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# VIRTUAL/TELECONFERENCE OPTOMETRY EXAMINING BOARD Virtual, 4822 Madison Yards Way, Madison

Contact: Tom Ryan (608) 266-2112 May 1, 2025

The following agenda describes the issues that the Board plans to consider at the meeting. At the time of the meeting, items may be removed from the agenda. Please consult the meeting minutes for a record of the actions of the Board.

#### **AGENDA**

#### 9:00 A.M.

#### OPEN SESSION - CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

- A. Adoption of Agenda (1-3)
- B. Approval of Minutes of February 6, 2025 (4-9)
- C. Reminders: Conflicts of Interest, Scheduling Concerns
- D. Introductions, Announcements and Recognition
  - 1. Introduction and Welcome DSPS Secretary Dan Hereth
  - 2. Introduction: Bernard Blahnik, Public Member (Succeeds: Jinkins)
  - 3. Recognition: Mark Jinkins (Resigned: 4/24/2025)

#### E. Administrative Matters

- 1. Department, Staff and Board Updates
- 2. Board Members Term Expiration Dates
  - a. Blahnik, Bernard J. -7/1/2028
  - b. Kenitz, Scott F. -7/1/2025
  - c. Slaby, Lisa L. -7/1/2027
  - d. Sorce, Peter I. -7/1/2023
  - e. Wilson, Emmylou -7/1/2027
  - f. Wonderling, Ann M. -7/1/2027

## F. Administrative Rule Matters – Discussion and Consideration (10-16)

- 1. Discussion of Adoption Order for Opt 1, 5, and 6 for Telehealth (11-15)
- 2. Pending or Possible Rulemaking Projects (16)
- G. Legislative and Policy Matters Discussions and Consideration

#### H. Speaking Engagements, Travel, or Public Relation Requests, and Reports

- 1. Consideration of Attendance: Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry (ARBO) Annual Meeting, June 22-24, 2025, in Minneapolis, MN
- I. Discussion and Consideration of Items Added After Preparation of Agenda
  - 1. Introductions, Announcements and Recognition
  - 2. Nominations, Elections, and Appointments
  - 3. Administrative Matters
  - 4. Election of Officers
  - 5. Appointment of Liaisons and Alternates
  - 6. Delegation of Authorities
  - 7. Education and Examination Matters
  - 8. Credentialing Matters
  - 9. Practice Matters
  - 10. Legislative and Policy Matters
  - 11. Administrative Rule Matters
  - 12. Liaison Reports
  - 13. Board Liaison Training and Appointment of Mentors
  - 14. Informational Items
  - 15. Public Health Emergencies
  - 16. Division of Legal Services and Compliance (DLSC) Matters
  - 17. Presentations of Petitions for Summary Suspension
  - 18. Petitions for Designation of Hearing Examiner
  - 19. Presentation of Stipulations, Final Decisions and Orders
  - 20. Presentation of Proposed Final Decisions and Orders
  - 21. Presentation of Interim Orders
  - 22. Petitions for Re-Hearing
  - 23. Petitions for Assessments
  - 24. Petitions to Vacate Orders
  - 25. Requests for Disciplinary Proceeding Presentations
  - 26. Motions
  - 27. Petitions
  - 28. Appearances from Requests Received or Renewed
  - 29. Speaking Engagements, Travel, or Public Relation Requests, and Reports

#### J. Public Comments

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION to deliberate on cases following hearing (s. 19.85(1)(a), Stats.); to consider licensure or certification of individuals (s. 19.85(1)(b), Stats.); to consider closing disciplinary investigations with administrative warnings (ss. 19.85(1)(b), and 440.205, Stats.); to consider individual histories or disciplinary data (s. 19.85(1)(f), Stats.); and to confer with legal counsel (s. 19.85(1)(g), Stats.).

