

**Indiana Optometry Board**  
December 10, 2025 12:00 P.M.  
Meeting Minutes

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Appointment Date</b>	<b>Expiration Date</b>	<b>Appointing Authority</b>
Dr Douglas Morrow	OD Chair	11/15/2006	09/30/2026	Governor
Dr Natalie Olinger Stine	OD Vice Chair	08/02/2006	09/30/2026	Governor
Dr James Hunter	OD	08/02/2006	09/30/2026	Governor
Dr Kyle Hoskins	OD	11/02/2022	09/30/2026	Governor
Richard Hester	Consumer Member	01/11/2014	09/30/2026	Governor

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM** 12:00 p.m.  
**Board Members Present:** Dr Douglas Morrow, Dr James Hunter, Dr Natalie Olinger-Stine, Dr. Kyle Hoskins, Richard Hester  
**Staff Present:** Toby Snell, Ashlee Scott, Jill Haddad  
**COURT REPORTER** Margie Addington
2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** Motion made by KH and seconded by NOS to adopt the agenda  
Motion carries 5-0-0
3. **PUBLIC RULES HEARING LSA #25-626**  
Comments received online from Dr Brad Sutton with concerns in regard to 852 IAC 1-16-7 and 852 IAC 1-1.1-4  
Comments received online from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation, stating The Indiana Optometry Board displays proper due diligence and understanding of how implementation must be carried out to ensure compliance while minimizing the potential impact on small businesses and individuals. The Small Business Ombudsman is neutral on the proposed rule related to the economic impact on small business if the conclusion reflects the actual result after promulgation.  
Comments online received from Dr Nate Lighthizer concerning the lack of multiple avenues to obtain certification to perform laser and surgical procedures in Indiana  
Comments received from National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) stating they urge the board to consider the importance of including a national psychometrically validated examination as a required component of demonstrating competence.  
Comments received online from Indiana Optometric Association (IOA) with concerns on 852 IAC 1-1.1-4, 852 IAC 1-2.1-2, 852 IAC 1-16-4, 852 IAC 1-16-3.5, and 852 IAC 1-16-7.

Comments received at the public hearing made by the below support the proposed rule.

Dr Patrick O'Neill on behalf of ARBO  
Dr Richard Castillo NBEO  
Dr Jamie Althoff NBEO  
Jill Bryant NBEO  
Dr Michael Ohlson NBEO  
Dr Brett Foley NBEO

Comments made by the below do not support the changes made to 852 IAC 1-1.1-4 and 852 IAC 1-2.1-2

Dr Greg Norman  
Dr David Wilson  
Dr Damon Dierker  
Dr Katie Connolly  
Dr James Stickel  
Dr Darren Minnich  
Dr Nicolas Garn  
Donna James  
Dr Jeremy Gard  
Dr Jennifer Kohn

After the public hearing the board reviewed 852 IAC 1-16-4 and updated the language under (4) per the IOA's request. They also updated 852 IAC 1-16-7 to put "(4) Internet Online" back into the rule.

Additionally, they feel that "by a deemed approved provider" stated in 852 IAC 1-16-7 (b) is already defined under 852 IAC 1-16-8.

Motion made by NOS and seconded by RH to approve the above changes and wait to respond to comments until the next meeting in regard to 852 IAC 1-1.1-4 and 852 IAC 1-2.1-2

Motion carries 5-0-0

#### **4. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

##### **a. Proposed Late Fee Rule**

Motion made by NOS and seconded by KH to approve the proposed late fee rule

Motion carries 5-0-0

##### **b. The Meeting currently scheduled for February 25, 2026 will be rescheduled to January 7, 2026 for additional board discussion on the proposed rule LSA #25-329**

#### **5. ADJOURNMENT 2:50 p.m.**

**Next Meeting  
January 7, 2026**