



# 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.

## SUMMERTIME!

Welcome to the summer 2024 edition of the Spectacle!  
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## New Board Officers Elected

Every year the Board must elect from its members a president, vice president, and secretary charged with assisting the Executive Officer in facilitating the functions of the Board. The Board began the nominating process earlier this year and elected new officers at the May 31, 2024, public board meeting, for one-year terms effective July 1, 2024. The following officers were elected:



**Dr. Jeffrey Garcia, O.D., Elected President**—Dr. Garcia, O.D., was appointed to the Board by Governor Gavin Newsom as a professional member on August 17, 2020, and reappointed by Governor Newsom on May 23, 2023. Dr. Garcia, O.D., is an optometrist and has been the owner of Family Eye Care Optometry since 1996. Dr. Garcia, O.D., has been an adjunct clinical assistant professor for the Southern California College of Optometry since 2014 and an auxiliary clinical faculty for Western College of Optometry since 2013. Dr. Garcia, O.D., is a retired Navy captain, having served as both a hospital corpsman and an optometrist from 1985 to 2018. Dr. Garcia, O.D., is a member of the American Optometric Association and California Optometric Association. He earned a Doctor of Optometry degree from the Southern California College of Optometry.



**Eunie Linden, J.D., Elected Vice President**—Ms. Linden was appointed to the Board by the California Senate Rules Committee as a public member on March 19, 2021, and reappointed on June 21, 2023. Ms. Linden is an attorney who previously worked as a consultant for the California State Assembly Committee on Business and Professions. Ms. Linden also worked for the California Office of Legislative Counsel as a Deputy Legislative Counsel. Most recently, Ms. Linden was an in-house volunteer attorney with Legal Services of Northern California. Ms. Linden graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law in 2011. Ms. Linden also earned a bachelor's degree from California State University, Long Beach, in 2005, and a Master of Public Policy degree from the University of California, Los Angeles, in 2008.



**Dr. Stacy Bragg, O.D., Elected Secretary**—Dr. Bragg, O.D., was appointed to the Board by Governor Gavin Newsom on May 23, 2023. Dr. Bragg, O.D., has been a telehealth optometrist at Empire Vision Center since 2022 and an optometrist at Regency Eye Care Inc. since 2017. She was an optometrist at Stacy A. Bragg, O.D., Inc. from 2016 to 2017. She was a managing optometrist for EYEXAM of California, Inc. from 2014 to 2016. She was an independent subleasing optometrist at FirstSight Vision Services, Inc. from 2005 to 2014. Dr. Bragg, O.D., earned a doctorate degree in optometry from Pacific University College of Optometry and a Bachelor of Science in biology from Mercer University.

*Congratulations to the 2024-25 Board officers!*



# Culturally Competent Care: Latinos en Optometry

by Gary Esterow, Executive Director, Latinos en Optometry

## Latinos en Optometry seeks broader representation of Latinos and Spanish-speaking professionals within optometry

Health care professionals are ethically and professionally obliged to provide the best possible care that supports the health and well-being of all patients, irrespective of personal identities and characteristics.

Patients and health care providers bring to the table a wide cross-cultural array of clinically relevant needs, attitudes, customs, values, beliefs, preferences, assumptions, expectations, practices, and fears that decode experiences, shape perspectives, affect decisions, and drive behavior.<sup>1</sup>

To achieve optimum vision and eye health for everyone, it is important for optometrists, opticians, optical staff, and optometry students to understand how diversity influences care and affects outcomes.



## Latinos/Hispanics and Eye Care

The Latino/Hispanic community continues to grow as a percentage of the U.S. population.