- K. Deliberation of Items Added After Preparation of the Agenda
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- L. Consulting with Legal Counsel

#### RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

- M. Vote on Items Considered or Deliberated Upon in Closed Session, if Voting is Appropriate
- N. Open Session Items Noticed Above Not Completed in the Initial Open Session
- O. Delegation of Ratification of Examination Results and Ratification of Licenses and Certificates

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

#### **NEXT MEETING: AUGUST 7, 2025**

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## VIRTUAL/TELECONFERENCE OPTOMETRY EXAMINING BOARD MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 6, 2025

**PRESENT:** Scott Kenitz, Lisa Slaby, Peter Sorce, Ann Wonderling

**ABSENT:** Mark Jinkins, Emmylou Wilson

**STAFF:** Tom Ryan, Executive Director; Jameson Whitney, Legal Counsel; Jacob Pelegrin,

Administrative Rules Coordinator; Tracy Drinkwater, Board Administration

Specialist; and other DSPS Staff

#### CALL TO ORDER

Lisa Slaby, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was confirmed with four (4) members present.

#### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**MOTION:** Scott Kenitz moved, seconded by Peter Sorce, to adopt the Agenda as

published. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2024** 

**MOTION:** Peter Sorce moved, seconded by Scott Kenitz, to adopt the Minutes of

September 19, 2024, as published. Motion carried unanimously.

#### INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITION

#### Recognition: Robert C. Schulz, Optometrist (Resigned: 12/26/2024)

**MOTION:** Scott Kenitz moved, seconded by Peter Sorce, to recognize and thank Dr.

Robert C. Schulz for their years of dedicated service to the Board and

State of Wisconsin. Motion carried unanimously.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

#### **Election of Officers**

#### Slate of Officers

**NOMINATION:** Peter Sorce nominated the 2024 slate of officers to continue in 2025. All

officers accepted their nominations.

Tom Ryan, Executive Director, called for nominations three (3) times.

The Slate of Officers was elected by unanimous voice vote.

2025 ELECTION RESULTS				
Chairperson	Lisa Slaby			
Vice Chairperson	Emmylou Wilson			
Secretary	Scott Kenitz			

#### **Appointment of Liaisons and Alternates**

LIAISON APPOINTMENTS					
Credentialing Liaison(s)	Lisa Slaby, Ann Wonderling  Alternate: Scott Kenitz				
Education and Exams Liaison(s)	Lisa Slaby Emmylou Wilson  Alternate Ann Wonderling				
Monitoring Liaison(s)	Scott Kenitz  Alternate: Ann Wonderling				
Professional Assistance Procedure (PAP) Liaison(s)	Scott Kenitz  Alternate: Peter Sorce  Peter Sorce  Alternate: Lisa Slaby				
Legislative Liaison(s)					
Travel Authorization Liaison(s)	Emmylou Wilson  Alternate: Ann Wonderling				
Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Liaison(s) (PDMP)	Emmylou Wilson  Alternate: Ann Wonderling				
SCREENING PANEL APPOINTMENTS					
January-December	Emmylou Wilson, Scott Kenitz, Peter Sorce Alternate: Ann Wonderling				

## **Delegation of Authorities**

#### **Delegation to Approve Opioid Abuse Report**

**MOTION:** 

Peter Sorce moved, seconded by Scott Kenitz, to authorize the Chairperson (or, in the absence of the Chairperson, the highest-ranking officer or longest serving Board member in that succession) to review and approve the opioid abuse report required by Wis. Stat. § 440.035 (2m)(c)1., for filing with the Legislature. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Delegation to Department Attorneys to Approve Prior Discipline**

**MOTION:** 

Lisa Slaby moved, seconded by Peter Sorce, to delegate authority to Department Attorneys to approve an applicant's prior professional discipline which resulted in a forfeiture/fine/other monetary penalty, remedial education, and/or reprimand, that is 10 years old or older, and the previously disciplined credential is currently in good standing. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Delegation to Handle Administrative Rule Matters**

