STATE OF NEVADA

Board of Dispensing Opticians

Minutes of Public Meeting:
February 12, 2026

Board Members Present:
Jennifer Letten, President
Jennifer Seymour, Vice President
Maria Landin, Secretary
Cristobal Esparza, Member

Board Staff Present:
Corinne Sedran, Executive Director
Colleen Platt, Board Counsel

Board Members Absent:
Priscilla Acosta, Treasurer

1. Call to order
   Ms. Letten called the meeting to order and called roll at 5:04 p.m.

2. Public comment
   There was no public comment.

3. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Approval of previous board meeting minutes
   December 11, 2025 Board Meeting

   Motion: Ms. Seymour moved to approve the minutes as presented.
   Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

4. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Confirmation of newly licensed Dispensing Opticians
   a. 861 Eaden Rogers
   b. 862 Esly Lopez

   Motion: Ms. Letten moved to confirm the new licenses.
   Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

5. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Discussion and decision on pending license renewal applications:
   a. Demery, Jaden
   b. Alcala Noriega, Leonardo

c. Flores-Navarro, Andrea
d. Friedman, Jennifer
e. Pulido, Rosaura

Ms. Sedran requested these items be removed from the agenda, as the applications do not require Board review or action at this time.

6. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Updates on the Office of Nevada Boards, Commissions and Councils Standards, created pursuant to NRS 232.8413, and discussion and decision on response to R074-25

   Discussion: Ms. Platt said the Office of Boards (Office) recently released an updated version of Proposed Regulation R074-25. There are some provisions the Board might find concerning, specifically, Sections 19 and 20, which would allow the Office to take certain corrective action against boards it determines are not operating as they should. She hopes the Office will host another workshop to collect comments on the new draft, and the Board may wish to submit a new response at that time. The Board has already granted general guidance and authority to the executive director and board president to submit comments on its behalf related to this regulation.

   Ms. Sedran said her primary concern with the new draft is that several of the provisions seem to exceed the statutory authority granted to the Office. There is also no delineation of the roles and responsibilities of the Office in the regulation, and no assistance offered to boards that may struggle under the new requirements. Instead, the regulation will further strain the staff and financial resources of the boards. Ms. Platt said some sections would require the boards to redesign their websites or add certain functionalities, which would increase costs.

   Ms. Sedran said most of the comments the Board previously submitted to the Office could be resubmitted in response to the new draft. Ms. Platt said some additional details could be added about the potential increased costs for the Board. She suggested the Board take a vote to direct the executive director and board president to review the draft and submit new comments and concerns along with the previously submitted comments.

   Motion: Ms. Seymour moved to continue the authorization of the board president and executive director to monitor and respond to the proposed regulation, verbally or in writing, on behalf of the Board.
   Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

7. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Discussion and decision on proposed changes to NAC Chapter 637

   Discussion: Ms. Sedran gave an overview of the proposed regulation changes, which include new sections pertaining to: definitions, duty of care for opticians, record keeping and confidentiality of patient records, standards and requirements for brick-and-mortar and traveling optical establishments, standards and requirements for online orders and remote sales, management of optical establishments, review and approval of apprentice education programs, and prior experience credit for apprentices and optician applicants. She suggested the Board also consider increasing licensing fees, as the costs of conducting business are exceeding the Board's income at this time. Ms. Letten suggested the Board might add a flat "convenience fee" for credit card payments, as credit card processing costs have cut into Board revenues. Ms. Platt said she and Ms. Sedran will work on cleaning up the draft, however, they will need some direction from the Board on the hourly requirements for apprentice education programs, as well as appropriate fee increases
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8. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Discussion and decision on apprentices utilizing ABO/NCLE Remote Proctored Exams for licensing requirements

   Discussion: Ms. Letten said the Board began utilizing remote-proctored exams during the COVID shutdowns, however, remote exams do not offer the same standardized and controlled environment as a Prometric testing center. At a testing center, the candidate is provided with a dry-erase laminate sheet and marker to work out calculations in a monitored, controlled setting. However, candidates testing from home are placed in a highly controlled environment and are not permitted to use scratch paper or other similar materials, which significantly impacts the testing experience. She does not believe candidates fully understand these limitations when selecting the remote option, as she did not see any of this information on the ABO website.

   Ms. Seymour suggested the Board collect more information from the ABO regarding success rates for the remote exams versus standard exams. Mr. Esparza and Ms. Landin agreed they would like more information before making a decision. Ms. Sedran said she could also request the ABO add more details to their website explaining the limitations on candidates who take remote exams. Ms. Letten agreed more information should be available to candidates considering the time and expense that goes into taking one of these exams. Ms. Platt said the Board could reconsider this item at a future meeting once more information is collected on the exam pass rates.

9. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Executive Director's report
   a. Licensing updates
      Ms. Sedran provided post-renewal licensing updates for the 2026 renewal cycle, which concluded on 1/31/26: 10 opticians did not renew their licenses and are delinquent, and 10 opticians inactivated their licenses; there are currently 430 active optician licenses, including 4 new licenses added in November/December 2025; 32 apprentices did not renew their licenses and are delinquent; there are currently 75 active apprentice licenses, including 13 new licenses issued in November/December 2025. Apprentice license application numbers are down from previous years, but optician license application numbers are staying steady.
   b. General office, budget, and miscellaneous updates
      The Board has collected about $160,000 in total licensing fees so far this fiscal year, which is on par with last year's income, however, it is not keeping pace with the increased costs of doing business. The Board's statute has a higher ceiling for licensing fees than what is currently being charged, so the Board has the option of increasing fees via a regulation change.
   c. Review and approval of financial reports
      Ms. Sedran said the Board is only required to review reports quarterly, so she would like to remove this item and discuss it at the April meeting.

10. Public comment

    Elle Galvez said she is an apprentice optician in her second year of the Ophthalmic Technology Program at CSN. She noted that the proposed regulations presented at the meeting were very well organized and easy to follow.

    Neo Zambrano said he is also a student in the CSN Ophthalmic Technology Program. This is his first time attending a board meeting and he found it very informative and interesting to hear the Board discuss concerns related to the profession.

Ms. Letten thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 5:46 p.m.