

# TEXAS OPTOMETRY BOARD

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**BOARD MEETING**  
**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2021**  
**9:00 a.m. – Conclusion.**  
**Virtual Meeting - Zoom**

## AGENDA

1. **Call to Order.**
2. **Roll Call of Board Members.**
3. **Minutes.**
  - a. Discussion and approval of minutes from the November 6, 2021 meeting.
  - b. Discussion and approval of minutes from the December 18, 2020 meeting.
4. **General Matters.** Discussion and possible action on general matters.
  - a. Optometry School Liaison Reports. (Hopping/Patrick)
5. **Board Chair Report.**
6. **Public Comment** (Time certain 10:00 a.m.).
7. **Executive Director's Report.**
  - a. Update on Renewal Extensions.
  - b. Budget Update.
  - c. Licensure Statistics/Renewal Report.
  - d. Performance Measures.
  - e. 2021 Legislative Session.
  - f. Sunset Management Action – Online Applications.
  - g. DPS Audit.
8. **Legal Report.** (McKinney)
9. **Committee Reports.**
  - Administrative/Licensing Committee**
    - a. Discussion and possible Board actions on Administrative/License Committee report and recommendations.
    - b. Number of candidates receiving licensure.

**Continuing Education Committee.**

- a. Discussion and possible Board actions on Continuing Education Committee report and recommendations.
- b. Recommendations on continuing education course approvals, exemptions and extensions.
- c. Recommendations and discussion regarding the 2021 continuing education requirements related to Board Rule 275.2(g).
- d. Recommendations and discussion regarding presentations relating to the modernizing of continuing education tracking/reporting.

**Investigation-Enforcement Committee.**

- a. Discussion and possible Board actions on the Investigation-Enforcement Committee report and recommendations resulting from informal conferences. (Lic Nos. 5154TG, 6276TG and 6556T).
- b. Discussion and possible Board actions on administrative penalties assessed by Executive Director (Lic. Nos. 8374, 9694, 9640, 5148, 9780, 6363, 8029, 9784, 8094, 8285, 3936, 6981.)
- c. Quarterly report on complaints and investigations. (Parker)

**Rules Committee.**

- a. Discussion and possible Board action on Rules Committee report and recommendations.
- b. Proposal: 22 TAC 279.16 Telehealth Services. Discussion and possible Board action on proposed amendments based on feedback since the last meeting.
- c. Proposal: 22 TAC 273.16 Licensee Compliance with Board Investigations. Discussion and possible Board action on a new rule governing licensees' compliance with board investigations.
- d. Proposal: 22 TAC 275.2 Required Education. Possible discussion and Board action on revisions related to 275.2(g) concerning requirements for renewal of license imposed by other state law.

**Committee on Peer Assistance.**

- a. Discussion and possible Board action on report and recommendations from the Committee on Peer Assistance.

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee.**

- a. Status update.

**10. Quarterly Board Member Training.**

- a. Review of Complaint Process & Investigation Timeline.

**11. Announcements.**

**12. Adjourn.**

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