**MOTION**:

Peter Sorce moved, seconded by Scott Kenitz, to delegate authority to the Chairperson (or, in the absence of the Chairperson, the highest-ranking officer or longest serving Board member in that succession), to act on behalf of the Board regarding administrative rule matters between meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Delegation to Monitoring Liaison**

**MOTION:** 

Scott Kenitz moved, seconded by Lisa Slaby, to delegate authority to the Monitoring Liaison(s) to make any determination on Orders under monitoring and to refer to the Full Board any matter the Monitoring Liaison deems appropriate. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Delegation to Department Monitor**

**MOTION:** Lisa Slaby moved, seconded by Peter Sorce, to delegate authority to the Department Monitor as outlined below:

- 1. to grant reinstatement of licensure if education and/or costs are the sole condition of the order and the credential holder has submitted the required proof of completion for approved courses and paid the costs.
- 2. to suspend the license if the credential holder has not completed Board ordered education and/or paid costs and forfeitures within the time specified by the Board order. The Department Monitor may remove the suspension and issue an order when proof of completion and/or payment has been received.
- 3. to suspend the license (or remove stay of suspension) if a credential holder fails to enroll and participate in an Approved Program for drug and alcohol testing within 30 days of the order, or if credential holder ceases participation in the Approved Program without Board approval. This delegated authority only pertains to respondents who must comply with drug and/or alcohol testing requirements.
- 4. to grant or deny approval when a credential holder proposes treatment providers, mentors, and supervisors unless the Order specifically requires full-Board or Board designee approval.
- 5. to grant a maximum of one <u>90-day extension</u>, if warranted and requested in writing by a credential holder, to complete Board ordered continuing, disciplinary, or remedial education.

- 6. to grant a maximum of one <u>90-day extension</u> or payment plan for proceeding costs and/or forfeitures if warranted and requested in writing by a credential holder.
- 7. to grant a maximum of one <u>90-day extension</u>, if warranted and requested in writing by a credential holder, to complete a Board ordered evaluation or exam.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Review and Approval of 2024 Delegations including new modifications

**MOTION:** 

Scott Kenitz moved, seconded by Peter Sorce, to reaffirm all delegation motions made in 2024, as reflected in the February 6, 2025, agenda materials, which were not otherwise modified or amended during the February 6, 2025, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE RULE MATTERS

## Final Rule Draft: Opt 8 relating to Continuing Education Course Formats

**MOTION:** Peter Sorce moved, seconded by Scott Kenitz, to reject Clearinghouse

comment number 5b and accept all remaining Clearinghouse comments for rule CR 24-080 relating to Continuing Education Course Formats.

Motion carried unanimously.

AND,

**MOTION:** Scott Kenitz moved, seconded by Peter Sorce, to authorize the Chair, or in

the absence of the Chair, the highest ranked or longest serving member in that succession, to approve the Final Rule Draft and Report to the

Legislature for rule CR 24-080 relating to Continuing Education Course

Formats. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Preliminary Rule Draft: Opt 1 and 5 relating to Definitions

**MOTION:** Scott Kenitz moved, seconded by Peter Sorce, to authorize the Chair to

approve the Preliminary Rule Draft of Opt 1 and 5 relating to Definitions for posting for Economic Impact Analysis comments and submittal to the

Clearinghouse. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Biennial Rules Report**

**MOTION:** Peter Sorce moved, seconded by Scott Kenitz, to authorize the Chair, or in

the absence of the Chair, the highest ranked or longest serving member in that succession, to approve the 2025 Biennial Rules Report under s.

227.29 (1), Stats., on board rules which may be unauthorized, obsolete, or

duplicative. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION:** Lisa Slaby moved, seconded by Scott Kenitz, to convene to closed session

to deliberate on cases following hearing (s. 19.85(1)(a), Stats.); to consider licensure or certification of individuals (s. 19.85(1)(b), Stats.); to consider closing disciplinary investigations with administrative warnings (ss. 19.85(1)(b), and 440.205, Stats.); to consider individual histories or disciplinary data (s. 19.85(1)(f), Stats.); and to confer with legal counsel (s. 19.85(1)(g), Stats.). Lisa Slaby, Chairperson, read the language of the motion. The vote of each member was ascertained by voice vote. Roll Call Vote: Scott Kenitz-yes; Lisa Slaby-yes; Peter Sorce-yes; and Ann

Wonderling-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board convened into Closed Session 9:42 a.m.

