

THE SPECTACLE

The California State Board of Optometry protects the health and safety of California consumers through licensing and regulation of the practices of optometry and opticianry.

WINTER IS HERE!

Welcome to the Winter 2026 edition of *The Spectacle*! In this issue, you will find the following updates:

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New Laws: Sunset Review Implementation

Every few years (usually four) the California State Board of Optometry is subject to review by the California State Legislature's relevant policy committees—a process called “sunset review”. It is called a “sunset” review because the statutory authority of each board legally expires, or sunsets, on a specific date. For CSBO, the law provided a sunset date of January 1, 2026, and if the date was not extended, the Board would cease to operate.

The sunset review process unfolded in a series of steps:

1. The Board staff prepared a sunset review report.
2. The Board approved the sunset review report.
3. The Board submitted the report to the California State Legislature.
4. The Board participated in a sunset review legislative hearing.
5. The Board responded to issues raised during the sunset review process.
6. The Board collaborated with the California State Legislature and stakeholders to create a sunset review bill that extended the Board for at least another four (4) years.

Senator Ashby (D-Sacramento) authored the Board's sunset bill, Senate Bill 776. In addition to extending the Board's ability to operate, SB 776 contained the following key provisions:

1. Board Extension & Fund Changes

- Extends the State Board of Optometry and its authority to appoint an executive officer until **January 1, 2030**.
- Increases the Optometry Fund reserve limit from **6 months to 24 months** of operating expenses.

2. Fee Adjustments

- Sets fee minimums consistent with existing fees and establishes new fee maximums which can only be implemented by regulation.

3. Dispensing Optician Committee (DOC) Changes

- Reduces the **DOC** from 5 members to **3 members** and transfers appointment authority to the Board.

4. Licensure & Registration Changes

- Allows issuance of **probationary registrations** with conditions (e.g., clinical training) for opticianry licensees.

- Requires applicants and licensees with valid email addresses to report them to the Board; emails are **not public records**.

5. Opticianry Scope of Practice Clarifications

- Limits fitting and adjusting spectacle lenses to **registered spectacle lens dispensers** only.
- Limits contact lens fitting to **registered contact lens dispensers** only.

6. Out-of-State Entities

- Clarifies that entities outside California cannot ship ophthalmic lenses to California patients unless registered.

7. Dispensing Ophthalmic Business Redefined

- Includes businesses dispensing prescription ophthalmic devices or operating under agreements with licensed optometrists or physicians as required to register with the Board.

8. Mobile Optometric Offices

- Requires **annual reporting** (instead of quarterly).
- Updates consumer notice requirements for follow-up care.
- Removes limit on number of mobile offices in first renewal period.

9. Retired Licenses

- Allows issuance of retired licenses to any optometrist with a current license (active or inactive).

10. Contact Lens Prescriptions

- Requires prescribers to comply with **FTC rules**.
- Deletes exceptions for withholding prescriptions.

11. Privacy & Public Records

- Protects applicant and licensee email addresses from disclosure under the Public Records Act.

Board staff is hard at work updating business processes necessary to implement the bill's provisions. Please contact the Board at Optometry@dca.ca.gov with any questions about the sunset review process.

Dispensing Optician Committee: Structure, Purpose, and Recruitment

Within the Board is the Dispensing Optician Committee (DOC), a committee charged with advising and making recommendations to the Board on the regulation of opticianry. The Board is excited to announce that the DOC composition has been adjusted, and appointment power has been transferred to the Board itself, following the passing of the Board’s sunset bill, SB 776. The Board is now commencing a recruitment period to attract qualified candidates. An overview of the DOC is provided in the graphic below. Interested candidates are encouraged to access and complete the Board’s [DOC Appointment Questionnaire](#).

CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY DISPENSING OPTICIAN COMMITTEE	
Purpose	Advises and makes recommendations to the California State Board of Optometry on the regulation of opticianry.
Composition	3 Members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Registered Dispensing Optician. • 1 Registered Spectacle Lens Dispenser or Registered Contact Lens Dispenser. • 1 Public Member or Licensed Optometrist.
Appointment	Appointed by the California State Board of Optometry. At least one member must be a sitting board member who meets the qualifications.
Terms	Four-year term (except initial staggered terms). May be reappointed, but no more than two consecutive terms.
Meetings	At least twice per year, and as needed.
Key Duties	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recommend registration standards and criteria. 2. Review disciplinary guidelines. 3. Recommend regulatory changes or additions. 4. Carry out duties imposed by law or delegated by the Board.
Board Oversight	The Board must act on committee recommendations within 90 days. If rejected or significantly changed by the Board, the Committee may request that the Board provide its reasons, in writing, for rejecting or significantly modifying the recommendation, which shall be provided by the Board within 30 days of the request.
Recruitment Notes	<p>Candidates must meet statutory qualifications. Recruitment and vacancies are handled by the Board. The public member shall not be licensed in optometry or related fields.</p> <p>To register interest, please fill out this form: DOC Appointment Questionnaire.</p>



Understanding Myopia: Why Early Detection in Children Matters and How It Can Be Treated

What Is Myopia?

Myopia, commonly known as **nearsightedness**, is a vision condition where distant objects appear blurry while close objects remain clear. This occurs when the eye grows too long from front to back or the cornea is too curved, causing light to focus in front of the retina instead of directly on it. Myopia is one of the most common refractive errors worldwide, and its prevalence is rising rapidly, especially among children.

Why Early Detection in Children Is Crucial

Myopia often begins in childhood and can progress as the child grows. Detecting it early is important for several reasons:

- **Preventing Rapid Progression:** Children’s eyes are still developing, and untreated myopia can worsen quickly, leading to high myopia.
- **Reducing Risk of Eye Diseases:** Severe myopia increases the risk of serious conditions later in life, such as retinal detachment, glaucoma, and macular degeneration.
- **Supporting Academic Performance:** Clear vision is essential for learning. Undiagnosed myopia can affect reading, classroom participation, and overall academic success.
- **Improving Quality of Life:** Early correction helps children engage in sports, hobbies, and social activities without visual limitations.