The Census Bureau estimates there were roughly 63.7 million Hispanics in the U.S. as of 2022, a new high. Hispanic people represent more than 39 percent of California's population. They represent up to 19% of the nation's population,<sup>2</sup> and according to U.S. Census Bureau projections, Latinos are expected to be 21% by 2030.<sup>3</sup> By 2040, one of every four Americans will be of Latin-American culture.<sup>4</sup>

Yet, Latinos are not represented in the health care workforce at rates comparable to their share of the general population. With respect to Optometry:

- Currently, only 5.2% of U.S. optometrists are Latino, according to research from the career resource site Zippia.<sup>5</sup> (In California, Hispanics make up less than 6% of licensed optometrists.<sup>6</sup>)
- For the 2023–2024 cycle, the Optometry Centralized Application Service (OptomCAS), a service of the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry (ASCO) shows a decline in the number of Hispanic/Latino applicants to U.S. schools of optometry from the previous year.

## Diversity Awareness and Cultural Competence in Optometry

According to the National Eye Institute, the Latino population has some of the highest rates of eye disease and visual impairment caused by eye diseases like diabetic retinopathy and glaucoma, and a significant number may be unaware of their eye disease.<sup>7</sup> In a study conducted by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research,<sup>8</sup> more than half of Hispanic adults say they have encountered a communication barrier in the health care system, and they turn to a variety of formal and informal sources for help in overcoming these obstacles.

"These and other findings demonstrate an ever-increasing need for Latino (and Spanish-speaking) doctors of optometry, opticians, and other eye care professionals," says Latinos en Optometry co-founder Diana Canto-Sims, O.D. In 2021, Dr. Canto-Sims, founder of Buena Vista Optical, a fully bilingual eye care clinic and eyewear boutique in Chicago, and Lawrence Chavez, founder and CEO of EveryDay Contacts, Inc., founded Latinos en Optometry with goals of increasing the number of qualified Latino students applying to optometry schools, helping eye care professionals deliver eye health care in a culturally mindful manner, and generating greater public awareness and understanding of the need for eye care among the Latin American population.

"A preponderance of scientific evidence supports the importance of increasing racial and ethnic diversity among health care professionals," says Dr. Canto-Sims. "Greater diversity among health professionals is associated with improved access to care for racial and ethnic minority patients, greater patient choice and satisfaction, better patient-provider communication and better

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educational experiences for all students in training. Furthermore, it is important for non-Latino health care providers to improve their Spanish language communication skills, especially if practicing in areas where most of the patient population speaks Spanish and/or has limited English proficiency.”

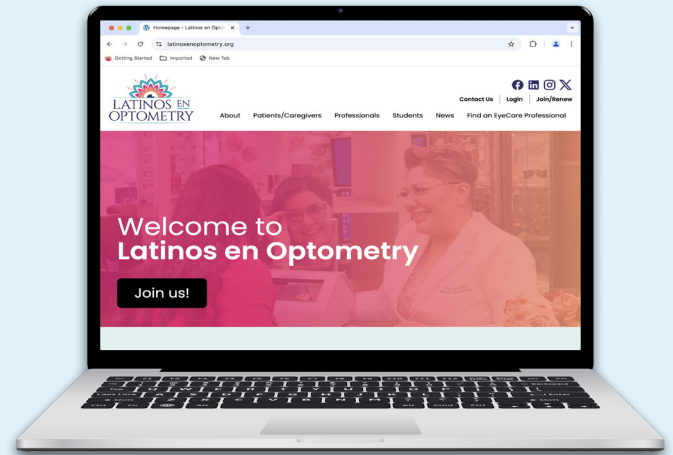
To help optometrists and optometry students understand how diversity influences care and affects patient outcomes, Latinos en Optometry Board member Glenda Aleman-Moheeputh, O.D., along with Edward Lawrence Jones, O.D., HIS, immediate past president of the National Optometric Association, and Linda Shi, O.D., president of the Asian American Optometric Society (AAOS), the largest optometric society in California, will be participating in a panel discussion on **Cultural Competency in Eye Care** on the Innovation Stage at Vision Expo West on Friday, September 20, 11 a.m.–11:45 a.m.

