphealth.com</a>	(614) 565-9991	10/1/2021	9/30/2022
2022-031P	Optometric Retinal Update- Live Webinar	Common and Uncommon Causes of Posterior Segment Inflammation, Overview of Less Common Retinal Vascular Diseases, Optic Nerve Edema	4	The Retina Foundation	Janet Delventhal	<a href="mailto:jdelventhal@retina-assoc.com">jdelventhal@retina-assoc.com</a>	(216) 831-5700	11/3/2021	-
2022-032P	RVEye Fall Seminar	Challenging Cornea Case Report, Fungal, Herpetic & Acanthamoeba Keratitis, "Down on the Pharm-Pharmacology & Technology Innovations, Anterior Segment Disease	4	Roholt Vision Institute	Brian Mathie	<a href="mailto:bmathied@aol.com">bmathied@aol.com</a>	(330) 305-2200	11/3/2021	-
2022-033P	Surgery Observation	Surgery Observation	4	Agnone, Morrison & Associates	Lauren Eder, O.D.	<a href="mailto:dr.laureneder@gmail.com">dr.laureneder@gmail.com</a>	(740) 591-0717	10/1/2021	9/30/2022
2022-034P	Grand Rounds	Grand Rounds	8	Agnone, Morrison & Associates	Lauren Eder, O.D.	<a href="mailto:dr.laureneder@gmail.com">dr.laureneder@gmail.com</a>	(740) 591-0717	10/1/2021	9/30/2022
2022-035P	Fall CE at the Sight Center	Update in Retinal Procedure, High tech, low tech, no tech in low vision	2	Sight Center of Northwest Ohio	Angela Jackson	<a href="mailto:driackson@qualityfamilyeyecare.net">driackson@qualityfamilyeyecare.net</a>	(419) 666-0700	11/8/2021	-
2022-036	2021 OOA President's Nights	Our Vision for the Next Generation	1	Ohio Optometric Association	Cori McCabe	<a href="mailto:cmccabe@ooa.org">cmccabe@ooa.org</a>	(614) 781-0708	10/13/2021	-
2022-037	2021 OOA President's Nights	Our Vision for the Next Generation	1	Ohio Optometric Association	Cori McCabe	<a href="mailto:cmccabe@ooa.org">cmccabe@ooa.org</a>	(614) 781-0708	10/20/2021	-
2022-038	2021 OOA President's Nights	Our Vision for the Next Generation	1	Ohio Optometric Association	Cori McCabe	<a href="mailto:cmccabe@ooa.org">cmccabe@ooa.org</a>	(614) 781-0708	10/26/2021	-
2022-039	2021 OOA President's Nights	Our Vision for the Next Generation	1	Ohio Optometric Association	Cori McCabe	<a href="mailto:cmccabe@ooa.org">cmccabe@ooa.org</a>	(614) 781-0708	11/17/2021	-
2022-040	2021 OOA President's Nights	Our Vision for the Next Generation	1	Ohio Optometric Association	Cori McCabe	<a href="mailto:cmccabe@ooa.org">cmccabe@ooa.org</a>	(614) 781-0708	11/30/2021	-
2022-041	2022 OOA President's Nights	Our Vision for the Next Generation	1	Ohio Optometric Association	Cori McCabe	<a href="mailto:cmccabe@ooa.org">cmccabe@ooa.org</a>	(614) 781-0708	1/11/2022	-
2022-042	2022 OOA President's Nights	Our Vision for the Next Generation	1	Ohio Optometric Association	Cori McCabe	<a href="mailto:cmccabe@ooa.org">cmccabe@ooa.org</a>	(614) 781-0708	1/25/2022	-
2022-043	2022 OOA President's Nights	Our Vision for the Next Generation	1	Ohio Optometric Association	Cori McCabe	<a href="mailto:cmccabe@ooa.org">cmccabe@ooa.org</a>	(614) 781-0708	2/22/2022	-
2022-044	2022 OOA President's Nights	Our Vision for the Next Generation	1	Ohio Optometric Association	Cori McCabe	<a href="mailto:cmccabe@ooa.org">cmccabe@ooa.org</a>	(614) 781-0708	3/8/2022	-
2022-045P	Cincinnati Optometric Association Fall CE	Herpes Simplex & Herpes Zoster, Dry Eye & Aesthetics, Clinical Case Presentations, Updates on Management of Diabetic Retinopathy	4	Ohio Optometric Association	Cori McCabe	<a href="mailto:cmccabe@ooa.org">cmccabe@ooa.org</a>	(614) 781-0708	11/14/2021	-
2022-046P	NEOES Surgical Observation	Clinical and Surgical Grand Rounds	8	NE Ohio Eye Surgeon	Tara Ferrante	<a href="mailto:tferrante@neohioeye.com">tferrante@neohioeye.com</a>	(330) 678-0201	10/1/2021	9/30/2022
2022-047P	Surgery Observation Program	Surgery Observation Program	8	Kellis Eye & Laser Center	Maria Takacs	<a href="mailto:maria@kelliseyecenter.com">maria@kelliseyecenter.com</a>	(440) 285-2020 ext.303	10/1/2021	9/30/2022
2022-048P	Grand Rounds/Observation	Grand Rounds	8	Cleveland Eye Clinic	Nanette Gray (Szopo)	<a href="mailto:ngray@clevelandeyeclinic.com">ngray@clevelandeyeclinic.com</a>	(440) 526-1974	10/1/2021	9/30/2022
2022-049P	Grand Rounds & Surgical Observation	Grand Rounds/Surgical Observation	8	MidWest Eye Center	Julie Jeffries	<a href="mailto:jjeffries@midwesteyecenter.com">jjeffries@midwesteyecenter.com</a>	(513) 572-2955	10/1/2021	9/30/2022
2022-050P	Ocular Trivia	Ocular Jeopardy	2	Kolby Knox, OD	Kolby Knox OD	<a href="mailto:kolbyknox42@gmail.com">kolbyknox42@gmail.com</a>	(740) 545-8581	11/9/2021	-
2022-051P	20/20 Seminars	Collaborative Patient Care with New Technologies, Update on Minimally Invasive Glaucoma Surgical Techniques	2	The OSU Dept. of Ophthalmology (Havener Eye Institute)	Kateryna Scherban	<a href="mailto:kateryna.scherban@osumc.edu">kateryna.scherban@osumc.edu</a>	(330) 671-8335	12/7/2021	-