Regular eye exams by a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist—starting before school age and continuing annually—are key to catching myopia early.

Treatment Options for Myopia

While myopia cannot be reversed, several treatments can correct vision and slow its progression:

1. Eyeglasses and Contact Lenses

- MiSight 1 Day contact lenses are the first soft contact lenses approved by the Food and Drug Administration to slow the progression of myopia in children aged 8–12.
- Essilor Stellest glasses are a new type of spectacle and the first approved by the Food and Drug Administration to slow the progression of myopia in children aged 6–12.

2. Orthokeratology (Ortho-K)

- Special rigid contact lenses worn overnight to temporarily reshape the cornea.
- Provides clear vision during the day without glasses or contacts.

3. Atropine Eye Drops

- Low-dose atropine drops have been shown to slow myopia progression in children.
- Typically used under close supervision by an eye care professional.

4. Lifestyle Changes

- Increased **outdoor time** and reduced **screen time** can help lower the risk of developing myopia.
- Encouraging breaks during near work (like reading or using devices) is beneficial. Practice the **“20-20-20” rule**: every 20 minutes, look at something 20 feet away for at least 20 seconds.

5. Refractive Surgery

- Procedures like LASIK or PRK can correct myopia in adults, but these are not suitable for children.

The Bottom Line

Myopia is more than just needing glasses - it’s a condition that can impact long-term eye health if left unmanaged. Early detection and proactive treatment in childhood can make a significant difference, reducing risks and improving quality of life. Parents should prioritize regular eye exams and discuss preventive strategies with their child’s eye care provider. Visit [DCA Search](#) today and schedule an appointment with a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist near you.





The Board is aware of an attempted fraud scheme aimed at licensees of the Board. In the scheme, which is communicated by phone, letter, or fax, individuals who identify themselves as Board employees or investigators notify the licensee that they are under investigation, that their license may be suspended, or that an arrest warrant has been issued in their name, and then demand money. In some instances, the individuals identify themselves as Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), or other law enforcement agencies. The callers may be “spoofing” Board telephone numbers to make the calls appear legitimate.

How to Protect Yourself:

- If you have any doubts or questions about someone claiming to represent the Board, hang up, then call the Board directly at

(916) 575-7170 or email optometry@dca.ca.gov, even if this looks like the same number you are being called from.

- Refuse payment. Never provide banking or credit card numbers, or personal information, without first taking steps to verify that the person requesting the information has a legitimate need for it. The Board will never ask for credit/debit information via a letter or over the phone.
- You can also consider simply taking down the caller’s information (including name, title, phone number, and email address). Let them know you will follow up directly with the Board and end the call.
- You may also consider ending the call without explanation if it seems suspicious or appears to be a scam.

Find Us on Social Media

The Board regularly posts on all its social media platforms – [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [X](#).

Did you know that the Board also has an email list? If social media is not your thing, but you still want to stay up-to-date with Board updates and happenings like Optometry/ Optician Regulations and Legislation, Public Board Meeting Announcements/Agendas, *The Spectacle*, Subject Matter Expert Workshops, and all other Board-related updates, subscribe [here](#).



Enforcement Process: What to Expect as a Licensee

Understanding the California State Board of Optometry’s Enforcement Process: What Licensees Should Know

The Board is committed to protecting the public by ensuring that optometrists and opticians practice safely, ethically, and within the law. Enforcement is a critical part of this mission. For licensees, understanding the Board’s enforcement process can help with maintaining compliance and avoiding unnecessary administrative or disciplinary action.

WHY ENFORCEMENT MATTERS

The Board’s enforcement program investigates complaints and acts when violations of the laws and regulations governing optometry or opticianry have occurred. These actions safeguard patients and uphold the integrity of the profession. As a licensee, your license may be subject to an administrative citation and fine or disciplinary action, and these actions are public.

COMMON TRIGGERS FOR ENFORCEMENT

Complaints can come from:

- **Patients or the public** reporting concerns about care or conduct.
- **Other professionals** or agencies identifying possible violations.
- **Mandatory reporting** (e.g., criminal convictions, malpractice settlements).
- **Board staff** researching and investigating unlicensed activity.

Issues often include:

- Unprofessional conduct.
- Substandard care.
- Fraudulent billing.
- Practicing without a valid license.
- Failure to provide a prescription.
- Failure to meet continuing education (CE) requirements.

ENFORCEMENT PROCESS

1. Complaint Intake & Review

Every complaint is reviewed to determine if it falls under the Board’s jurisdiction. If not, it may be referred elsewhere.

2. Investigation

If jurisdiction exists, the Board opens a complaint and begins to gather evidence—patient releases, medical records, witness statements, and other documentation. Licensees may be contacted for information.

3. Evaluation & Expert Review

Clinical cases often involve expert optometrists or other medical reviewers who assess whether care has met professional standards.

4. Outcome Determination

- **No Violation or Insufficient Evidence:** Case closed.
- **Minor Violation:** Citation and fine and/or corrective action.
- **Serious Violation:** Formal disciplinary action, which may include probation, suspension, or revocation.