### Join Latinos en Optometry

Membership in Latinos en Optometry is free to all students interested in a career in Optometry or related eye care professions, those currently enrolled in a certified college of optometry, allied health profession, education, and rehabilitation program or in an optometric residency or a fellowship program. Low-cost professional membership is also available, with discounts to first-year practitioners and retired professionals who wish to support the activities of the association. All 2024 memberships run through December 31, 2025. Eye care provider members are listed in Latinos en Optometry’s “Find an Eye Care Professional” section to help patients find eye care professionals in their area. Providers are able to note if doctors and/or staff at their practice speak Spanish.

The group’s website ([www.latinosenoptometry.org](http://www.latinosenoptometry.org)) features information and resources for prospective and current optometry students, including a series of archived and upcoming free webinars, supported by Transitions Optical, in which Latinos en Optometry Board members share their experiences and offer advice to support and inspire students to consider a career in Optometry. “We need to expose more students to potential careers in Optometry so they can see how it might fit into their passions, interests, skills, and lifestyle and career aspirations,” says Howard Purcell, O.D., FAAO, president and CEO, New England College of Optometry and one of the co-founders of Latinos en Optometry.

“We are so pleased that the California State Board of Optometry shares Latino en Optometry’s commitment to helping current and future eye care professionals deliver eye health care in a culturally mindful manner through ongoing education and resources,” says Dr. Canto-Sims. “Diversity and cultural competency are strengths and assets that will help us create a future with more quality and equitable eye care experiences and healthier outcomes for all.”



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## Fee Increase Effective July 1, 2024

In 2023, the Board enacted regulations to increase most application, licensing, registration, and renewal fees. The regulations took effect in December 2023, but the Board delayed the implementation until July 1, 2024, providing time for the Board's systems to be updated and for applicants and licensees to have sufficient foreknowledge of the increase. Information about why the Board raised the fees can be found on the Board's website in both the **approved regulations** section and in the **winter 2024 edition of this newsletter**. The Board also sent Listserv messages and posted on its social media channels. The updated fees can be found at these links: **Optometry** and **Opticianry**. Please contact the Board at **optometrylicensing@dca.ca.gov** with any questions.



## Board Releases Regulations to Increase Access to Care

The Board recently released two proposed regulations now out for public comment. The **Home Residence Permit Program** was released for 45 day public comment on July 19, ending September 3, and the proposal would help expand access to eye care to the homebound, enabling underserved or vulnerable populations to receive comprehensive eye care within the comfort of their own residence, while also providing consumer protection, by having a way to track licensees working out of the home via the issuance of a permit.

The second proposal, released on August 9 for a 45 day public comment period ending September 23, would authorize optometrists to use **Radio Frequency Technology or Devices** when treating dry eye syndrome. Expanding the allowable noninvasive treatment options that an optometrist can use to treat dry eye will positively benefit Californians who are suffering from dry eye disease. As patients suffering from this condition have their symptoms alleviated, their quality of life should also improve.

Please visit the Board's **Proposed Regulations** webpage to learn more about these regulations. Any comments regarding these proposed regulations may be sent to **optometry@dca.ca.gov**.

## New National Board Part III Exam is Live

The National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) Part III exam, previously called Clinical Skills, effective August 2024, is now the Patient Encounters and Performance Skills (PEPS) exam.

The Part III PEPS exam was developed to not only evaluate essential skills, but also to measure a candidate's ability to apply evidence-based knowledge to patient care. The new exam moves beyond the assessment of the physical ability to perform the skill to also measure a candidate's cognitive ability to interpret the result and apply that knowledge directly to patient care.