# DELIBERATION ON DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES AND COMPLIANCE (DLSC) MATTERS

#### **Case Closings**

#### 23 OPT 012 - R.P.A.

**MOTION:** Scott Kenitz moved, seconded by Ann Wonderling, to close DLSC Case

Number 23 OPT 012, against R.P.A., for Insufficient Evidence. Motion

carried unanimously.

#### RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

**MOTION:** Peter Sorce moved, seconded by Scott Kenitz, to reconvene in Open

Session. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 9:59 a.m.

#### VOTING ON ITEMS CONSIDERED OR DELIBERATED UPON IN CLOSED SESSION

**MOTION:** Scott Kenitz moved, seconded by Peter Sorce, to affirm all motions made

and votes taken in Closed Session. Motion carried unanimously.

(Be advised that any recusals or abstentions reflected in the Closed Session motions stand for the purposes of the affirmation vote.)

# DELEGATION OF RATIFICATION OF EXAMINATION RESULTS AND RATIFICATION OF LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES

**MOTION:** Peter Sorce moved, seconded by Ann Wonderling, to delegate ratification

of examination results to DSPS staff and to delegate and ratify all licenses

and certificates as issued. Motion carried unanimously.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Peter Sorce moved, seconded by Scott Kenitz, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.



# State of Wisconsin Department of Safety & Professional Services

# **AGENDA REQUEST FORM**

1) Name and title of person submitting the request:		2) Date when request submitted:					
Jake Pelegrin Administrative Rules Coordinator		4/18/25					
			Items will be considered late if submitted after 12:00 p.m. on the deadline date which is 8 business days before the meeting				
3) Name of Board, Com	mittee, Council, Se	ctions:	date willeri	5 o business days before the incetting			
Optometry Examining							
4) Meeting Date:	5)	6) How should th	e item be title	ed on the agenda page?			
5/1/25	Attachments:	Administrative	Rule Matte	rs – Discussion and Consideration			
	⊠ Yes			rder for Opt 1, 5, and 6 for Telehealth			
	☐ No	2. Pending or po	ssible rulem	aking projects.			
7) Place Item in:	8) Is an appeara	nce before the Boa	ard being	9) Name of Case Advisor(s), if required:			
Open Session		es, please complete		N/A			
Closed Session	Appearance Rec	<mark>quest</mark> for Non-DSPS	S Statt)				
	☐ Yes						
	⊠ No						
10) Describe the issue a	and action that sho	uld be addressed:					
Attachments:							
-Adoption Order for 0	Opt 1, 5, and 6 for	Telehealth					
-Rules progress chart							
11)		Authoriza	tion				
Jake Pelegrin							
Signature of person making this request		4/18/25 <b>Date</b>					
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Supervisor (if required)				Date			
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Executive Director signature (indicates approval to add post agenda deadline item to agenda) Date							
Directions for including supporting documents:							
1. This form should be attached to any documents submitted to the agenda.							
<ol> <li>Post Agenda Deadline items must be authorized by a Supervisor and the Policy Development Executive Director.</li> <li>If necessary, provide original documents needing Board Chairperson signature to the Bureau Assistant prior to the start of a</li> </ol>							
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# STATE OF WISCONSIN OPTOMETRY EXAMINING BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF RULEMAKING : ORDER OF THE

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE : OPTOMETRY EXAMINING BOARD

OPTOMETRY EXAMINING BOARD : ADOPTING RULES

: (CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 24-029)

#### ORDER

An order of the Optometry Examining Board to **amend** OPT 1.03 and 5.03 (8); and to **create** OPT 1.02 (7m), 5.045 (4), and 5.20 relating to telehealth.

