

**Maine Board of Optometry
113 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333**

**MINUTES OF February 27, 2026
BOARD MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Dr. Smith, O.D. at 9:00 a.m. Members present by Zoom Todd Hamilton, O.D., James Smith, O.D., Timothy Rioux, O.D., Eric Hebert, O.D., James Murphy was present in person.

Others present Tina Carpentier, Office Specialist II, and Suzanne Burke, Assistant Attorney General, Lisa Wilson, Assistant Attorney General by zoom and one citizen listening remotely on zoom.

OLD BUSINESS:

Action on Minutes of December 3, 2025, Meeting: A motion was made by Dr. Hebert, second by James Murphy to accept the minutes as written.

The motion passes 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

NEW BUSINESS:

LD 1803 Work Session update: Dr. Smith reported on the LD1803 work session update, noting that the committee will vote on the bill this Wednesday, though the outcome is uncertain. The board discussed their approach to the implementation of bills, aiming to stay uninvolved while being prepared to handle it if passed.

Review of Basis statement, comments and Adoption of final rule: The Board reviewed the comments and basis statement.

A motion was made by Dr. Hebert, seconded by Dr. Rioux to approve the basis statement.

The motion passes 5 in favor and 0 opposed

A motion was made by Dr. Rioux, seconded by Dr. Hebert to adopt the rules as published.

The motion passes 5 in favor and 0 opposed

OTHER BUSINESS: none

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Smith asked board members to review the materials related to the transition from Tina's retirement that will be sent out in the coming days, in preparation for a productive discussion at the February 6, 2026, board meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: none

ADJOURNED: A motion was made by James Murphy, seconded by Dr. Hebert to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

The motion passes 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

The next meeting will be held on March 20, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Spear
Office Specialist II, Maine Board of Optometry