

THE KENTUCKY BOARD OF OPHTHALMIC DISPENSERS
MEETING MINUTES
January 21, 2026

A special meeting of the Kentucky Board of Ophthalmic Dispensers conducted for The Department of Professional Licensing at 500 Mero St., Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 via Teams in PPC Conference Room 247CE.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chad McCarty
Curt Duff
Larry Tenkman
Justin Morris

Leslie Cecil

DPL STAFF

Jeff Bardroff, Administrative Supervisor
Sara B. Janes, Board Counsel
Kristen Lawson, Commissioner
Staci Taylor Boar
Administrator

MEMBER ABSENT

GUESTS

Laura Frezza
Dale Clemens

CALL TO ORDER

The board chair Curt Duff called the meeting to order at 2:31 pm.

INTRODUCTIONS

The Board was introduced to Dr. Leslie Cecil as the new board member and Staci Taylor as the new Board Administrator.

MEETING MINUTES

The November 19, 2025, meeting minutes were reviewed. Sara Janes found errors in the meeting minutes from November and updated them. Curt Duff motioned to approve the amended minutes, Chad McCarty second, the motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The board reviewed financials from November and December. Curt Duff asked what the \$6000 was for November and December. Jenna Wells from Fiscal advised Mr. Duff that was the amount for the renewals for those months.

DPL REPORT

Commissioner Lawson informed the board that DPL is looking forward to filling a couple of spaces with new hires. Jeff Bardroff informed the board that he is the new administrative supervisor for the board. Jeff also informed the board that Staci Taylor was the new board administrator for the board.

BOARD COUNCIL REPORT:

Legal informed the board that the regulation packet was sent to the secretary's office on December 11th, 2025.

OLD BUSINESS:

N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

- **VOLT presentation – The bboard approved a 15-minute presentation on VOLT at the**

November 19, 2025, meeting. Therefore, co-founders Laura Frezza and Dale Clemens of VOLT- (Virtual Opticians Learning Track) attended the meeting Mr. Clemens managed the PowerPoint and Ms. Frezza spoke about what the VOLT program is and how it helps apprentice ophthalmic dispensers learn. Laura Frezza gave a deep dive into what the apprentices see when they learn using VOLT. VOLT is a onetime payment for learners who are just starting out and who are wanting to understand every aspect of the eye. When working with VOLT they begin with the history of ophthalmic dispensing. VOLT teaches about the nervous system, the circulatory system, remedial math and scientific calculations. Immediate feedback and solutions are given when someone is having trouble maneuvering through VOLT. Demonstrations are a used in VOLT to show the apprentice how to decode prescriptions, demonstrating how light enters the eye, and how to use the correct tools at the correct times. Curt Duff asked Laura Frezza if someone needs extra one-on-one help, would VOLT have someone available to assist the apprentice or would the apprentice need to ask their sponsor? Laura stated that there were 30-minute sessions for the learner to have additional help from VOLT staff that is included in the price. There is also an opportunity for separate tutoring if the apprentice needs it, and the sponsor could likely attend session with the apprentice if the chose to.

STATUS REPORT:

Staci Taylor gave the board the current Licensure Report.

APPLICATION REVIEW:

2 Apprentice licenses and 2 OD were reviewed. Curt Duff made the motion to approve the licensures, and Chad McCarty seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

CE REVIEW

N/A

APPROVAL FOR PER DIEM:

Curt Duff made a motion to approve per diem. Leslie Cecil seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled board Meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at the 500 Mero St, Frankfort, KY 40601, The Mayo-Underwood Building, 2:30pm Eastern Time.

ADJOURNMENT

Leslie Cecil made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:55 pm. Chad McCarty seconded the motion, and the motion carried.