Analysis prepared by the Department of Safety and Professional Services.

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#### **ANALYSIS**

#### **Statutes interpreted:**

Sections 440.01 (1) (hm), 449.02 (1), and 449.25 (1), Stats.

#### **Statutory authority:**

Sections 15.08 (5) (b), 227.11 (2) (a), 440.17, and 449.25, Stats.

#### **Explanation of agency authority:**

Section 15.08 (5) (b), Stats. provides that each examining board "[s]hall promulgate rules for its own guidance and for the guidance of the trade or profession to which it pertains, and define and enforce professional conduct and unethical practices not inconsistent with the law relating to the particular trade or profession."

Section 227.11 (2) (a), Stats. provides that "Each agency may promulgate rules interpreting the provisions of any statute enforced or administered by the agency, if the agency considers it necessary to effectuate the purpose of the statute, but a rule is not valid if the rule exceeds the bounds of correct interpretation."

Section 440.17, Stats.: "If the department, an examining board, or an affiliated credentialing board promulgates rules related to telehealth, the department, the examining board, or the affiliated credentialing board shall define "telehealth" to have the meaning given in s. 440.01 (1) (hm)."

Section 449.25, Stats. provides that the examining board shall promulgate rules relating to informed consent, stating that, "[a]ny optometrist who treats a patient shall inform the patient about the availability of reasonable alternate modes of treatment and about the benefits and risks of these treatments."

#### Related statute or rule:

None.

#### Plain language analysis:

This rule will include a uniform definition of telehealth for optometrists based on that given by 2021 Wisconsin Act 121. It will specify optometrists are to hold a Wisconsin license or apply for a temporary credential in order to diagnose and treat patients located in Wisconsin. It will specify that optometrists are held to the same standards of conduct regardless of whether the services are provided in person or by telehealth.

Summary of, and comparison with, existing or proposed federal regulation:

None.

Summary of public comments received on statement of scope and a description of how and to what extent those comments and feedback were taken into account in drafting the proposed rule:

None.

#### Comparison with rules in adjacent states:

#### **Illinois:**

Illinois statute provides that telehealth includes telemedicine and the delivery of health care services provided by way of an interactive telecommunications system. Illinois law further provides that "[a] health care professional treating a patient located in this State through telehealth must be licensed or authorized to practice in Illinois." Practice of telehealth in Illinois is limited to the extent of the practitioner's scope of practice as established in his or her respective licensing and consistent with the standards of care for in-person services. Optometrists are included in the definition of "health care professionals."

#### Iowa:

Iowa law defines "Telehealth" as "the delivery of health care services through the use of real-time interactive audio and video, or other real-time interactive electronic media, regardless of where the health care professional and the covered person are each located. "Telehealth" does not include the delivery of health care services delivered solely through an audio-only telephone, electronic mail message, or facsimile transmission." Services must comply with all rules adopted by the appropriate professional licensing board that has oversight of the health care professional providing the health care services. Optometry is included in the delivery of health care services.

#### Michigan:

Michigan law defines "telemedicine" in their insurance code as "the use of an electronic media to link patients with health care professionals in different locations." To be considered telemedicine under this section, the health care professional must be able to examine the patient via a secure interactive audio or video, or both, telecommunications system, or through the use of store and forward online messaging. Optometrists are included in the definition of "health care professionals."

#### Minnesota:

Minnesota law defines "Telehealth" as "the delivery of health care services or consultations through the use of real time two-way interactive audio and visual communications to provide or support health care delivery and facilitate the assessment, diagnosis, consultation, treatment, education, and care management of a patient's health care." Telehealth includes the application of secure video conferencing, store-and-forward technology, and synchronous interactions between a patient located at an originating site and a health care provider located at a distant site. Until July 1, 2025, telehealth also includes audio-only communication between a health care provider and a patient. Telehealth does not include communication between a health care provider and a patient that consists solely of an email or facsimile transmission. Telehealth does not include telemonitoring services. Optometrists are included in the definition of health care providers.

