

# FLORIDA BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

## GENERAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

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## **TAB 1. CALL TO ORDER**

Roll Call

Welcome

## **TAB 2. EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS**

Rule 64B13-4.001, F.A.C.

## **TAB 3. HOUR REQUIREMENTS**

Rule 64B13-5.001, F.A.C.

## **TAB 4. ADJOURNMENT**

64B13-4.001 Examination Requirements

(1) Licensure Examination. The licensure examination authorized in section 463.006 (2), F.S., shall consist of the following parts:

- (a) The Patient Assessment and Management (PAM) portion of the examination developed by the National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) as Part II of its examination which includes an embedded Treatment and Management of Ocular Disease (TMOD) examination. An applicant for licensure in Florida must obtain a passing score on the TMOD section of the examination as well as an overall passing score on the examination.
- (b) The Clinical Skills (CSE) portion of the examination developed by the NBEO as Part III of its examination.
- (c) A written examination on applicable Florida laws and rules governing the practice of optometry developed yearly by Florida Board of Optometry approved consultants in conjunction with NBEO and administered by NBEO as Part IV of its examination. The Board shall review and approve the content of the laws and rules examination annually. A score of eighty-four percent (84%) or better must be obtained in order to achieve a passing score on Part IV of the NBEO examination.
- (d) The Florida Practical Examination (FPE). The Florida Practical Examination shall be developed by consultants approved by the Florida Board of Optometry in conjunction with the NBEO, and ~~shall may~~ be administered by the NBEO as part of the NBEO National Clinical Skills examination. However, the FPE is a separate and distinct examination as provided in section 463.006 (2), F.S., and must be graded and scored separately from NBEO Part III.

1. ~~Examiners for the Florida Practical Examination, and the grading criteria to be used by the examiners,~~ shall be those selected by the NBEO to examine and grade the NBEO CSE. The grading criteria to be used by the examiners to grade the FPE shall be determined by the Florida Board of Optometry.

2. The Florida Practical Examination shall consist of the following tested skills. ~~Because the Board requires passage of all three (3) skills on the same test attempt, the three (3) skills are weighted equally.~~

- a. Biomicroscopy
- b. Binocular Indirect Ophthalmoscopy
- c. Dilated Biomicroscopy and Non-Contact Fundus Lens Evaluation.
- d. Gonioscopy
- e. Tonometry, Using a Goldman-type Applanation Tonometer

3. ~~The passing score for each skill shall be seventy-five percent (75%) or better, and a passing score on each of the three (3) skills must be obtained on the same test attempt. The FPE shall be graded on a pass/fail basis on each skill based on grading criteria determined by the Florida Board of Optometry.~~

(2) Passing Scores.

- (a) An applicant for licensure must achieve a passing score on all four (4) parts of the licensure examination in order to be licensed in Florida. Passing scores for the Patient Assessment and Management portion and the Clinical Skills portion of the NBEO licensure examination are established by the NBEO. The applicant must obtain a passing score on each of the skills in the FPE.

REMAINDER OF RULE IS UNCHANGED



### **64B13-5.001 Hours Requirement.**

(1) As a condition to the renewal of a biennial license, each licensed practitioner shall be required to maintain professional competency by completing thirty (30) clock hours of continuing education in subjects relating to optometry that have been approved by the Board. Licensed practitioners shall not be required to complete the continuing education requirements during the biennium in which they are initially licensed but must complete one (1) hour of approved continuing education in acquired immune deficiency syndrome that complies with the requirements of section 456.033, F.S. Credit for continuing education will be allowed on the basis of an hour for hour. To receive one (1) hour credit, a licensed practitioner must attend not less than fifty (50) minutes. There will be no fractional hour credits. No continuing education course may be completed for credit more than once per biennium.

(2) For licensed practitioners who are certified optometrists, at least six (6) of the required thirty (30) hours must be of "transcript quality." For purposes of this rule, the phrase "transcript quality" refers to coursework in ocular and systemic pharmacology and the diagnosis, treatment and management of ocular and systemic conditions and diseases. Transcript quality CE must be sponsored by a school or college of optometry or equivalent educational entity as approved by the Board, must be obtained at a live in-person attendance course, and must require a test and passing grade.

(3) Attendance at a continuing education program must be certified by the lecturer or someone in charge of the program. An instructor of a course may credit the hours taught towards completion of the instructor's required continuing education only once, regardless of the number of times the course is taught. However, the instructor of a course may not credit the hours taught towards completion of the "transcript quality" portion of the continuing education requirement. Continuing education hours must be obtained during the biennium preceding license renewal.

(4) Licensed practitioners shall be permitted to earn two (2) of the thirty (30) clock hours of continuing education credit upon demonstrating successful completion of approved training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation given by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross.

(5) As part of the thirty (30) clock hours, licensed practitioners shall be permitted to obtain two (2) hours in the area of practice management. No more than two (2) hours of continuing education in the area of practice management may be applied to the thirty (30) clock hour requirement in subsection (1). These hours may be obtained through live, in-person or online/distance learning courses.

(6) As part of the thirty (30) clock hours, licensed practitioners shall be required to obtain two (2) hours in the area of Florida jurisprudence.

(a) No more than two (2) hours of continuing education in the area of Florida jurisprudence may be applied to the thirty (30) clock hour requirement in subsection (1).

(b) A licensed practitioner may earn two (2) hours in Florida jurisprudence by attending an in-person meeting of the Board at which another licensee is disciplined for no less than four (4) continuous hours or the duration of the meeting. Licensed practitioners will be required to sign-in and sign-out with board staff. Those licensed practitioners present for disciplinary purposes are not eligible to earn the two (2) clock hours for the Board meeting.

(7) As part of the thirty (30) clock hours, licensed practitioners are required to complete a two (2) -hour course relating to prevention of medical errors, as part of the renewal process. The course shall be approved by the Board and shall include a study of root-cause analysis, error reduction and prevention, and patient safety. If the course is being offered by a facility licensed pursuant to chapter 395, F.S., for its employees, the Board approves one (1) hour of the two (2) -hour course to be specifically related to error reduction and prevention methods used in that facility. No more than two (2) hours of continuing education relating to the prevention of medical errors may be applied to the thirty (30) clock hour requirement in subsection (1).

(8) As required by section 456.0301(1)(a), F.S., as part of the thirty (30) clock hours, all certified optometrists registered with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) shall, and all Licensed Practitioners may, complete a board approved two (2) hour course on prescribing controlled substances. All certified optometrists registered with the DEA must complete the course no later than January 31, 2019, and during each subsequent licensure renewal biennium. For all licensees, the course may be completed in either a live or online/distance learning format.

*Rulemaking Authority 456.013(7), 456.0301(2), 463.005(1), 463.007 FS. Law Implemented 456.013(7), 456.0301(1), 463.007 FS. History—New 11-13-79, Amended 5-28-80, 9-16-80, 1-13-81, 2-14-82, Formerly 21Q-5.01, Amended 12-16-86, 12-11-88, 4-19-89, 12-20-89, 9-22-92, 10-28-92, Formerly 21Q-5.001, Amended 8-31-93, Formerly 61F8-5.001, Amended 11-29-94, 7-5-95, 8-18-96, Formerly 59V-5.001, Amended 3-21-00, 10-2-01, 1-8-02, 5-8-02, 3-20-03, 12-25-06, 1-11-14, 4-10-14, 10-2-18, 2-21-19, 6-26-19.*

