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Board of Examiners in Optometry



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Optometry Board Election – Voting Now Open

The South Carolina Board of Examiners in Optometry has opened the election for one (1) available Board seat. Multiple candidates have been nominated, and voting is now underway in accordance with [S.C. Code Section 40-37-10](#). Every licensed optometrist in the State, regardless of years of practice, is eligible to vote in the election.

Board Seat Details

- Term: May 15, 2026 – May 15, 2030 (seat currently held by Dr. Melissa Wood)
- Eligibility: Licensed optometrists in South Carolina

Election Timeline and Process

- Voting Period: June 19, 2026 – July 7, 2026 (Voting portal closes at midnight; Mail-in ballots must be postmarked on or before July 7, 2026)
- Each licensee may submit one (1) vote only.
- The candidate receiving the most votes will have their name, cover letter, and biography submitted to the Governor for final appointment consideration.

How to Vote Online

1. Go to the Online Voting Portal: <https://eservice.llr.sc.gov/OnlineElection>
2. Log in using your licensee portal User ID and password
3. Review the election ballot, including candidate names and biographies
4. Select one (1) candidate and submit your vote

If you need a paper ballot or have questions, please contact: contact.optometry@llr.sc.gov