

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

AGENDA

Date: August 10, 2026

Time: 9:00 a.m.

In-Person Meeting Location: King Kalakaua Conference Room
HRH King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, 1st Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Virtual Participation: Virtual Videoconference Meeting - Zoom Webinar
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1. Roll Call, Quorum, Call to Order – HRS §92-3 Open Meetings and Hawaii Administrative Rules (“HAR”) §16-92-17 Oral testimony
2. Approval of the Open and Executive Session Minutes of May 11th, 2026 Meeting
3. Chapter 91, HRS, Adjudicatory Matters
 - a. In the Matter of the Optometrist’s License of Gregory Y.G. Young, O.D., Settlement Agreement Prior to Filing of Petition for Disciplinary Action and Board’s Final Order, OPT 2025-6-L

4. Applications

The Board may enter into Executive Session pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes §§ 92-5(a)(1) and 92-5(a)(4) to consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for professional or vocational licenses cited in section 26-9 or both and to consult with the board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities.

a. Ratifications

Approved for DPA License

OD-1068 Shawn Yamane
OD-1069 SAMANTHA JO COMBS
OD-1071 VINH THAI NGO
OD-1072 Lillian Hue Nghi Chung Troung
OD-1073 Terina DeFries

Approved for TPA Certification

OD -1068 Shawn Yamane

5. Continuing Education

a. New Course Approval Requests

INDEX #	PROGRAM TITLE	SPONSOR'S NAME	DATE	LOCATION	HOURS REQUESTED	TPA HOURS REQUESTED
26-008	Hawaii Optometric Association Live Virtual CE	Hawaii Optometric Association	6/28/2026	Honolulu, HI (Zoom)	4	4
26-009	Collaborative Care in Cataract and Oculofacial Surgery	Dr. Bradford Lee, Dr. Daniel Choi	9-17-2026	Honolulu, HI	2	-

6. Executive Officer's Report

The Board may enter into Executive Session pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes §§ 92-5(a) (4) to consult with the board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities.

- a. Discussion on approving a proposed amendment to §459-7 to add audit authority for the Board (see attached)

7. Election of Officer(s) in accordance with HRS §436B-6(a)

8. Next Board Meeting

Date: November 9, 2026

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
King Kalakaua Building, 1st Floor
335 Merchant Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

And

Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar

9. Adjournment

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08/04/2026

ORIGINAL CURRENT LANGUAGE:
CHAPTER 459
OPTOMETRY

(6.a.)

§459-7 Application; examination; reexamination; appeal; renewal; continuing education; license. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, every person desiring to begin or to continue the practice of optometry, before beginning or continuing practice, upon presentation of satisfactory evidence that the applicant is a graduate of an optometric college, school, or university approved by the Hawaii board of optometry and accredited by a regional or professional accreditation organization and recognized by the council on post-secondary accreditation or by the United States Department of Education, shall pass all examinations required by the board and comply with the following requirements:

- (1) Submit a completed application for licensure to the department of commerce and consumer affairs;
- (2) Submit a nonrefundable application fee together with the application; and
- (3) Submit a copy of the applicant's diploma or certificate of graduation from an optometric college, school, or university approved in accordance with this subsection.

(b) Applicants for examination shall be given due notice of the date and place of each examination by the National Board of Examiners in Optometry. If a National Board of Examiners in Optometry examination is no longer recognized by the board, applicants shall pass an examination designated by the board and shall be notified by the board or testing agency designated by the board of the date and place of examination.

Every candidate who passes all examinations required by the board and who has met all requirements for licensure shall receive from the board a license to practice optometry.

(c) Each licensee shall pay a biennial license fee to the board on or before December 31 of each odd-numbered year for a renewal of the license for the biennium. The failure of any licensee to pay the biennial license fee and submit proof of satisfying the continuing education program requirements on or before December 31 of each odd-numbered year shall automatically constitute a forfeiture of the license. Any license which is so forfeited may be restored upon payment of a penalty, renewal, and recordkeeping fee as provided in rules adopted by the director pursuant to chapter 91, and upon submission of proof that the person whose license has been forfeited has satisfied all continuing education requirements for the biennium immediately preceding the application for restoration of the license. The applicant shall pay a recordkeeping fee for each biennium the license was on forfeited status.

