



Mississippi State Board of Optometry
Special Called Meeting
Thursday, July 24, 2025
5 Old River Place, Suite 105, Jackson, MS 39202

MINUTES

In accordance with MCA § 25-41-11

- I. Call to Order
The special called meeting of the Mississippi State Board of Optometry was called to order by Board President, Kimberly Ragan, O.D. at 12:35 p.m. on Thursday, July 24, 2025.
- II. Roll Call
Cynthia Brown called the roll indicating the following members present:
Lori Blackmer, O.D. Dax Eckard, O.D.
Hilary Parrish, O.D. Kimberly Ragan, O.D.
The following board member was absent:
Anna Middleton, O.D.
A quorum was present for voting purposes.

Board representatives present at public location:
Cynthia Brown, Administrative Assistant
Leyser Hayes, Special Assistant Attorney General / Counsel for the Board
Yvonne Laird, Executive Director
- III. Approval of the Agenda
Dr. Blackmer moved, with a second by Dr. Eckard to accept the agenda as presented. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- IV. YAG Capsulotomy Re-Test
 1. After discussion and a review of Counsel's recommendation, Dr. Blackmer moved, with a second by Dr. Eckard to notify the PEP applicants who tested on July 12, 2025, that due to equipment failure which interfered with MSBO's ability to "*perform the YAG Capsulotomy procedure using an acceptable and effective pattern*," they would be required to perform this required procedure with an approved preceptor at the time of completion of the eight (8) hour required preceptor training. A letter will be sent to all approved preceptors

requesting that they notify Cynthia Brown at MSBO to obtain the “eye” and required completion notification. The slit lamp set-up attachment may also be available for their use, if required. Yvonne Laird was authorized to sign the letters on behalf of the Board. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

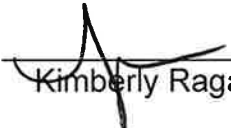
2. Dr. Blackmer moved, with a second by Dr. Parrish to revise the Mississippi Board Test Grading Rubric YAG Capsulotomy to remove “If no, automatic FAIL.” The revised rubric would read going forward, “Perform the procedure using an acceptable and effective pattern. (2 points)”. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

V. Adjournment

Dr. Blackmer moved, with a second by Dr. Eckard to adjourn the meeting at 12:53 p.m. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY WILL BE HELD AT 5 OLD RIVER PLACE, SUITE 105, JACKSON, MS, ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2025, BEGINNING AT 3:00 P.M.

APPROVED:



Kimberly Ragan, O.D., Board President



Hilary Parrish O.D., Board Secretary

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