## **VISION PROFESSIONALS' BOARD – MEETING 11/18/21**

### **ATTORNEY GENERAL REPORT – Crystal Richie, Principal AAG**

- There is no pending litigation involving the Vision Professionals' Board.
- Since the last Board Meeting on 8/12/21, no new cases have been filed naming the Vision Professionals' Board as a party.
- For the past 3 months I have been assisting Investigator Price and Director Anielski with investigations stemming from recent complaints and assisting with the drafting of administrative rules.

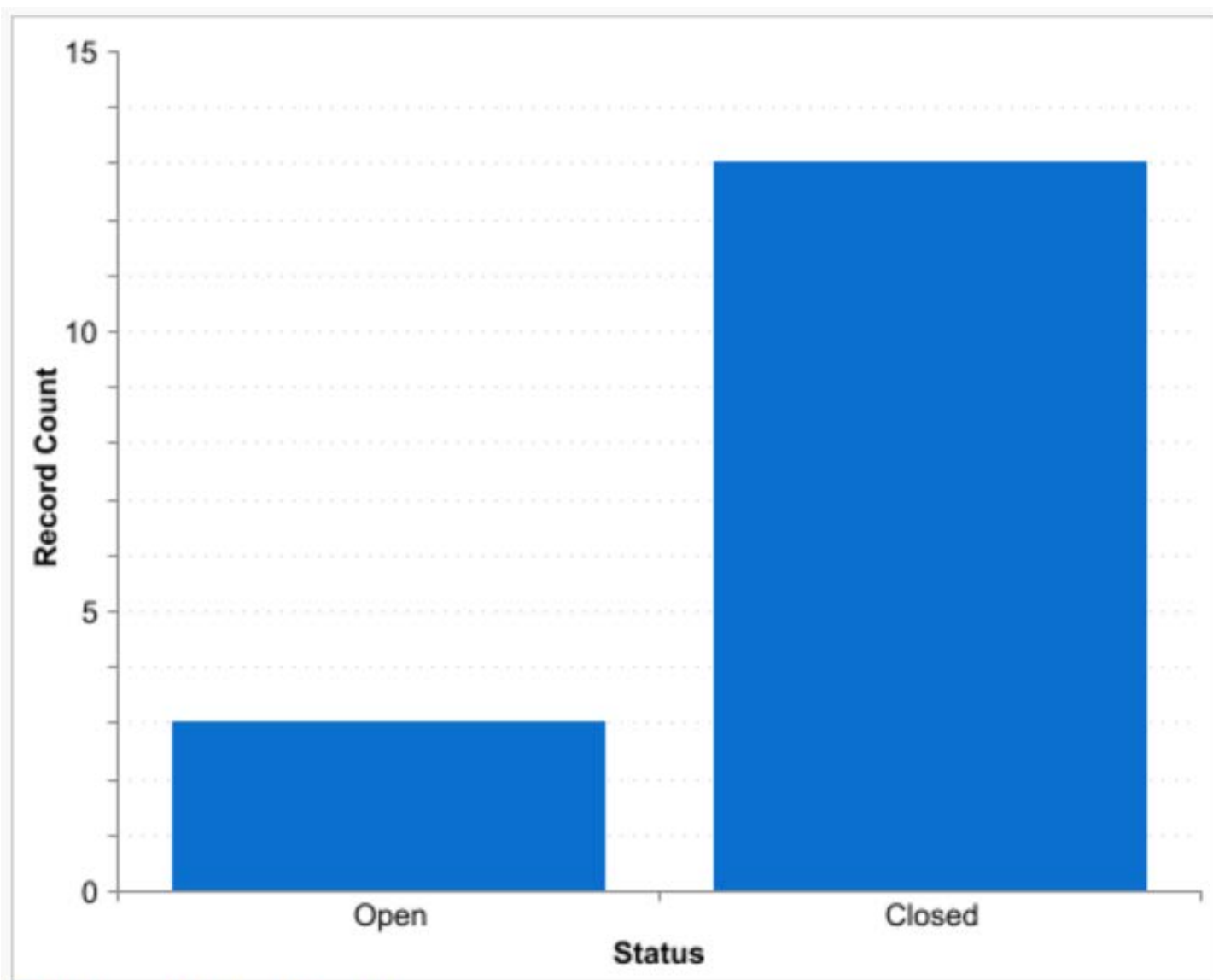


## Vision Professionals Board Investigations Report

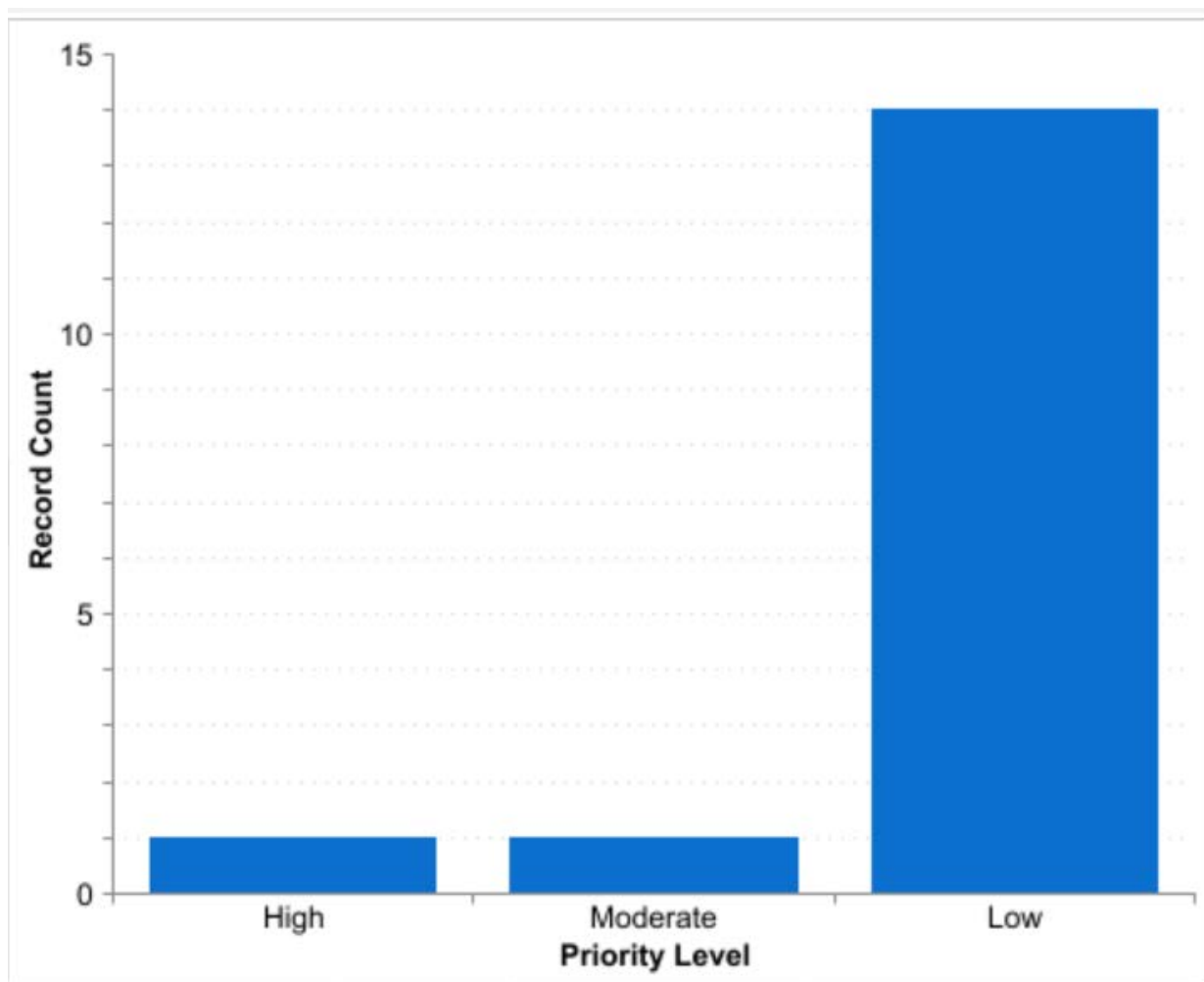
Meeting Date: November 18, 2021

Investigator: Gary G. Price

### 2021 Quarterly Complaints by Status Level (16 total complaints)



### 2021 Quarterly Complaints by Priority (16 total complaints)



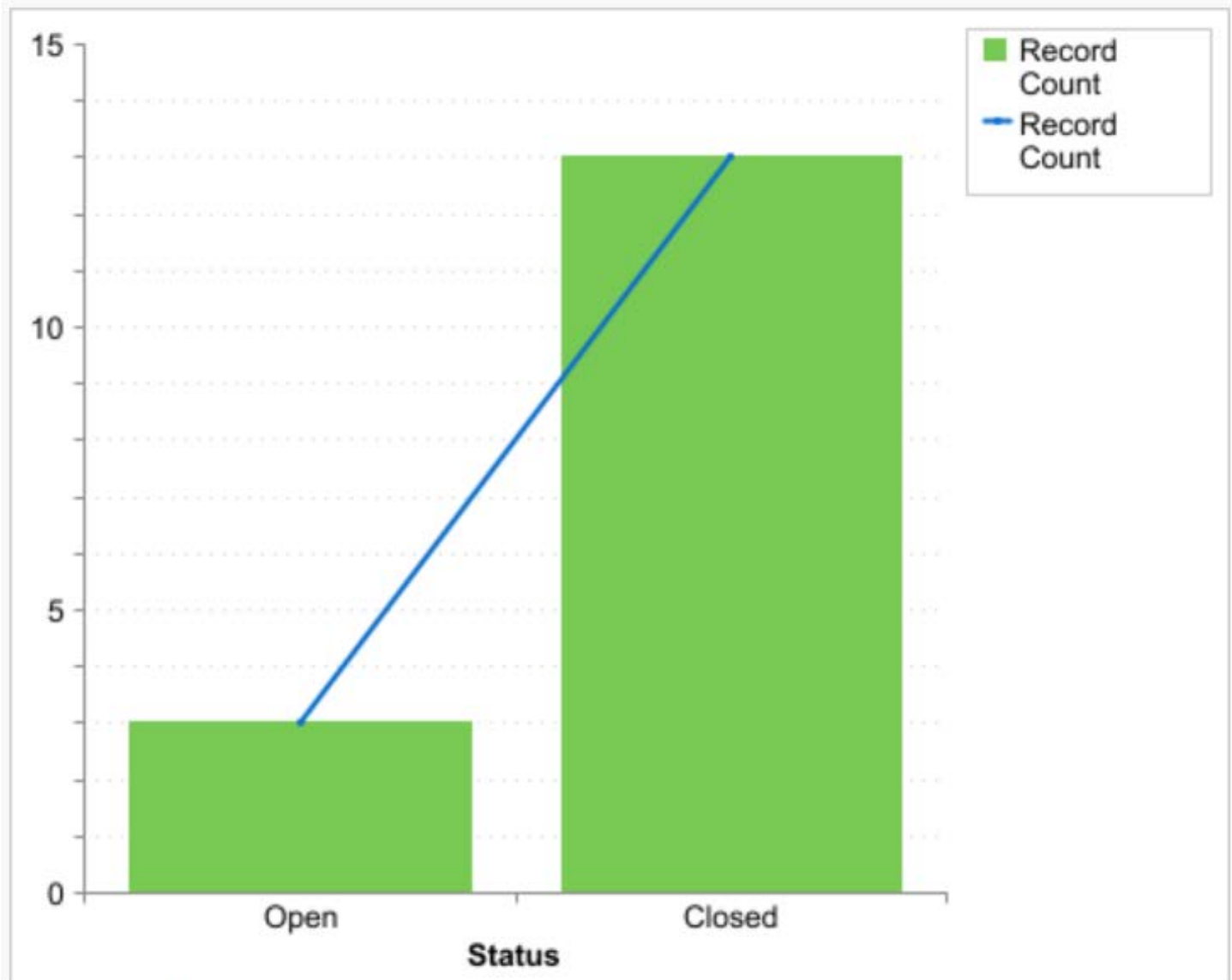
**Priority Level** – A level assigned to each complaint showing the amount of investigation efforts necessary to complete the complaint.