(d) Each licensee, on or before the date designated in each odd-numbered year, shall submit to the board proof that the licensee has met the continuing education requirement through programs recognized and approved by the board. The board shall have the authority to extend the time for compliance of continuing education requirement if good cause is shown. The board shall adopt rules relating to the requirements and standards that continuing education programs shall meet to obtain recognition or approval from the board. [L 1917, c 187, §5; RL 1925, §1116; RL 1935, §1374; am L 1941, c 195, pt of §1; RL 1945, §2805; am L 1949, c 58, §1(3); am L 1951,

c 230, §1; am L 1955, c 111, §1; RL 1955, §68-7; am L 1961, c 142, §5; HRS §459-7; am L 1972, c 2, §23 and c 123, §1; am L 1973, c 156, §1; am L 1975, c 118, §22; am L 1984, c 7, §54; am L 1985, c 224, §7 and c 294, §3; am L 1987, c 70, §1, c 152, §4, and c 283, §32; am L 1992, c 21, §2; am L 1994, c 123, §1; am L 1997, c 40, §15 and c 43, §1; am L 2018, c 203, §6]

Cross References

Disposal of examination records, see §94-5.

Professional testing services, see §26-9.

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(d) Each licensee, on or before the date designated in each odd-numbered year, ~~shall submit to the board proof that the licensee has met~~ **shall maintain the licensee's** continuing education ~~requirement through programs recognized and approved by the board~~ **records. At the time of renewal, each licensee shall certify under oath that the licensee has complied with the continuing education requirement through programs recognized and approved by the board of this section. The board may require a licensee to submit, in addition to the certification, evidence satisfactory to the board that demonstrates compliance with the continuing education requirement of this section.** The board shall have the authority to extend the time for compliance of continuing education requirement if good cause is shown. The board shall adopt rules relating to the

requirements and standards that continuing education programs shall meet to obtain recognition or approval from the board.

(e) The board may conduct random audits to determine compliance with the continuing education requirement. The board shall provide written notice of an audit to a licensee randomly selected for audit. Within sixty days of notification, the licensee shall provide the board with documentation verifying compliance with the continuing education requirement.

[L 1917, c 187, §5; RL 1925, §1116; RL 1935, §1374; am L 1941, c 195, pt of §1; RL 1945, §2805; am L 1949, c 58, §1(3); am L 1951, c 230, §1; am L 1955, c 111, §1; RL 1955, §68-7; am L 1961, c 142, §5; HRS §459-7; am L 1972, c 2, §23 and c 123, §1; am L 1973, c 156, §1; am L 1975, c 118, §22; am L 1984, c 7, §54; am L 1985, c 224, §7 and c 294, §3; am L 1987, c 70, §1, c 152, §4, and c 283, §32; am L 1992, c 21, §2; am L 1994, c 123, §1; am L 1997, c 40, §15 and c 43, §1; am L 2018, c 203, §6]

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MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: May 11, 2026

Time: 9:00 a.m.

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

Zoom Recording Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yKBPsrUj5Ok>

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

Excused: Ashley Porter, O.D.

Staff: Christopher Han, Deputy Attorney General ("DAG")
Eli Lane, Executive Officer ("EO")
Cortnie Tanaka, Secretary
Young-Im Wilson, Supervising Executive Officer
("EO")

Guests: None

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

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

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

There being a quorum present, Chair Chin called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m.

2. Approval of **Approval of November 10, 2025, Open Session minutes.**

Board Minutes

Chair Chin inquired if anyone would like to provide public testimony regarding the agenda item, there was none. He then asked the Board members if they had any corrections or amendments to the minutes. With no corrections offered, he requested a motion to approve the minutes. It was moved by Ms. Chang and seconded by Vice Chair Searl. The motion to approve the open session Board meeting minutes from the November 10, 2025, as circulated, was without objections. The motion was unanimously carried.