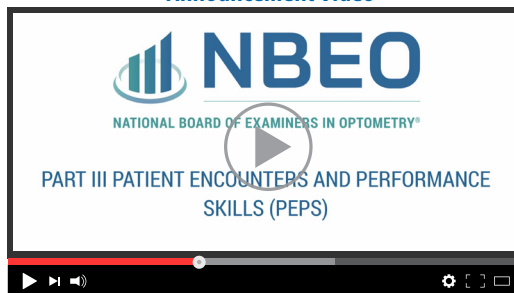
For additional information, please visit the following links on the NBEO website:

- [Part III PEPS Candidate Guide](#)
- [Site Information and Equipment List](#)
- Evaluation Forms
  - » [Anterior Segment Skills Evaluation Form](#)
  - » [Posterior Segment Skills Evaluation Form](#)
  - » [Patient Encounters Evaluation Form Candidate Evaluation Form](#)

- [FAQ's](#)
- [Blueprint/Model](#)

Here is more information from NBEO regarding the new Part III PEPS exam:

**Announcement Video**



**Information Video**



## Wear Sunglasses to Protect Your Eye Health

In summer, the sun’s intensity increases, making it crucial to prioritize eye protection. From an eye health perspective, wearing sunglasses during the summer months is not just a matter of comfort but an essential practice for maintaining long-term eye health:

### 1. Intense Ultraviolet Radiation

In summer, the days are long, and the sun is higher in the sky, resulting in increased ultraviolet radiation. Ultraviolet sun rays are invisible but can cause significant harm to eyes over time. Prolonged ultraviolet exposure is linked to many eye conditions, such as:

- **Cataracts:** Ultraviolet radiation accelerates the formation of cataracts, a clouding of the eye’s lens that impairs vision. Cataracts can become more severe without adequate ultraviolet protection.
- **Macular Degeneration:** Chronic ultraviolet exposure can contribute to age-related macular degeneration, which affects the central retina and can lead to vision loss.
- **Photokeratitis:** Commonly known as “sunburn of the eye,” this condition can cause pain, redness, and temporary vision impairment, especially if you spend extended periods outdoors without protection.

Wearing sunglasses with 100% ultraviolet protection help shield the eyes from these harmful sun rays, reducing the risk of developing these conditions.

### 2. Reduced Glare and Eye Strain

Summer sun can create intense glare, especially when reflecting off surfaces like water, sand, or roads. This glare can cause significant eye strain, leading to discomfort, headaches, and difficulty seeing clearly. Sunglasses with polarized lenses are particularly effective in reducing glare by filtering out horizontally polarized light. This not only enhances visual comfort but also improves clarity and reduces the need to squint.

### 3. Protection from Environmental Factors

Summer activities often involve exposure to environmental elements that can affect your eyes. Sunglasses provide a barrier against:

- **Dust and Debris:** Wind and outdoor activities can stir up particles that might irritate or damage your eyes. Sunglasses help keep these elements out of the eyes.
- **Insects:** Sunglasses can act as a shield against flying insects, reducing the risk of eye irritation or injury.

### 4. Preserving Long-Term Eye Health

Regular exposure to intense sunlight without adequate protection can lead to cumulative damage over the years. Wearing sunglasses consistently during summer helps mitigate this risk and promotes long-term eye health. The protection offered by sunglasses can delay the onset of age-related eye conditions and maintain overall visual function.

### 5. Enhancing Visual Comfort and Performance

For those engaging in summer sports or outdoor activities, sunglasses play a vital role in improving visual performance. They can enhance contrast, reduce glare, and provide better visual acuity, which is particularly important for activities like driving, boating, or playing sports. Proper eyewear can enhance your performance and safety by providing clearer vision and reducing visual fatigue.

## Choosing the Right Sunglasses

When selecting sunglasses for summer, consider the following factors:

- **Ultraviolet Protection:** Ensure that the sunglasses block 100% of ultraviolet-A and ultraviolet-B rays. This is crucial for effective protection.
- **Lens Quality:** Choose lenses that are free of distortions and provide clear vision. Polarized lenses are beneficial for reducing glare.
- **Fit and Coverage:** Choose sunglasses that fit well and offer sufficient coverage to protect your eyes from all angles. Wraparound styles or large frames can provide additional protection.

Utilize the Board’s online license lookup tool, [DCA Search](#), and make an appointment with a licensed optometrist to discuss options to protect your eyes in summer.



