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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
*Olympia, Washington 98504*

WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY  
MEETING AGENDA

**Date:** December 1, 2023,  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m.

**Location:** **Labor & Industries**  
7273 Linderson Way S.W., Room S119  
Tumwater, WA 98501

**OR**

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*The mission and purpose of the Board of Optometry is to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, and to provide for state administrative control, supervision, licensure, and regulation of the practice of optometry.*

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Order of Agenda  
9:00 a.m. **Open Session**

**Call to Order and Introductions** – Keren Yang, OD, Vice-Chair

1. **Approval of agenda**
2. **Approval of minutes** – September 8, 2023, business meeting
3. **Open forum**  
The board will accept comments from the audience on issues of significance to the profession.
4. **Reports**
  - 4.1. Keren Yang, OD, Vice-Chair
  - 4.2. Traci Drake, Executive Director Department of Health
  - 4.3. Kristina Bell, Program Manager – Department of Health
5. **Credentialing Overview Presentation – Hyon Yi, Deputy Credentialing Managers, Department of Health**  
Overview of the credentialing process within the Department of Health.
6. **COPE Liaison Presentation – Brett Bence, Chair, Council on Optometric Practitioner Education (COPE)**  
Mr. Bence will provide an overview to the Board if they would like to have a member of COPE serve as a liaison to the Board. The intent is to lead to improved communication and greater understanding of Continuing Education in general for state boards.
7. **Legislative Update – SSB 5389 Scope of Optometry – sub-committee Vice-Chair, Melissa Dacumos, OD**  
The sub-committee will provide an update and discuss SSB 5389. The bill amends RCW 18.53.010 expanding the optometrist scope of practice to include advanced procedures an optometrist may perform with a license endorsement. The bill also adds drug prescribing and administering rights.
8. **Legislation Update HB1724 – Increasing the trained behavioral health workforce – Brandon Williams, Project Manager, Department of Health**  
A disciplining authority must waive education, training, experience, and exam requirements for applicants who have been credentialed in another state or states with substantially equivalent standards for at least two years immediately preceding their application with no interruption in licensure lasting longer than 90 days.
9. **Administrative Items**
  1. The board will consider approving the bylaws.
  2. Board elections.
  3. ARBO Meeting 2024.
10. **HELMS Update – Kristina Bell, Program Manager**
11. **Agenda-building**  
The board will review board business and discuss priority items for the March 1, 2024, agenda.

**Adjournment of Open Session**