**High-** Review by board member and AAG, interviews complainant, respondent, and witnesses, obtains reports, could include inspection, collection and assembling evidence, and has a higher chance of ending in consent agreement or higher resolve.

**Moderate-** Review by board member and AAG, closed in a timely manner after minimal investigation.

**Low** - Usually closed after an understanding is reached from complainant and respondent without extensive investigation.

## 2021 Quarterly Complaints by Priority (16 total complaints)



**\*2021 Inspections:**

Inspection: Number	Inspection: Created By	Inspection: Created Date ↑
<a href="#">INSP063384</a>	<a href="#">Gary Price</a>	9/9/2021
<a href="#">INSP063648</a>	<a href="#">Gary Price</a>	9/13/2021
<a href="#">INSP066637</a>	<a href="#">Gary Price</a>	11/3/2021
<a href="#">INSP066643</a>	<a href="#">Gary Price</a>	11/3/2021
<a href="#">INSP066645</a>	<a href="#">Gary Price</a>	11/3/2021
<a href="#">INSP066648</a>	<a href="#">Gary Price</a>	11/3/2021
<a href="#">INSP066649</a>	<a href="#">Gary Price</a>	11/3/2021
<a href="#">INSP066657</a>	<a href="#">Gary Price</a>	11/3/2021
<a href="#">INSP066662</a>	<a href="#">Gary Price</a>	11/3/2021
<b>Grand Totals (9 records)</b>		

Vision Professionals Board staff visited Nine (9) locations since the Board's last stated meeting and has completed Fifteen (15) overall inspections year to date. The top violations found during the inspections are:

1. Nametags for opticians.
2. Proper display of license and wall certificates.
3. Apprentices not working under direct supervision from supervising optician.
4. Display of names of unlicensed or retired Optometrist on practice websites.
5. Apprentices working without the direct supervisor present.

**\*The preceding charts and complaint records indicate all 2021 from August 12, 2021, to November 18, 2021, complaints that were entered into the eLicense system.**

Report created by: Gary G. Price, Investigator

# Investigator Activities

## VPB Investigator's Non-Compliance Inspections

1. An optometrist office located in Bryan, where one ancillary personnel was advertising themselves as a licensed optician was discovered by the Vision Professionals Board (VPB) Investigator. The ancillary personnel stated they had been previously licensed in Indiana and was not licensed in Ohio. During the routine inspection, the VPB Investigator discovered that the licensees' certificates were not properly displayed, expired agents were present and expired contacts were still within the dispensary. The approximate total number of expired contacts found were to be in the 1000's which was significant. The VPB Investigator contacted Executive Director Marlene Anielski for further guidance. The VPB Investigator was directed to collect all expired contacts and agents, photograph them, and bring them to the VPB office for storage. The VPB Investigator returned to the office and was advised the owner was enroute to the practice. The owner arrived and was immediately confrontational. The VPB Investigator explained the circumstances and cited the Laws and Rules of having licensed personnel dispense optical aids. The owner attempted to explain the expired contacts but could not justify the excessive amount. The VPB Investigator advised that the contacts would be removed and taken to the VPB office. The owner was asked to escort the VPB Investigator to the screening and examination rooms. All equipment and stations appeared to be clean and in good working order. The owner was instructed to mount all licenses in an inconspicuous place for the public to see when entering the practice. The owner complied immediately.

The ancillary person was directed to call the VPB office and start the process of becoming an apprentice, until such time that they meet all requirements to become fully licensed. Immediately, the ancillary person went to the phone and called the VPB office. The VPB Investigator provided a printed version of the Rules already explained. The Inspection was concluded, and all expired contacts and agents were collected.

2. An optician office located in Maumee, where a combined inspection was conducted by the Vision Professionals Board (VPB) Executive Director (ED) and Investigator was conducted. The Inspection was prompted by an anonymous letter sent to the VPB inbox by persons concerned with the practice in Maumee dispensing without licenses. During the inspection, The ED and Investigator found the allegations to be untrue. The personnel working at the location were found in violation of not having name



tags, cluttered storage area, and expired contact lens solution at the wash station. The solution was emptied by the ED and collected. The staff were educated on the Laws and Rules. The Investigators business card was handed to the lead optician, and the inspection was concluded.

## **2021 Prevent Blindness Ohio Campaign**

For history, in 2020, two (2) establishments were found selling illegal contact lenses. In 2021, a total nine (9) establishments were visited. All nine (9) of which were found selling illegal cosmetic contact lenses. In addition, a press release in cooperation with Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost, Prevent Blindness, and the Ohio Vision Professionals Board (VPB) was released on October 12th, 2021. The press release reiterated in preventing blindness, Ohioans should avoid any purchases of illegal cosmetic contact lenses.

