South Dakota Board of Examiners in Optometry
Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2026
8:00AM (CST)
In-Person Meeting
AmericInn Conference Room
312 Island Drive, Fort Pierre, SD 57532

DRAFT MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED BY THE BOARD

Board Members		Board Staff Present
Jamie Farmen, Consumer Member	Present	Deni Martin, Executive Secretary
Brian Gill, OD, Vice President	Present	Beverly Katz, Board General Counsel
Shane Hartman, OD	Present	**Guests**
Angela Hase, OD, President	Present	Deb Mortenson, SD Optometric Society
Ryan Scarborough, OD	Present	(Zoom) Representative from SD Open Meetings

Attendance: President Hase called the meeting to order at 8:01am on August 24, 2026.

A Hase indicated that the Board received a last minute request for a continuing education waiver that would fall under 8a., Licensing. R Scarborough moved to amend item 8a of the agenda to add the waiver request pursuant to SDCL 36-7-20, seconded by J Farmen. Vote:

Farmen	YES	Hase	YES
Gill	YES	Scarborough	YES
Hartman	YES	5 YES, MOTION CARRIED	

1. Approval of Amended Agenda

Board Action: B Gill moved to approve the agenda, seconded by J Farmen. Vote:

Farmen	YES	Hase	YES
Gill	YES	Scarborough	YES
Hartman	YES	5 YES, MOTION CARRIED	

2. Conflict of Interest

All Board members reported no conflicts with the agenda items.

3. Public Comment

No public comment.

4. Approval of Minutes

Board Action: R Scarborough moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 23, 2026, seconded by S Hartman. Vote:

Farmen	YES	Hase	YES
Gill	YES	Scarborough	YES
Hartman	YES	5 YES, MOTION CARRIED	

5. Financial Reports

Board Action: D Martin presented the treasurer's report found on pages 8-10 of the agenda packet. J Farmen moved to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by B Gill. Vote:

Farmen	YES	Hase	YES
Gill	YES	Scarborough	YES
Hartman	YES	5 YES, MOTION CARRIED	

6. Board Review and Approval of Non-COPE CE Courses

A. Non-COPE CE Approval

Board Action: Non-COPE continuing education was reviewed and approved via signature vote with the documents.

B. OEPF Approval Request

The Board reviewed the request on page 11 of the agenda packet from the Optometric Extension Program Foundation (OEPF), which requested automatic acceptance of all OEPF courses.

Board Action: R Scarborough moved to decline the request because approval would require changes to the administrative rules, seconded by J Farmen. Vote:

Farmen	YES	Hase	YES
Gill	YES	Scarborough	YES
Hartman	YES	5 YES, MOTION CARRIED	

7. Old Business

A. National and State Issues Monitored

No updates.

B. Statute and Administrative Rule Review

No updates.

8. New Business

A. Licensing

Nine general applications were reviewed:

- 26-6 Melanie Linderer
- 26-7 Sydney Wendt
- 26-8 Dylan Kruger
- 26-9 Payton Oxner
- 26-10 Allison Lewandowski
- 26-11 Verenice Castillo
- 27-1 Katie Rizk
- 27-2 Riley Janke

- 27-3 Gussie Branch

Board Action: B Gill moved to ratify the approval of all nine applications, seconded by S Hartman. Vote:

Farmen	YES	Hase	YES
Gill	YES	Scarborough	YES
Hartman	YES	5 YES, MOTION CARRIED	

The Board reviewed and ratified nine advanced procedure applications through signed votes:

- Kristen Mohr (LAS-YAG)
- Travis Lehr (LAS-T)
- Travis Lehr (ST)
- Travis Lehr (INJ-PA)
- Travis Lehr (INJ-S)
- Mitchell Ibach (ST)
- Mitchell Ibach (INS-J)
- Robert Haeder (LAS-YAG)
- Ross English (LAS-YAG)

The Board reviewed a letter requesting a waiver of the continuing education requirement due to illness pursuant to SDCL 36-7-20.2. Printed copies were available for the public to review.

Board Action: R Scarborough moved to waive 17 hours of continuing education for license number 137, seconded by S Hartman. Vote:

Farmen	YES	Hase	YES
Gill	YES	Scarborough	YES
Hartman	YES	5 YES, MOTION CARRIED	

B. Online Application Update

D Martin reported that the cost of the online application was higher than originally anticipated. A summary of the project was presented on page 14 of the agenda packet. The Board will postpone completion until after June 1, 2027, when the Codewise contract can be amended to increase the contract amount and cover the project's full cost. Tabled until next meeeting.

C. Servicemembers Civil Relief Act Compliance

D. Martin presented a draft of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) Compliance Policy found on pages 15-18 of the agenda packet. R Scarborough moved to approve the policy, B Gill seconded. Vote:

Farmen	YES	Hase	YES
Gill	YES	Scarborough	YES
Hartman	YES	5 YES, MOTION CARRIED	

D. Application and Renewal Disclosure

D Martin presented a draft policy found on pages 19-22 of the agenda packet establishing guidelines for applicant and licensee disclosures during the application and renewal process. S Hartman moved to approve this policy, seconded by J Farment. Vote:

Farmen	YES	Hase	YES
Gill	YES	Scarborough	YES
Hartman	YES	5 YES, MOTION CARRIED	

E. Office Location Update

D Martin reported that her company has moved to a physical office in Rapid City, SD, and that the post office box will be located in Black Hawk. She will work on getting the SD Board of Optometry documents updated on website, envelopes, and notify licensees after the first of the year. No action was taken.

*The meeting was conducted in person at the publicly noticed location, with a quorum of the Board physically present. Supplemental Zoom access was provided for the convenience of remote attendees. A brief interruption of the Zoom connection occurred due to technical difficulties; however, the in-person meeting remained open and accessible to the public throughout the interruption. Zoom access was restored shortly thereafter.

9.Time and Place of Next Meeting

Monday, April 5, 2027- In-Person Meeting
AmericInn- Conference Room
312 Island Drive, Fort Pierre, SD 57532
8:00am (CST)

10. Adjournment

<u>Board Action:</u> J Farmen moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:35am, seconded by B Gill. Vote:

Farmen	YES	Hase	YES
Gill	YES	Scarborough	YES
Hartman	YES	5 YES, MOTION CARRIED	

Approved: TBD