## Find Us on Social Media

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

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 the Board updates and happenings like optometry/optician regulations and legislation, public board meeting announcements/agendas, the Spectacle, SME workshops, and all other Board related updates, subscribe [here](#).





## CSBO Exam Vendor Updates Testing Platform with New Accessibility Tools

The Board utilizes an exam vendor to administer the California Law and Regulations Examination that all optometrist applicants must successfully pass. Beginning in mid August 2024, the Board's exam vendor, PSI, has enhanced their testing delivery system. The new delivery system provides several reasonable accommodation enhancements. Five new accessibility features are now available:

- **Magnifier:** the magnifier tool shows text at twice the size of the original content. When enabled, an option is added into the Tools menu to provide the candidate the opportunity to magnify the page content. When launched, a magnifier box appears over the page content. The text within the magnifier box will be twice the size of the original content.
- **Contrast selection:** The contrast selection tool shows different contrast options available to the test taker. Selecting a high color contrast will show a darker border around the page. Test takers will also be able to select high color contrast inverted which will invert the page background to black with white text.

- **Keyboard shortcuts:** Test takers will be able to access keyboard shortcuts, which will display on their screen a variety of different keyboard shortcut options to assist the test taker access the exam.
- **Comment button:** Test takers will have the ability to provide comments and feedback on one or more questions within the exam.
- **Index button:** Test takers will have the ability to see a list of all questions in the exam. This enables the test taker to navigate to a specific question, see questions that are unanswered, or questions the test taker may have flagged to come back to.

Beginning in August, all test takers will first have access to a tutorial of these features before they begin the exam. Please contact the Board via email at [optometrylicensing@dca.ca.gov](mailto:optometrylicensing@dca.ca.gov) with any questions.

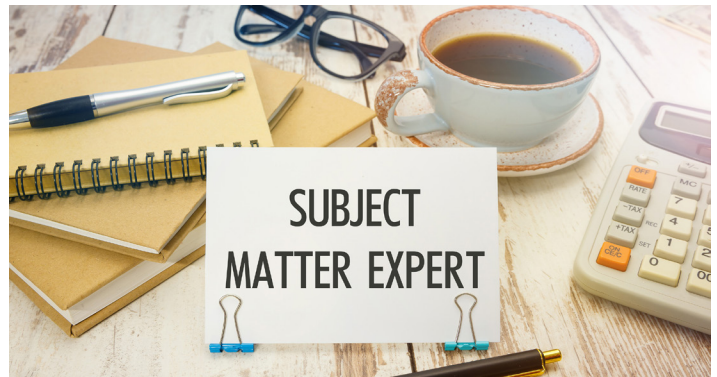
## We Need You! Subject Matter Expert Recruitment

Would you like to earn up to **12 CE hours per renewal period**, get paid up to \$200 per day, and give back to your profession? Become a Board Subject Matter Expert (SME)! The California Laws and Regulations Examination (CLRE) taken by new optometrist applicants is developed by SMEs. Join us to help ensure that the CLRE accurately reflects the tasks and knowledge required to practice in California. All travel, hotel, and meal expenses are reimbursed at the state rate.

Exam development not your thing? The Board also needs expert witnesses to assist the enforcement program in protecting consumers of optometric services. An expert witness is any licensee possessing technical or professional knowledge gained from advanced education and/or extensive work experience that enables the individual to form a definite opinion in an area of expertise in the standard of care for the profession. Expert witnesses are asked to review confidential case material, prepare written reports and, possibly, testify at administrative hearings. Their reports and/or findings may result in a disciplinary action against an optometrist. The Board pays experts at the rate of:

- \$100 an hour for record review and preparation of a written report.
- \$150 an hour for testimony at a hearing.

To participate, all licensees must:



- Hold a current active license with a glaucoma certification and be practicing in California.
- Be in good standing with the Board.
- For exam development SMEs: Newly licensed optometrists within five years of graduation are highly encouraged to apply!
- For expert witness SMEs: Licensed optometrists with technical and professional expertise demonstrating ability to form expert opinions about the standard of care in optometry.