The nine (9) total locations in Ohio identified between the months of April 2021 and October 2021 in selling illegal contacts were in the following counties: one (1) in Butler County, one (1) in Summit County, one (1) in Richland County, and six (6) in Cuyahoga County.

Each location was visited by a member of the Vision Professionals Board staff. A Cease-and-Desist order was prepared and issued to the establishments management team, along with a copy of the press release. Follow up phone calls were made to the establishments by the Vision Professionals Board Investigator. Pricing for the cosmetic/decorative contact lenses ranged from \$16.19 to \$26.99. Tax was included in the prices.

Additionally, each store was then checked against the Secretary of State (SoS) business website search. Those stores identified as not being registered with the SoS website was passed along to Allison DeSantis, Secretary of State personnel on 11-5-2021. Allison DeSantis is looking into those stores as to why they are not registered.

All illegal contact evidence is stored at the Vision Professionals Board Investigators office.





## Statistics of Investigative Complaints and Inspections

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021+</u>
Investigations.....	55	67	25	16

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021+</u>
Inspections.....	54	8	5	9

## Active Consent Agreements

Currently, the Board has two (2) open consent agreements;

<u>Licensees Initials</u>	<u>License Type</u>	<u>Ratified On</u>	<u>Expires On</u>	<u>Term</u>
Leon Favede Sr.	Optometrist	August 12, 2021	February 12, 2022	6 Months
Corrie Leshner	Optometrist	August 12, 2021	February 12, 2022	6 Months

+Denotes Investigations and Inspections from August 12, 2021 to November 18, 2021