3. Applications

a. Ratifications

Approved for DPA License

OD1063	SUZANE ELWISHAHI
OD1064	WILLIAM FRUCHTMAN
OD1065	REBECCA ANN JACQUEMIN
OD1066	EVAN JARET OBERSTER
OD1067	RENEE WEAVER

Temporary Military/Military Spouse DPA License

None

Approved for TPA Certification

OD1061	JAREN ARIYOSHI
OD1063	SUZANE ELWISHAHI

License Restoration

None

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

4. Request for CE Program Approval

a. New Course Request

Chair Chin inquired if anyone would like to provide public testimony regarding the agenda item concerning the request for approval of these Continuing Education "CE" program. Upon motion by Dr. Kojima and seconded by Ms. Chang, He then asked if there were any objections. Dr. Kojima approved, Ms. Chang approved, Dr. Mau abstained her vote, Vice Chair Searl approved, Chair Chin approved; the motion carried to approve all CE requests.

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25-019	Optimizing Glaucoma Management: A Surgeon's Experience with DSLT and Hydrus Microstent	Hawaii Vision Specialists	10.22.2025	Hilo, HI	2	2
26-001	VSP Premier Edge + PECAA - Mahalo 2026	VSP Vision	4/9/2026	Kapolei, HI	4	4
26-002	Eyelid Lesions The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly	Aloha Laser Vision	3/11/2026	Honolulu, HI (Zoom)	1	1
26-003	Keratoconus in 2026	Aloha Laser Vision	4/22/2026	Honolulu, HI (Zoom)	1	1
26-004	From Drusen to Decisions_Modern AMD Management for the Busy Optometrist	Jenkins Eye Care	2/5/2026	Honolulu, HI (Zoom)	1	1
26-005	Keratoconus & IOL Update	Jenkins Eye Care	4/16/2026	Honolulu, HI (Zoom)	1	1
26-006	Anatomy of an Iris	Jenkins Eye Care	6/17/2026	Honolulu, HI	1	1
26-007	Lower Eyelid Involution: Anatomy, Aging, and Intervention	Aloha Laser Vision	11/18/2026	Honolulu, HI (Zoom)	1	1

5. Executive Officer's Report a. Approval of Advisory Committee Members (AMCs) to assist in investigations conducted by Regulated Industries Complaints Office.

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

EO Lane shared the purpose of the AMC.

It was moved by Vice Chair Searl, seconded by Ms. Chang, and unanimously carried to enter into executive session at 9:20 a.m., pursuant to HRS §92-5(a)(1), to consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for professional licenses cited in HRS §26-9 and, pursuant to HRS §92-5 (a)(4), to consult with the Board's attorney on questions and issues

pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities and liabilities.
 (Note: Board members and staff entered the Zoom Breakout Room).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:46 a.m. Board members and staff returned to the main Zoom meeting.
 All Board members confirmed that they were present and alone.

Chair Chin stated that the Board approves the proposed Advisory Committee Members to assist in investigations conducted by the Regulated Industries Complaints Office. The motion was made by Dr. Kojima and seconded by Vice Chair Searl. Chair Chin asked if there were any objections. As there were no objections, the motion to approve the AMC list was passed.

- b. Discussion on a proposed amendment to §459-7 to add audit authority for the Board (see original §459-7 language attached below)

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

Chair Chin requested two Board Members to volunteer to assist in discussing new proposed language for the purposes of allowing the Board to conduct random audits.

Chair Chin and Vice Chair Searl volunteered.

8. Next Board Meeting:

Monday, August 10, 2026

9:00 a.m.

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

Virtual

Participation: Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, Chair Chin adjourned the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

Taken by:

/s/Cortnie Tanaka
 Cortnie Tanaka
 Secretary
 06/22/2026

Reviewed by:

s/ Eli Lane
 Eli Lane
 Executive Officer

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

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