5. Due Process

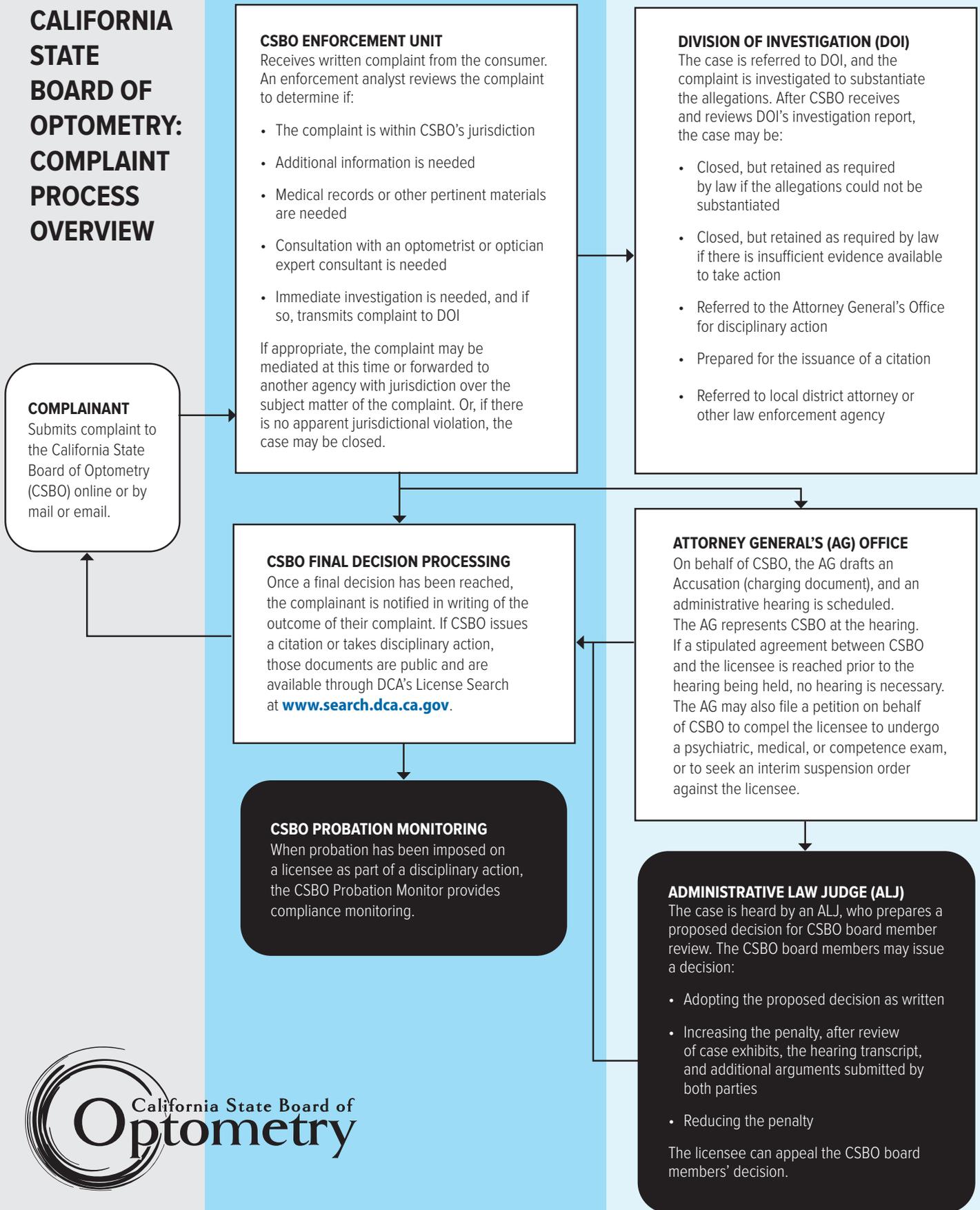
Licensees have rights, including notice of allegations and the opportunity to respond or appeal.

WHAT LICENSEES SHOULD DO

- **Stay Informed:** Know the laws and regulations that govern your license.
- **Maintain Records:** Accurate documentation is a legal requirement and essential for defending care decisions.
- **Report Changes Promptly:** Notify the Board of address changes, convictions, or other required disclosures.
- **Respond Professionally:** If contacted by the Board, cooperate respectfully and seek legal counsel if needed. It is unprofessional conduct for an optometrist to fail to respond to a Board investigation or inquiry.
- **Continuing Education:** Keep CE current and documented and consider using OE Tracker.

Please contact the Board at Optometry@dca.ca.gov with any questions about the Enforcement Process.

CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY: COMPLAINT PROCESS OVERVIEW



Who's New at CSBO!



VALERIE JAMES

On April 1, 2025, Valerie James started with the Board as an Enforcement Analyst. For the past several years, Valerie James was an enforcement analyst at the California Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

If you were not an analyst for CSBO, what would you be doing?

If I weren't an analyst for CSBO, I would hope to be retired and give back to the community, specifically to individuals with disabilities, the elderly, or those who are alone. I haven't looked into what that would entail, but I have considered forming a nonprofit to obtain funding to cover any costs incurred to help individuals with everyday tasks, such as giving them haircuts, organizing their homes by decluttering, taking them to appointments, grocery shopping, and anything else they may need help with.

However, if I weren't retired, I would be in a role that would continue to assist or provide protection for California consumers, while ensuring licensees have a fair, unbiased due process of the law.

Walk me through your day at work.

First thing in the morning, I check and respond to emails and voicemails and review the calendar to help organize my time by priority for the day. Typically, I plan my workload the evening before; however, I leave room for unexpected tasks assigned by management. Throughout the day, I communicate with consumers, stakeholders, and staff.

Each day is different. I am either investigating internal and consumer complaints to determine compliance with applicable rules and regulations or conducting continuing education (CE) audits to ensure optometrists comply with CE requirements.

When investigating complaints or performing CE audits, I gather and analyze evidentiary documents and consult with Board-approved experts when needed to clarify potential unprofessional conduct, such as fraud or negligence. After gathering all the evidentiary documents, I assess whether there are violations of the rules and regulations in the practice of optometry and opticianry and prepare recommendations for management review.

What do you find most rewarding about what you do?

I get to help people who feel they have been wronged while ensuring licensees get a non-biased due process.

What is the most difficult part of your job?

Telling a consumer that there was nothing to substantiate their complaint. At the end of the day, we can't tell someone how they should feel. Our responsibility to Californians is to ensure they are protected, which includes listening to them, educating them, and determining whether there is a cause for action. At the same time, we must ensure that licensees receive unbiased due process.

What does consumer protection mean to you?