#### Summary of factual data and analytical methodologies:

The rules were developed in consultation with the Optometry Examining Board by reviewing s. 440.17, Stats., reviewing the current Optometry rules and statutes, and discussing current practice in the profession.

# Analysis and supporting documents used to determine effect on small business or in preparation of economic impact analysis:

The proposed rules were posted for a period of 14 days to solicit public comment on economic impact, including how the proposed rules may affect businesses, local government units, and individuals. No comments were received.

#### **Fiscal Estimate and Economic Impact Analysis:**

The Fiscal Estimate and Economic Impact Analysis are attached.

#### **Effect on small business:**

These rules do not have an economic impact on small businesses, as defined in s. 227.114 (1), Stats. The Department's Regulatory Review Coordinator may be contacted at Jennifer.Garrett@wisconsin.gov or (608) 266-2112.

#### Agency contact person:

Jake Pelegrin, Administrative Rules Coordinator, Department of Safety and Professional Services, Division of Policy Development, 4822 Madison Yards Way, P.O. Box 8366, Madison, Wisconsin 53708; telephone 608-267-0989; email at DSPSAdminRules@wisconsin.gov.

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#### TEXT OF RULE

SECTION 1. OPT 1.02 (7m) is created to read:

**OPT 1.02 (7m)** "Telehealth" has the meaning given in s. 440.01 (1) (hm), Stats.

SECTION 2. OPT 1.03 is amended to read:

**OPT 1.03 Delegation and supervision.** Except as provided under s. OPT 5.03 (19) and (20), an optometrist may direct an unlicensed person working under the optometrist's supervision to perform any act that is within the optometrist's scope of practice. This includes performing telehealth with patients. The optometrist continues to be responsible for interpretation of test findings, as well as the diagnosis and management of any condition related to the care of the patient.

SECTION 3. OPT 5.03 (8) is amended to read:

**OPT 5.03 (8)** Practicing while knowingly having an infectious or contagious disease, except when practicing telehealth.

SECTION 4. OPT 5.045 (4) is created to read:

**OPT 5.045 (4)** An optometrist shall be responsible for informing a patient upon initiation of scheduling a visit, or within a reasonable amount of time in the event of a change of circumstances, if the visit is going to be performed by telehealth. The patient shall be provided with the name and contact information of the optometrist providing the telehealth care.

SECTION 5. OPT 5.20 is created to read:

#### **OPT 5.20 Telehealth.**

- (1) The standards of practice and professional conduct under this chapter apply to an optometrist regardless of whether health care service is provided in person or by telehealth.
- (2) An optometrist who uses a telehealth visit to provide optometry services to a patient located in this state shall either be licensed as an optometrist by the board, shall apply for

a temporary credential under the requirements of s. 440.094, Stats., or shall have endorsement and licensure by the board under s. 449.055, Stats., and ch. OPT 4.

first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin Administrative Register,
pursuant to s. 227.22 (2) (intro.), Stats.

(END OF TEXT OF RULE)

Dated

Chairperson
Optometry Examining Board

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. The rules adopted in this order shall take effect on the

# **Optometry Examining Board Rule Projects**

Clearinghouse Rule Number	Scope #	Scope Expiration	Code Chapter Affected	Relating clause	Current Stage	Next Step
CR 24-029	018-23	08/20/2025	OPT 1, 5 and 6	Telehealth	Board review of Adoption Order.	Chair signature of Adoption Order, then rule published and effective.
CR 24-080	057-23	2/26/2026	OPT 8	Continuing Education- ARBO COPE	Governor's review of Final Rule Draft.	Legislative review.
	057-24	11/28/2026	OPT 1 and 5	Definitions	Preliminary rule draft is with Clearinghouse for review.	Hold public hearing and discuss Clearinghouse comments at August board meeting.