

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

**MINUTES OF October 3, 2025
BOARD MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Dr. Smith, O.D., (zoom) at 8:05 a.m. Members present, Eric Hebert, O.D., (zoom), James Murphy, Public Member, Timothy Rioux, O.D., (zoom) and Todd Hamilton, O.D. (zoom). Five citizens listened by zoom and one citizen was present.

Others present: Tina Carpentier, Office Specialist II, Lisa Wilson, Assistant Attorney, (zoom).

OLD BUSINESS:

Action on August 22, 2025, Meeting: A motion was made by Dr. Rioux, second by James Murphy, to accept the minutes as written.

The motion passes 4 in favor and 1 abstain.

Update on website design: Tina met with Megan Rand, Project Manager of Tyler Technologies for the website design on September 11, 2025. All affiliated sites that are not independent will be turned off at the end of this year. The Optometry boards website will be based on the medical boards affiliated site which has been completed. An estimated cost of no more than \$15,000.00, to complete the work by the end of this year and it will be ADA approved.

A motion was made by Dr. Rioux, second by James Murphy, to have the website designed and Tina to get a financial order to pay the fee.

The motion passes 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

Update on strategic plan: On September 23, 2025, Dr. Smith and Tina met with Craig Freshley of Good Group Decisions. The Board needs to collect more data, pros and cons of staying affiliated or moving to OPOR before we set up a meeting to make an informed decision about future direction. This project should be completed by FY 2027.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of LD 1803: The board reviewed the first stakeholder meeting for LD1803, which focused on access and discussed the distribution of optometrists and ophthalmologists across the state. They noted the need to review optometrist numbers nationwide and highlighted compelling safety data from states with scope expansion. The board agreed to divide tasks for future meetings, with Tina coordinating efforts among members. They also discussed the potential inclusion of opioid prescribing rules in their regulations and the impact of the PMP program on the state board's responsibilities.

No motion was made.

OTHER BUSINESS: PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: I appreciate all the work that the board members have done on the research for LD 1903.

SECRETARY REPORT: None

ADJOURNED: A motion was made by Dr. Hebert, seconded by James Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

The next meeting will be held on November 7, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Carpentier

Office Specialist II

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