Jurisdiction	Changes made in response to COVID-19	Annualized Required CE hours	Renewal Period	Pharmacology/ Ocular Disease	Internet/ Correspondence	Percentage of Online Courses Allowed (Annualized)	Practice Mgmt.	Jurisprudence	CPR	Other Req 1	Other Req 2	Information Citation	
INDIANA	Correspondence or Internet: Up to 8 hours	10 (20)	1 year (2 years)	Up to 20 hours	Up to 8 hours	80% (20%)	2 hours **Two hours of CE must be in medical charting, billing and coding, healthcare compliance of compliance with federal or IN state laws or regulations biennially.	Courses which are approved by the board or the Council on Optometric Practitioner Education (COPE) in the area of jurisprudence and medical recordkeeping will be accepted and are not considered practice management courses.	Up to 2 hours	Self-study CE limited to 8 hours biennially.	Effective July 1st, 2019 a practitioner who is licensed by a board and applies for registration or re-registration to distribute or dispense a controlled substances must have completed 2 hours of continuing education during the previous 2 years addressing the topic of opioid prescribing and opioid abuse.	<a href="#">Indiana OD Requirements</a>	
NEW YORK	Correspondence or Internet: Up to 9 hours	12 (36)	1 year (3 years)	Up To 36 hours	Up to 9 hours	75% (25%)						<a href="#">New York OD Requirements</a>	
CALIFORNIA	Correspondence or Internet: Up to 20 hours	50	1 year	Up To 35 hours	Up to 20 hours	40%						<a href="#">California OD Requirements</a>	
FLORIDA	Correspondence or Internet: Up to 0 hours	15 (30)	1 year (2 years)	6 hours	Up to 0 hours	0%	Up To 2 hours	Up To 4 hours	2 hours	Florida also requires 2 hours in medical errors and 2 hours in Florida laws and rules. *A licensed practitioner may earn two hours in Florida jurisprudence by attending a meeting of the Board for no less than four (4) continuous hours.		<a href="#">Florida OD Requirements</a>	
SOUTH CAROLINA	Correspondence or Internet: Up to 10 hours	20 (40)	1 year (2years)	16 hours	Up to 10 hours	50% (25%)	Up To 8 hours		2 hours			<a href="#">South Carolina OD Requirements</a>	
TEXAS	Correspondence or Internet: Up to 8 hours	16	1 year	6 hours	Up To 8 hours	50%	1 hour					<a href="#">Texas OD Requirements</a>	
KENTUCKY	2021 CE requirements may be deferred for 1 year; hours to accumulate over 2 year period	15 TPA, 20 if ETP, 8 non-TPA	1 year	7 hours TPA	Up to 5 hours	33% TPA, 25% ETP, 63% non-TPA	Up to 2 hours		Optional - No credit given	A one-hour HIV-AIDS course, approved by the KY Cabinet for Health and Family Services, is required prior to the 1st renewal of a license. An approved one-hour HIV-AIDS course will be required of all licensees for 2020 license renewal.	All optometrists that have a DEA number, must register with KASPER (KY AI Scheduled Prescriptions Electronic Reporting) and take a 2 hours of credit annually in pain management of addiction disorders.	<a href="#">Kentucky OD Requirements</a>	
MICHIGAN	No restrictions on distance learning.	20 (40)	1 year (2 years)	20 hours	Up to 40 hours	100%	Up to 9 hours		No credit given.	2 hour Pain and symptom management	Beginning Sept. 1, 2019, individuals seeking a controlled substance license or licensed to prescribe/dispense controlled substances, must complete 1-time training in opioids and controlled substances awareness.	<a href="#">Michigan OD Requirements</a>	
OHIO	Will accept COPE or Board approved online CE courses taken through September 30, 2021.	25	1 year	10 hours	Up to 10 hours	40%	Up to 2 hours	Up to 2 hours	Up to 3 hours	Up to 8 hours grand rounds or surgery observation.		<a href="#">Ohio OD Requirements</a>	
PENNSYLVANIA	Correspondence or Internet: Up to 7.5 hours	15 (30)	1 year (2 years)		Up to 7.5	50% (25%)	Not accepted		Not required. No credit given.	Licensed for therapeutics only "F" license: at least 6 hours must be in therapeutics. *Licensed for therapeutics and glaucoma "G" license: at least 4 hours must be in glaucoma, and at least an additional 2 hours must be TPA.	Clinical conferences, clinical rounds, or training under a preceptor through clinical hospitals, medical centers, schools, and colleges are acceptable and included in the 7.5 correspondence/internet	<a href="#">Pennsylvania OD Requirements</a>	
MAINE	No restrictions on distance learning.	25	1 year		25	100%							
NEVADA	No restrictions on distance learning.	25 (50)	1 year (2 years)		25 (50)	100%							
RHODE ISLAND	No restrictions on distance learning.	20	1 year		20	100%						<a href="#">Rhode Island OD Requirements</a>	
WEST VIRGINIA	Correspondence or Internet: Up to 10 hours	21.5 (43)	1 year (2 years)	12 hours	Up to 10 hours	47% (23%)	Up to 6 hours		Required if holding an injectables certificate- 3 hours (AHA or ARC)	Those who hold a pharmaceutical certificate must complete at least 12 hours in ocular pathology and therapeutic pharma agent. Those who hold an injectables certificate must complete 2 hours in administration of pharma agents through medication.	3 hours drug diversion training	<a href="#">West Virginia OD Requirements</a>	
OHIO MEDICAL BOARD	Unlimited online CE for the two year cycle	25 (50)	1 year (2 years)	30 hours	Up to 50 hours	100%	20 hours		Required if holding an injectables certificate- 3 hours (AHA or ARC)	Non-Category 1 (1A or 2A) Reading medical articles and journals, Attending medical lectures, Teaching interns in physician's office, Other activities for which no certificate is granted for completion of course and/or non-accredited CME courses		<a href="#">Ohio MD Requirements</a>	
OHIO NURSING BOARD	Unlimited online CE for the two year cycle	12 (24)	1 year (2 years)	up to 6 hours	Up to 24 hours	100%	Up to 12 hours		Required if holding an injectables certificate- 3 hours (AHA or ARC)			<a href="#">Ohio Nurse Requirements</a>	
OHIO DENTAL BOARD	Unlimited online CE for the two year cycle	20 (40)	1 year (2 years)	13 hours	Up to 40 hours	100%	Up to 6 hours		Required if holding an injectables certificate- 3 hours (AHA or ARC)	Dental education and scientific courses - No maximum. Opioid prescribing education - 2.0 hours minimum. No maximum (Requirement is optional for 2018-2019, but will be mandatory beginning with the 2020-2021 biennium).Non-clinical dental practice related - 6.0 Hours Maximum Papers, publications & scientific presentations - 4.0 Hours Maximum Teaching & research appointments - 4.0 Hours Maximum Volunteer service as a clinician (Ohio only) - Up to 1/3 of the CE requirement; 13.0 hours maximum for dentists; 8.0 hours maximum for dental hygienists Table clinics 2.0 Hours Maximum		<a href="#">Ohio Dental Board Requirements</a>	
OHIO EDUCATION BOARD	Unlimited online CE for the two year cycle	9 (18)	1 year (2 years)	10 hours	18 hours	100%	8 hours		Required if holding an injectables certificate- 3 hours (AHA or ARC)	Courses in economics, and financial literacy, and complete atleast two semesters in fine arts		<a href="#">Ohio Educator Requirements</a>	
OHIO SPEECH-HEARING BOARD	Unlimited online CE for the two year cycle	10 (20)	1 year (2 years)	10 hours	20 hours	100%	10 hours		Required if holding an injectables certificate- 3 hours (AHA or ARC)		1 hour of related to Management, Ethics, Supervision, and Human Trafficing	<a href="#">Ohio Audiologists Requirements</a>	
OHIO BOARD OF PHARMACY	Unlimited online CE for the two year cycle	20 (40)	1 year (2 years)	2 hours	40 hours	100%		2 hours				<a href="#">Pharmacy Board CE Requirements</a>	
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	Unlimited online CE for the one year cycle	6	1 year		6 hours	100%						<a href="#">Department of Health CE Requirements</a>	
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	Unlimited online CE for the three year cycle	*5	*3 years	1 hour	5 hours	100%	30 minutes	3 hours 30 minutes				<a href="#">Department of Agriculture Requirements</a>	
DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE	Unlimited online CE for the two year cycle	12 (24)	1 year (2 years)		24 hours	100%	3 hours					<a href="#">Department of Insurance CE Requirements</a>	
OHIO BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY	Unlimited online CE for the One and half year cycle	*8	1 year 6 months	3 hours	8 hours	100%	3 hours	1 hour				<a href="#">Board of Cosmetology Requirements</a>	
ARBO		25			25 hours	100%						<a href="#">ARBO Requirements</a>	
ABO		12			12 hours	100%						<a href="#">ABO Requirements</a>	
NOLE		18			18 hours	100%						<a href="#">NOLE Requirements</a>	
AOA		18			18 hours	100%						<a href="#">AOA Requirements</a>	
JCAHPO		18			18 hours	100%						<a href="#">JCAHPO Requirements</a>	

NOTES (\*)  
DOA Requires 5 hours every 3 year renewal cycle  
Board Of Cosmetology requires 8 hours every 18 months



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## Therapeutic optometry/optician/ocularist/apprentice matters



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## Administrative Code Update

4725-3-08

**Requirements for licensure by endorsement, optometrist, dispensing optician or ocularist educated outside the United States of America.**

~~The board will recognize for licensure by endorsement any optometrist meeting the requirements of section 4725.18 of the Revised Code who has an active license in good standing issued by another state board of optometry or a province in Canada.~~

~~The applicant for licensure by endorsement must meet the qualifications as set forth in divisions (A) and (B)(1) to (B)(4) of section 4725.12 of the Revised Code. The applicant must provide proof of being in an active practice of optometry including the use of therapeutic pharmaceutical agents, for at least three years immediately preceding the application. The board may require that the applicant pass all or part of the licensing examination accepted by the board under section 4725.11 of the Revised Code if the board determines that testing is necessary to determine the applicants qualifications for issuance of a certificate of licensure and therapeutic pharmaceutical agents certificate under this paragraph.~~

~~If the applicant has not been involved in an active practice of optometry for the past three years the board may require additional testing as deemed necessary. The minimum requirement for such non-practicing applicants to be granted licensure by endorsement would be passing scores in the clinical skills section of the examination given by the national board of examiners in optometry or any equivalent examination as determined by the board.~~

~~Applicants licensed after May 19, 1992 must have passed the testing requirements of the national board of examiners in optometry as stated in the Ohio law. Applicants licensed prior to May 19, 1992 must have passed the national board of examiners in optometry examinations or a state test equivalent to the Ohio examination at the time the applicant was licensed in that state.~~

**(A) Optometrists:**

(1) The board will recognize for licensure by endorsement any optometrist meeting the requirements of section 4725.18 of the Revised Code who has an active license in good standing issued by another state board of optometry or a province in Canada.