Ensuring that consumers are heard, seen, and educated, while gathering the facts and providing licensees with due process to determine whether a violation of the law has occurred.



RAVINEETA CHAND

On June 23, 2025, Ravineeta (Ravin) Chand started with the Board as an Enforcement Analyst. Ravineeta Chand comes to the Board from the Department of State Hospitals, where she worked as a legal secretary.

If you were not an analyst for CSBO, what would you be doing?

If I were not an analyst with the California State Board of Optometry, I would likely be in the legal field, with a focus on employment law and employee advocacy. That was an area I was seriously pursuing. However, my experience

in enforcement has been eye-opening—I’ve discovered that I genuinely enjoy investigative work, regulatory compliance, and applying the law to protect consumers. Enforcement has allowed me to blend my legal interests with analytical and investigative work in a very meaningful way.

Walk me through your day at work.

My workday can vary day to day. There are several core responsibilities I complete daily. I serve as the front end of enforcement by opening and processing incoming complaints, sending acknowledgment letters to complainants, and ensuring each case is properly assigned. In addition to intake, I manage assigned matters by requesting patient records, conducting investigations, and preparing written recommendations. I review case files and supporting documentation to identify potential regulatory issues and determine appropriate enforcement action. Throughout the day, I communicate with complainants, licensees, and internal staff while documenting all activity. I end the day by following up on outstanding items to ensure cases continue moving forward efficiently and in compliance with Board procedures.

What do you find most rewarding about what you do?

The most rewarding part of my work is knowing that I contribute not only to protecting the consumers but also to ensuring that optometrists are treated fairly and consistently under the law. It is important to me to conduct thorough due diligence so that all applicable laws and regulations are applied accurately, ethically, and with justice.

What is the most difficult part of your job?

The most difficult part of my job is balancing complex, emotionally charged complaints with the need to remain objective, thorough, and compliant with statutory requirements. Many complainants are frustrated or distressed, and it is important to listen carefully while also managing expectations about what the Board can and cannot regulate. At the same time, I must ensure that licensees are treated fairly and that all decisions are based strictly on evidence, due process, and applicable law. Investigations often involve incomplete records, conflicting information, or delays in obtaining documentation, which requires persistence, organization, and critical thinking. Navigating these challenges while maintaining professionalism, accuracy, and timeliness is demanding but ultimately strengthens my analytical and problem-solving skills.

What does consumer protection mean to you?

As an enforcement analyst for the Board of Optometry, consumer protection means ensuring patients receive safe and ethical care while laws are applied fairly and consistently. It requires conducting thorough investigations, exercising due diligence, and making evidence-based decisions that balance public safety with the rights of licensees. Ultimately, it is about maintaining trust, integrity, and justice in the regulatory process.



SERENA ST. MARY

On October 27, 2025, Serena St. Mary started with the Board as a Policy Analyst. Serena St. Mary comes to the Board from Lexis Nexus State Net, where she provided policy support to a wide range of clients.

If you were not an analyst for CSBO, what would you be doing?

If I weren't at CSBO, I could see myself working in public education or community outreach. I enjoy helping people better understand their rights, policies, and resources, and I'd love to do work that focuses on strengthening

communities through information and support.

Walk me through your day at work.

No two days are the same in my role, which is one of the things I enjoy most about it. A typical day usually starts with reviewing emails and priorities, which can be anything from policy questions, subject-matter-expert contracts, researching outreach events/opportunities, and time-sensitive items that support the Board's operations. From there, I often shift into a mix of administrative coordination and policy work.

What do you find most rewarding about what you do?

The most rewarding part of my work is knowing it contributes to the Board's mission to protect consumers and support safe, ethical optometric and optical care in California. Even when the work is behind the scenes, which is most of what I do, I believe it plays an important role in maintaining trust in the licensing and regulatory process. I also enjoy contributing to improvements that make our work more effective—whether that means helping strengthen procedures, supporting communication efforts, or working on policy and administrative projects that help the Board operate efficiently and transparently.

What is the most difficult part of your job?

I think one of the most difficult parts is when the work involves decisions that affect the public, because it's important to be thorough, fair, and thoughtful. That responsibility is meaningful, but it also requires focus and accountability every day.

What does consumer protection mean to you?

To me, consumer protection means transparency, giving people the ability to trust the professionals serving them. It's about making sure standards exist and are enforced so that the public is protected from harm, misinformation, and unethical practices. I believe, at its core, it's truly about safeguarding the wellbeing of people.



Recent Administrative and Disciplinary Actions Taken by the Board

For the most current list of citations issued and disciplinary actions, please visit www.optometry.ca.gov/consumers/disciplinary.shtml.

The Board provides information regarding administrative and disciplinary actions for immediate access and convenience of interested persons. You can also access [DCA Search](#) to verify the status of a license or see if a licensed optometrist or optician has had any disciplinary action taken against their license or registration.

While the Board believes the information to be reliable, human or technical error remains a possibility, as does a possible delay in posting or updating information.

CITATIONS AND FINES

Andre, Curtis Anthony (OPT 6157)—Turlock

On October 22, 2025, a \$2,000 modified citation was issued to Curtis Anthony Andre (OPT 6157) for issuing a spectacle lens prescription for less than 2 years without cause and failure to maintain and keep accurate records. (BPC §§ 2541.1(b), 3110(a), 3110(q), and CCR § 1510). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the doctor's license profile.](#)

Az & Link Enterprises Pte Ltd dba Misaki Cosmetics (Unregistered)

On September 10, 2025, a \$5,000 citation was issued to Misaki Cosmetics, a subsidiary of Az & Link Enterprises Pte Ltd (Unregistered) for failure to obtain a Nonresident Ophthalmic Lens Dispenser registration as a business outside the state of California prior to shipping, mailing, furnishing, or delivering in any manner ophthalmic lenses to a patient at a California address. (BPC §§ 2543(a), 2555.5(p), 2555.5(u), 2564.71(a), 2564.74(a), 3042 and CCR § 1399.278). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action.](#)

Bradley, David Alan (OPT 7747)—Yuba City

On September 25, 2025, a \$900 citation was issued to David Alan Bradley (OPT 7747) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal cycle and certifying on his license renewal that the requirements were met. (BPC §§ 3110(a)(j), 3059(e), and CCR § 1536(b)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the doctor's profile.](#)

Chain, Pei Chi (OPT 34439)—San Diego

On September 16, 2025, a \$1,300 citation was issued to Pei Chi Chain (OPT 34439) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal cycle and certifying on her license renewal that the requirements were met. (BPC §§ 3110(a)(j), 3059(e), and CCR §§ 1536(b)(l)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the doctor's profile.](#)

Colour Optic LTD dba CrazyLenses.com (Unregistered)

On September 10, 2025, a \$5,000 citation was issued to Crazy Lenses, a subsidiary of Colour Optic LTD (Unregistered) for failure to obtain a Nonresident Ophthalmic Lens Dispenser registration as a business outside the state of California prior to shipping, mailing, furnishing, or delivering in any manner ophthalmic lenses to a patient at a California address. (BPC §§ 2543(a), 2555.5(p), 2555.5(u), 2564.71(a), 2564.74(a), 3042 and CCR § 1399.278). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action.](#)

Durant, Bill (OPT 8710)—Encino

On December 9, 2025, a \$2,500 citation was issued to Bill Durant (OPT 8710) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal cycle and certifying on his license renewal that the requirements were met. (BPC §§ 3110(a)(j), 3059(e), and CCR §§ 1536(b)(l)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the doctor's profile.](#)

Eu, James Kim–Tzong (OPT 6647)—Fremont

On December 10, 2025, a \$2,000 modified citation was issued to Dr. James Kim–Tzong Eu, O.D. (OPT 6647) for failure to apply for and obtain a Fictitious Name Permit prior to advertising that fictitious name, and for failure to cooperate with a Board investigation. (BPC §§ 3078(a), 3110(a), CCR §§ 1510, and 1582(a)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's profile and related licensure.](#)

Holmstrom, Steven David (OPT 11993)—Canyon Lake

On December 11, 2025, a \$650 citation was issued to Steven David Holmstrom (OPT 11993) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2022–2024 renewal cycle. (BPC §§ 3110(a), 3059(e), and CCR § 1536(l)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the doctor's profile.](#)

Kawamoto, Diane H. (OPT 9754)—Whittier

On November 6, 2025, a \$900 citation was issued to Diane H. Kawamoto (OPT 9754) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2022–2023 renewal cycle and certifying on her license renewal that the requirements were met. (BPC §§ 3110(a), (j), 3059(e), and CCR § 1536(b)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the doctor's profile.](#)

La, Matthew Quoc (OPT 12483)—Poway

On November 5, 2025, a \$650 citation was issued to Matthew Quoc La (OPT 12483) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal cycle. (BPC § 3110(a), and CCR § 1536(l)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the doctor's profile.](#)

Lam, Benh D. (OPT 12427)—Eureka

On July 21, 2025, a \$2,500 citation was issued to Benh D. Lam (OPT 12427) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal cycle. (BPC §§ 3110(a), (j), 3059(e), and CCR § 1536(b)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the doctor's profile.](#)

Lesieur Enterprises Inc dba Primal Contact Lenses (Unregistered)

On September 10, 2025, a \$5,000 citation was issued to Primal Contact Lenses, a subsidiary of Lesieur Enterprises Inc (Unregistered) for failure to obtain a Nonresident Ophthalmic Lens Dispenser registration as a business outside the state of California prior to shipping, mailing, furnishing, or delivering in any manner ophthalmic lenses to a patient at a California address. (BPC §§ 2543(a), 2555.5(p), 2564.71(a), 2564.74(a), and CCR § 1399.278). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action.](#)

Le, Phuong TC (OPT 13375)—Westminster

On December 9, 2025, a \$2,100 citation was issued to Phuong TC Le (OPT 13375) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal cycle and certifying on his license renewal that the requirements were met. (BPC §§ 3110(a),(j), 3059(e), and CCR §§ 1536(b),(l)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the doctor's profile.](#)

Malik, Fazila Nisha (OPT 14699)—Saratoga

On December 9, 2025, a \$650 citation was issued to Fazila Nisha Malik (OPT 14699) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal cycle and certifying on her license renewal that the requirements were met. (BPC §§ 3110(a),(j), 3059(e), and CCR §§ 1536(b),(l)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's profile.](#)

Michael, Harissa Andrea (OPT 15041)—Alhambra

On July 24, 2025, a \$650 citation was issued to Harissa Andrea Michael (OPT 15041) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal cycle. (BPC § 3110(a), and CCR § 1536(l)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the doctor's profile.](#)

Min, Zin May Yi (OPT 15290)—Baldwin Park

On July 21, 2025, a \$650 citation was issued to Zin May Yi Min (OPT 15290) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal cycle. (BPC §§ 3110(a), 3059(e), and CCR § 1536(l)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the doctor's profile.](#)

Nathu, Poonam Virendra (OPT 15204)—Folsom

On August 28, 2025, a \$1,300 citation was issued to Poonam Virendra Nathu (OPT 15204) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal cycle and certifying on her license renewal that the requirements were met. (BPC §§ 3110(a), (j), 3059(e), and CCR §§ 1536(b) and (l)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the doctor's profile.](#)

Nguyen, Annie Hoang (OPT 34065)—El Monte

On September 2, 2025, a \$650 citation was issued to Annie Hoang Nguyen (OPT 34065) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal cycle. (BPC §§ 3110(a), 3059(e), and CCR § 1536(b)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the doctor's profile.](#)

Nguyen, David Quoc Trung (OPT 15255)—San Jose

On November 3, 2025, a \$1,500 modified citation was issued to David Quoc Trung Nguyen for failing to advise a patient with a corneal ulcer to discontinue contact wear. (BPC §§3110(a), and 3110(d)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the doctor's license profile.](#)