(2) The applicant for licensure by endorsement must meet the qualifications as set forth in divisions (A) and (B)(1) to (B)(4) of section 4725.12 of the Revised Code. The applicant must provide proof of being in an active practice of optometry including the use of therapeutic pharmaceutical agents, for at least three years immediately preceding the application. The board may require that the applicant pass all or part of the licensing examination accepted by the board under section 4725.11 of the Revised Code if the board determines that testing is necessary to determine the applicants qualifications for issuance of a certificate of licensure and therapeutic pharmaceutical agents certificate



under this paragraph.

(3) If the applicant has not been involved in an active practice of optometry for the past three years the board may require additional testing as deemed necessary. The minimum requirement for such non-practicing applicants to be granted licensure by endorsement would be passing scores in the clinical skills section of the examination given by the national board of examiners in optometry or any equivalent examination as determined by the board.

(4) Applicants licensed after May 19, 1992 must have passed the testing requirements of the national board of examiners in optometry as stated in the Ohio law. Applicants licensed prior to May 19, 1992 must have passed the national board of examiners in optometry examinations or a state test equivalent to the Ohio examination at the time the applicant was licensed in that state.

(5) The board may require copies of all testing given by the state or province from the state board or province in which the applicant was initially examined to determine that the test was equivalent to the Ohio examination at the time the applicant was licensed in that state or province.

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~~(B) All applications for initial licensure as a dispensing optician or ocularist in Ohio by endorsement shall be submitted to the board in a form designated by the board.~~Opticians and ocularists:

(1) All applications for initial licensure as a dispensing optician or ocularist in Ohio by endorsement shall be submitted to the board in a form designated by the board.

~~(C)~~(2) Applications shall be:

~~(H)~~(a) Accompanied by the fee in a form established by the board; and,

~~(2)~~(b) Accompanied by such evidence, statement, or documents as specified on the application form, including but not limited to:

~~(a)~~(i) Verification of licensure in good standing received directly from the state of the current licensure or registration at the time of application; and,



~~(b)~~(ii) Shall submit to criminal records check completed by the bureau of criminal identification and investigation in accordance with section 4725.501 of the Revised Code. The results of the criminal records check shall be received by the board prior to the issuance of a license to practice as a dispensing optician. In accordance with this rule, the applicant requesting the criminal records check shall:

~~(i)~~(a) Provide the bureau of criminal identification and investigation with the applicant's name and address and with the name and address for the Ohio vision professionals board; and,

~~(ii)~~(b) Cause a records check to be conducted with the federal bureau of investigation regarding applicant.

~~(3)~~(c) The board will only accept the results of a criminal records check that is submitted to the board directly by the bureau of criminal identification and investigation.

~~(4)~~(3) An applicant for initial licensure by endorsement as a dispensing optician shall:

~~(1)~~(a) Be at least eighteen years of age;

~~(2)~~(b) Be ~~of good moral character;~~ honest and trustworthy;

~~(3)~~(c) Be a graduate of a secondary school recognized by the state department of education in this state, or similar educational agency in another state or has attained an educational equivalent such as proof of having successfully passed the general educational development (GED) examination or a GED certificate of high school equivalency diploma.

~~(4)~~(d) Have successfully completed either of the following:

~~(a)~~(i) A two-year college level program in optical dispensing approved by the board that includes, but is not limited to, courses of study in:

~~(i)~~(a) Mathematics;

~~(ii)~~(b) Science;

~~(iii)~~(c) English;

~~(iv)~~(d) Anatomy and physiology of the eye;

~~(v)~~(e) Applied optics;

~~(vi)~~(f) Measurement and inspection of lenses, lens grinding and edging;

~~(vii)~~(g) Ophthalmic optics;

~~(viii)~~(h) Ophthalmic lens design;

~~(ix)~~(i) Keratometry; and,

~~(x)~~(j) Fitting and adjusting of spectacle lenses, frames and contact lenses, including methods of fitting lenses and post-fitting care; or,

~~(b)~~(ii) Two years of supervised experience of at least one thousand hours per year in optical dispensing as a registered apprentice under the direct supervision of a licensed optician; or,

~~(c)~~(iii) Two years of supervised experience as an employee and under the direct supervision of an optometrist or physician engaged in the practice of ophthalmology.

~~(d)~~(iv) Not more than one year of such experience may be continuous, supervised optical laboratory experience of not less than thirty hours per week.

~~(5)~~(e) The applicant has successfully completed the state board national qualifying examination for either the spectacle dispensing license, the contact lens dispensing license or combination of both examinations for a spectacle-contact lens dispensing license.

~~(E)~~(4) If an application for licensure by endorsement submitted to the board remains incomplete for one year, the application shall be considered void.

~~(F)~~(5) The appropriate license and wall certificate shall be issued by the board no later than sixty days after approval by the board.

~~(G)~~(6) All applications for licensure as an optician or ocularist, educated outside the United States of America, shall be submitted to the board on the appropriate application as designated by the board.