Phan, Kathleen Catlan (OPT 34398)—Santa Monica

On July 24, 2025, a \$900 citation was issued to Kathleen Catlan Phan (OPT 34398) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal cycle and certifying on her license renewal that the requirements were met. (BPC §§ 3110(a), (j), 3059(e), and CCR § 1536(b) and (l)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the doctor's profile.](#)

Phan, Linda Q. (OPT 11756)—Milpitas

On October 2, 2025, a \$650 citation was issued to Linda Phan (OPT 11756) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal cycle. (BPC §§ 3110(a), 3059(e), and CCR § 1536(b)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the doctor's profile.](#)

Pinky Paradise (Unregistered)

On September 10, 2025, a \$5,000 citation was issued to Pinky Paradise (Unregistered) for failure to obtain a Nonresident Ophthalmic Lens Dispenser registration as a business outside the state of California prior to shipping, mailing, furnishing, or delivering in any manner ophthalmic lenses to a patient at a California address. (BPC §§ 2543(a), 2555.5(p), 2564.71(a), 2564.74(a), and CCR § 1399.278). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action.](#)

Rajani, Shenila (OPT 15329)—Inglewood

On September 2, 2025, a \$1,700 citation was issued to Shenila Rajani (OPT 15329) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal cycle and certifying on her license renewal that the requirements were met. (BPC §§ 3110(a)(j), 3059(e), and CCR §§ 1536(b)(l)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the doctor's profile.](#)

Shimazaki, Chad Takao (OPT 12858)—Torrance

On November 25, 2025, a \$650 citation was issued to Chad Takao Shimazaki (OPT 12858) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2022–2023 renewal cycle (BPC §§ 3110(a), 3059(e), and CCR § 1536(b)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the doctor's profile.](#)

Shin, James Saangho (OPT 11745)—San Jose

On August 28, 2025, a \$2,500 citation was issued to James Saangho Shin (OPT 11745) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal cycle and certifying on his license renewal that the requirements were met. (BPC §§ 3110(a), (j), 3059(e), and CCR § 1536(b)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the doctor's profile.](#)

Sky Optical LLC dba Solotica.com (Unregistered)

On September 10, 2025, a \$5,000 citation was issued to Solotica.com, a subsidiary of Sky Optical LLC (Unregistered) for failure to obtain a Nonresident Ophthalmic Lens Dispenser registration as a business outside the state of California prior to shipping, mailing, furnishing, or delivering in any manner ophthalmic lenses to a patient at a California address. (BPC §§ 2543(a), 2555.5(p), 2555.5(u), 2564.71(a), 2564.74(a), 3042 and CCR § 1399.278). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action.](#)

Thich, Amy (OPT 12365)—San Francisco

On October 2, 2025, a \$2,500 citation was issued to Amy Thich (OPT 12365) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal cycle and certifying on her license renewal that the requirements were met. (BPC §§ 3110(a), (j), 3059(e), and CCR § 1536(b)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the doctor's profile.](#)

Uniteman Technology Limited dba Coleyes.com (Unregistered)

On July 31, 2025, a \$5,000 citation was issued to Coleyes, a subsidiary of Uniteman Technology Limited (Unregistered) for failure to obtain a Nonresident Ophthalmic Lens Dispenser registration. This registration is required for a business outside the state of California to ship, mail, furnish, or to deliver in any manner ophthalmic lenses to a patient at a California address. (BPC §§ 2543(a), 2555.5(p), 2564.71(a), 2564.74(a), 3042 and CCR § 1399.278). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action.](#)

Votlz, Kelly (OPT 34060)—Sausalito

On July 21, 2025, a \$2,100 citation was issued to Kelly Voltz (OPT 34060) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal cycle. (BPC §§ 3110(a) and (j), 3059(e), and CCR § 1536(b) and (l)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the doctor's profile.](#)

Yoon, Joanne Bae (OPT 12676)—Cerritos

On July 24, 2025, a \$1,300 citation was issued to Joanne Bae Yoon (OPT 12676) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal cycle. (BPC §§ 3110(a), (j), 3059(e), and CCR §§ 1536(b) and (l)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the doctor's profile.](#)

Yu, Haiming "Raymond" (SLD 40534)**Brighter Optical (RDO 70660 and RDO 70922)—Pasadena**

On August 28, 2025, a \$5,000 citation was issued to Haiming "Raymond" Yu (SLD 40534, RDO 70660 and RDO 70922) for practicing optometry without an Optometrist license. (BPC §§ 2540, 2555.5(a), 2555.5(o), 3040(a) and 3110(s)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the registrant's SLD profile, the registrant's RDO \(70922\) profile, and the registrant's RDO \(70660\) profile.](#)

Zhuchenko, Elena Yuriyevna (OPT 14051)—Sacramento

On November 13, 2025, a \$2,500 citation was issued to Elena Yuriyevna Zhuchenko (OPT 14051) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal cycle and certifying on her license renewal that the requirements were met. (BPC §§ 3110(a), (j), 3059(e), and CCR §§ 1536(l) and (b)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the doctor's profile.](#)

PENDING ACCUSATIONS

Alizadeh, Ashcon (SOL 15050)—Houston, TX

On March 20, 2025, an Accusation was filed against the license of Ashcon Alizadeh (SOL 15050) for Engaging In the Practice of Optometry or Advertising or Holding Oneself Out as an Optometrist Without a Valid License, Use of a License or Certificate Issued by the Board That Has Been Issued By Mistake as a Valid License or Certificate, and Unprofessional Conduct Procuring a License By Fraud, Misrepresentation, or Mistake. (BPC §§ 3040(a), 3090, 3101, and 3107). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the doctor’s profile.](#)

Bohling, Kimberly (OPT 34811)—Washington, DC

On October 29, 2025, an Accusation was filed against the license of Kimberly Bohling (OPT 34811) for Gross Negligence, Repeated Negligent Acts, and General Unprofessional Conduct. (BPC §§ 3110(a), (b), and (c), and CCR § 1510). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the doctor’s profile.](#)

Diaz Baez, Miguel Angel (CLD 8078)—San Bernardino

On February 3, 2025, an Accusation was filed against the registration of Miguel Angel Diaz Baez (CLD 8078) for a Criminal Conviction Disregard Safety: Evading Police. (BPC §§490, 2551.1, 2555.5(k), and CCR §1399.270). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the registrant’s profile.](#)

Eyeglass Lens Replacement Specialists (RDO 6360)

Nunez, James Anthony (SLD 4179)—Rialto

On February 27, 2025, an Accusation was filed against the registrations of James Anthony Nunez (SLD 4179), and Eyeglass Lens Replacement Specialists (RDO 6360) for a criminal conviction of Driving Under the Influence and Dangerous Use of Alcohol. (BPC §§490, 2555.1, 2555.5(a), (k), (l) and CCR §1399.270). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the registrant’s SLD profile,](#) and [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the registrant’s RDO profile.](#)

Garcia Vasquez, Guillermo Enrique (SLD# 41195, CLD#8450)—Manteca

On February 4, 2025, an Accusation was filed against the license of Guillermo Enrique Garcia Vasquez (SLD 41195, CLD 8450) for a criminal conviction of Driving Under the Influence and Dangerous Use of Alcohol. (BPC §§490, 2555.1, 2555.5(a), (k), (l) and CCR §1399.270). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the registrant’s SLD profile](#) and [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the registrant’s CLD profile.](#)

Melikian, Arbi Martin (OPT 12334)—Huntington Beach

On October 29, 2025, an Accusation was filed against the license of Arbi Martin Melikian (OPT 12334) for Gross Negligence, Repeated Negligent Acts, and General Unprofessional Conduct. (BPC §§ 3110(a), (b), and (c), and CCR § 1510). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the doctor’s profile.](#)

Nguyen, Katherine Le (OPT 33591)—Redondo Beach

On October 29, 2025, an Accusation was filed against the license of Katherine Le Nguyen (OPT 33591) for Gross Negligence, Repeated Negligent Acts, and General Unprofessional Conduct. (BPC §§ 3110(a), (b), and (c), and CCR § 1510). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the doctor’s profile.](#)

Pham, Matt Trong (OPT 11384)—La Mesa

On April 24, 2025, an Accusation was filed against the license of Matt Trong Pham (OPT 11384) for Gross Negligence, Professional Inefficiency, and General Unprofessional Conduct. (BPC §§ 3110(a), and (b), and CCR § 1510). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the doctor’s profile.](#)

Salamone, Oscar (OPT 11812)—La Mirada

On March 11, 2025, an Accusation was filed against the license of Oscar Salamone (OPT 10829) for a criminal conviction of Driving Under the Influence and Dangerous Use of Alcohol. (BPC §§ 490, 3110(k), and (l)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the doctor’s license profile.](#)

Waldrop, Gary Daniel (SLD 4661)

Dan’s Optical Boutique (RDO 6726)

Dan’s Optical (RDO 71138)—Shasta Lake and Redding

On July 29, 2025, an Accusation was filed against the registrations of Gary Daniel Waldrop (SLD 4661), Dan’s Optical Boutique (RDO 6726), and Dan’s Optical (RDO 71138) for Criminal Convictions and Dangerous Use of Alcohol. (BPC §§490, 2555.1, 2555.5(k), (l) and CCR §1399.270). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the registrant’s SLD profile, the registrant’s RDO \(71138\) profile and the registrant’s RDO \(6726\) profile.](#)

Zoeckler, Brandon Thomas (OPT 14486, SOL 15366, FNP 7211, FNP 6975, SOL 13115)—Beaumont

On July 16, 2025, a First Amended Accusation was filed against the licenses of Brandon Thomas Zoeckler (OPT 14486, SOL 15366, FNP 6975, SOL 13115, and FNP 7211) for Unprofessional Conduct: Committing or Soliciting Sexually Related Crime, Incompetence, Violation of the Optometry Practice Act, General Unprofessional Conduct, and Failure to Notify the Board of Dissolved Corporation Status. (BPC §§ 3110, 3110(a), 3110(d), and 3110(m) (1)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the doctor’s profile and related licensure.](#)

PETITION FOR REDUCTION OF PENALTY OR EARLY TERMINATION OF PROBATION

EyeNoon Optical (RDO 71134)

Wooyeon Lee (SLD 42244 and CLD 8888)—Los Angeles

On July 3, 2025, EyeNoon Optical (RDO 71134) and Wooyeon Lee (SLD 42244 and CLD 8888), with an address of record in Los Angeles, CA, filed a Petition for Early Termination of Probation (Petition). The Respondent's license was placed on probation for three years on June 13, 2024. A quorum of the California State Board of Optometry heard the Petition on October 17, 2025. The Petition was granted and is effective November 30, 2025. [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the registrant's RDO profile, SLD profile, and CLD profile.](#)

Tien, Peter (OPT 33489)—Burbank

On July 8, 2024, Peter Tien (OPT 33489), with an address of record in Burbank, CA, filed a Petition for Early Termination of Probation (Petition). The Respondent's license was placed on probation for three years. A quorum of the California State Board of Optometry heard the Petition on December 6, 2024. The Petition was granted and is effective February 28, 2025.