~~(H)~~(7) Applications shall be:

~~(H)~~(a) Accompanied by a non-refundable fee in a form established by the board and as prescribed in division (B) of section 4725.48 of the Revised Code; and,

~~(2)~~(b) Accompanied by such evidence, statements or documents as specified on the application form including but not limited to:

~~(a)~~(i) An official transcript in English from the education program submitted to the board directly by the program administrator or designee that includes information sufficient for the board to determine whether the program has educational content and requirements that are substantially similar to those set forth in rule 4725-3-01 of the Administrative Code; or,

~~(b)~~(ii) Evidence satisfactory to the board of completion of an apprentice program that meets the requirements of section 4725.48 of the Revised Code.

~~(c)~~(iii) Evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant has successfully completed the appropriate state board national qualifying examination for the license sought.

~~(H)~~(8) An applicant for licensure as a dispensing optician or ocularist, educated outside the United States of America shall:

~~(H)~~(a) Be at least eighteen years of age;

~~(2)~~(b) Be ~~of good moral character;~~ honest and trustworthy;

~~(3)~~(c) Be a graduate of a secondary school substantially similar to a high school equivalency diploma.

~~(4)~~(d) For a license as a dispensing optician, have completed the requirements as established in rule 4725-3-01 of the Administrative Code.

~~(5)~~(e) For a license as an ocularist, have completed the requirements as established in rule 4725-3-01 of the Administrative Code.

~~(J)~~(9) In addition to the requirements of this rule, all optician and ocularist applicants for licensure under this section, shall submit to criminal records checks completed by the bureau of criminal identification and investigation in accordance with section 4725.501 of the Revised Code.

~~(K)~~(10) If an application for licensure, under this section, by an optician or ocularist that is submitted to the board remains incomplete for one year, the application shall be considered void.

~~(L)~~(11) The appropriate license and wall certificate shall be issued by the board no later than sixty days after approval by the board



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## Reports of committees



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### Old Business - No Report





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## New Business



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### ***COPE Announces Transition Period for Interactive Online CE***

*10/29/2021*

In response to travel restrictions and many states adopting emergency orders related to COVID-19 in 2020, COPE temporarily modified its format policy to allow COPE Administrators and Accredited Providers to give “live” credit for CE courses that were presented in an interactive distance learning format (i.e. live webinar.) Since in-person CE is resuming and state emergency orders have expired, this temporary policy modification is ending 12/31/2021 and “live” COPE CE will require both learners and instructors to be physically present in the same room.

Although the temporary live policy modification is ending, COPE will not be reverting back to all original format policies in 2022. The COPE Governing Committee is working on a proposal for permanent changes to COPE’s format requirements in response to the ever-changing CE landscape and learning technology. **The period of 1/1/2022-6/30/2022 will be a transition period for the COPE Governing Committee to complete research, develop a proposal, and collect stakeholder feedback on proposed format changes. During this 6-month transition period, post-course tests will NOT be required for COPE Accredited INTERACTIVE DISTANCE LEARNING courses/activities.**

In order to be considered INTERACTIVE Distance Learning by COPE, a course must have synchronous learning (the learners and the instructor(s) attend together at the same time). Attendees must be able to have immediate interaction with the instructor (i.e. live webinar). The activity can only be presented at one specified time, and once it has taken place, the learners may no longer participate in that activity. CE Providers must have a way to confirm the learners’ attendance for every course before issuing certificates of attendance. The post-course test will not be required during the transition period, as mentioned in the above paragraph.

Courses that are asynchronous learning and do not meet the requirements for interactivity above are considered by COPE to be ENDURING DISTANCE LEARNING courses. Recorded webinars are an example of ENDURING Distance Learning activities where there is no immediate interaction with the instructor and participants can choose when to participate. During the transition period, ENDURING DISTANCE LEARNING courses will still be required to have a post-course test that has been reviewed by a school of optometry, medicine, pharmacy or osteopathy.

COPE feels that the quality of education is more important than the location of the course. COPE Accreditation is based on developing CE activities around optometrist’s educational needs and professional practice gaps in conjunction with assessing outcomes and applying quality improvement measures. Continuing education delivery methods changed during the COVID-19 pandemic and technology now allows for immediate interaction with a course instructor regardless of learners being present in the same room. During the pandemic, optometrists were still able to participate in COPE Accredited CE activities, and many of them reported that they learned just as much, or more, in a virtual environment than they previously did in a face-to-face environment. However, CE requirements for license renewal are set by the Optometric State and Provincial Licensing Boards, and many of these boards still limit the number of online hours that will apply for license renewal regardless of whether the CE activity is interactive.

Please note that although COPE's policy is being modified during the transition period to not require a post-course test for INTERACTIVE DISTANCE LEARNING courses, individual State and Provincial Licensing Boards may have different rules. COPE advises optometrists to contact the State or Provincial Board where they are licensed for verification of what is acceptable for license renewal. If you have any questions about COPE's transition period please contact Sierra Powell, Manager of Accreditation Services, at [spowell@arbo.org](mailto:spowell@arbo.org).

## **4725.04 Organization of board.**

The state vision professionals board shall organize by the election of a president and a secretary from its members, who shall hold their respective offices for one year.

The board shall hold meetings to perform its regular duties at least four times each year. At least one of the board's regular meetings shall be held in Franklin county. The board may hold additional meetings as it considers necessary. The time and place of any regular or other meeting shall be fixed and published by the board at least thirty days prior to the date that it is to be held, except when the meeting to be held is an emergency or special meeting, in which case the board shall give twenty-four hours' notice or as much notice as possible under the circumstances.

A majority of the board constitutes a quorum .

Amended by 132nd General Assembly File No. TBD, HB 49, §130.11, eff. 9/29/2017.

Effective Date: 03-09-1999 .

## **Proposed Vision Professionals Board Meeting Dates 2022**

- February 17, 2022
- May 12, 2022
- August 11, 2022
- November 17, 2022



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## Public Comments



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## Adjournment