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PETITION FOR REINSTATEMENT

Soria, Erasmo (SLD 4599)—Escondido

On August 7, 2024, Erasmo Soria (SLD 4599), with an address of record in Escondido, CA, filed a Petition for Reinstatement (Petition). Petitioner's Spectacle Lens Dispenser (SLD) registration was revoked effective January 7, 2011, by Default Decision, for failing to pay an administrative fine of \$2,500, imposed by a Citation Order. A quorum of the California State Board of Optometry heard the Petition on July 11, 2025. The Petition was denied and is effective August 20, 2025. [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the SLD registration profile.](#)

PROBATION

Chavez, David Alexander (SLD 43744)—Palmdale

Effective April 24, 2025, David Alexander Chavez's application for registration as a Registered Spectacle Lens Dispenser (SLD 43744) was approved, and on April 25, 2025, the registration was issued, immediately revoked, the revocation stayed, and placed on probation for two years, for Conviction of a Substantially Related Crime, and Knowingly Making a False Statement of Fact on an Application (BPC §§ 2559.2(b), 480(a)(1) in conjunction with CCR § 1399.270, and BPC § 480(e)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the registrant's profile.](#)

Di Libero, Juliette Ann (OPT 10829)—El Cajon

Effective March 7, 2025, the license of Juliette Ann Di Libero (OPT 10829) was revoked, the revocation stayed, and her license placed on probation for three years for a Criminal Conviction: Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, and Dangerous Use of Alcohol. (BPC §§ 490, 3110(k), and (l)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the doctor's profile.](#)

REVOKED

Chuong, Thomas Hoa (SLD 40971)—Rosemead

On April 4, 2025, the registration of Thomas Hoa Chuong, Spectacle Lens Dispenser Registration (SLD 40971) was revoked for multiple probation violations. Thomas Hoa Chuong was placed on probation for three years, effective December 28, 2023, for Conviction of Substantially Related Crimes, and Dangerous Use of Alcohol (§§ 490, 2555.1, 2555.5(a), (k), (l), 2557.1, and CCR § 1399.270). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the registrant's profile.](#)

Frazier, Jake (SLD 42183)—Carmichael

Effective March 21, 2025, the registration of Jake Frazier (SLD 42183) was revoked for a Criminal Conviction and Dangerous Use of Alcohol. (BPC §§ 490, 2555.1, 2555.5(k), and (l)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the registrant's profile.](#)

SURRENDERED

Garcia Vasquez, Guillermo Enrique (SLD 41195, CLD 8450)—Manteca

Effective December 24, 2025, Guillermo Enrique Garcia Vasquez (SLD 41195 and CLD 8450) were voluntarily surrendered for Criminal Convictions and Dangerous Use of Alcohol (BPC §§490, 2555.5(k) in conjunction with CCR title 16 § 1399.270(a), and BPC § 3110(l)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the registrant's SLD profile.](#) [Click here to view the registrant's CLD profile.](#)

Granstra, Trina Jean (SLD 6321 & CLD 2176)—Windsor

Effective March 21, 2025, the registrations of Trina Jean Granstra (SLD 6321 & CLD 2176), with an address of record in Windsor, CA, were voluntarily surrendered. Respondent's SLD and CLD registrations were placed on probation effective September 10, 2021, for three years for a criminal conviction. (BPC §§ 490, 2559.3, and 2563). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the registrant's SLD profile](#) and [click here to view the CLD profile.](#)

Nunez, James Anthony (SLD 4179)

Eyeglass Lens Replacement Specialists (RDO 6360)—Rialto

Effective July 7, 2025, the registrations of James Anthony Nunez (SLD 4179) and Eyeglass Lens Replacement Specialists (RDO 6360) were voluntarily surrendered. [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the registrant's SLD profile](#) and [click here to view the RDO profile.](#)

Pham, Matt Trong (OPT 11384)—La Mesa

Effective December 24, 2025, Matt Trong Pham (OPT 11384) was voluntarily surrendered. [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the doctor's profile.](#)

Stewart, James Albert (OPT 7582)—Fresno

Effective July 7, 2025, James Albert Stewart's Optometry License (OPT 7582) was voluntarily surrendered. [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the doctor's profile.](#)

Young, Lawrence Edwin (OPT 8618)—Coarsegold

Effective February 20, 2025, the license of Lawrence Edwin Young (OPT 8618), with an address of record in Coarsegold, CA, was voluntarily surrendered. Respondent's optometry license was placed on probation effective October 26, 2023, for five years by Stipulated Settlement for Sexual Abuse, Misconduct, or Relations with a Patient, Unprofessional Conduct. (BPC § 3110(m)(2)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the registrant's/doctor's profile.](#)

STATEMENT OF ISSUES

Lopez, Joseph Daniel (SLD and CLD Applicant)

On October 1, 2025, a Statement of Issues was filed against Joseph Daniel Lopez following the denial of his applications for registration as a Registered Spectacle Lens Dispenser and Registered Contact Lens Dispenser. The basis for the denial was a Criminal Conviction, and Acts Warranting Denial of Licensure (BPC §§ 475(a)(2) in conjunction with CCR title 16 § 1399.270(a), 475(a)(4), 480(a)(1), 2555.5(k), 2559.2(b), and 2561). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action.](#)

Rodriguez, Crystal (SLD Applicant)

On August 11, 2025, a Statement of Issues was filed against Crystal Rodriguez following the denial of her application for registration as a Registered Spectacle Lens Dispenser. The basis for the denial was Substantially Related Convictions, Unprofessional Conduct: Dangerous Use of Alcohol, and Unprofessional Conduct: Violation of Statutes (BPC §§475(a)(2); 480(a)(1), 493, 2555.5(a), (k), and (l)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action.](#)

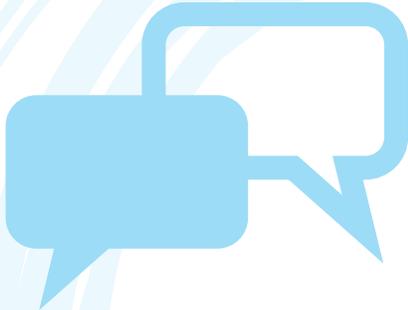
Soria, Erasmo (SLD 4599)—Escondido

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2026 Board and Committee Meeting Dates

Each year, the Board meets at least four times. The Board's various committees also meet throughout the year. The Board adopted the following 2026 meeting calendar, which is subject to change:

- January 23
- April 10
- July 10
- October 23

The 2026 committee meeting dates are:

- February 13
- May 1
- August 7
- November 13

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