To register as an exam development SME, interested licensees please reach out to [dcaopessme@dca.ca.gov](mailto:dcaopessme@dca.ca.gov).

To apply to be an expert witness for the Board, visit: [Expert Witness Recruitment](#).



## Recent 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](http://www.optometry.ca.gov/consumers/disciplinary.shtml).

The Board provides information regarding administrative disciplinary actions for immediate access and convenience of interested persons. You can also access the “Online License Verification” to verify if a licensed optometrist has had any disciplinary action taken against their license or to verify the status of a license.

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

#### **Alexander Daas (RDO 70522)—Los Angeles**

On April 25, 2024, by Settlement, a \$1,500 citation was issued to Alexander Daas (RDO 70522), for failure to provide a copy of a sublease with an optometrist upon Board request and provided false information to the Board (BPC §§655(d)(15), and 2555.5(e)).

**Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the registrant’s registration profile.**

#### **Atkins II, Daryl Andre (SLD 5243, CLD 1471)—Los Angeles**

On March 8, 2024, by Default Decision, a \$1,500 a citation was issued to Daryl Andre Atkins II (SLD 5243, CLD 1471) for the an act of dishonesty and the conviction of an offense that is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a registered optician (BPC §§2555.5(a),(e), and (k)).

**Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the registrant’s SLD profile and the registrant’s CLD profile.**

#### **Bahram, Hooria (OPT 13668)—Westlake Village**

On May 21, 2024, a \$2,100 citation was issued to Hooria Bahram (OPT 13668) 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)(l)).

**Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor’s profile.**

#### **Bittel, Charles F, III (OPT 13002)—Yorba Linda**

On March 7, 2024, a \$650 citation was issued to Charles F. Bittel, III (OPT 13002) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2020–2022 renewal (BPC §§ 3110(a), 3059(e), and CCR § 1536(b)).

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#### **Bowlin, Heather Waddell (OPT 8678)—Fresno**

On July 9, 2024, a \$1,700.00 citation was issued to Heather Waddell Bowlin (OPT 8678) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal cycle and certifying her license renewal the requirements were met .

(BPC §§ 3110(a) & (j), 3059(e), and CCR § 1536(b)). **Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor’s profile.**

#### **Chen, Emelline (OPT 34209)—Wildomar**

On July 18, 2024, a \$650 citation was issued to Emelline Chen (OPT 34209) 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)).

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**Chu, Marlena Akiko (OPT 13584)—Berkeley**

On June 6, 2024, a \$650 citation was issued to Marlena Akiko Chu (OPT 13584) 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 to view the doctor's profile.](#)

**Chia, Kimberly Hope (OPT 34097)—Vallejo**

On April 23, 2024, a \$650.00 citation was issued to Kimberly Hope Chia (OPT 34097), for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal (BPC §§ 3110(a), 3059(e), and CCR § 1536(l)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the registrant's/doctor's license profile.](#)

**Fisher, Sarah Norma Glenn (OPT 10584)—Berkeley**

On May 21, 2024, a \$2,000 citation was issued to Sarah Norma Glenn Fisher (OPT 10584) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal cycle and certifying her license renewal the requirements were met (BPC §§ 3110(a)(j), 3059(e), and CCR § 1536(b)).

[Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's profile.](#)

**Friden, Jonathan C. (OPT 13301)—Quincy**

On March 7, 2024, a \$650 citation was issued to Jonathan Charles Friden (OPT 13301) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2020–2022 renewal (BPC §§ 3110(a), 3059(e), and CCR § 1536(b) & (l)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's profile.](#)

**Goldstein, Ronald L. (OPT 4251)—Thousand Oaks**

On July 9, 2024, a \$1,850.00 citation was issued to Ronald L. Goldstein (OPT 4251) 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) and (l)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's profile.](#)

**Hawley, Terry Whitesides (OPT 6947)—Rolling Hills Estates**

On April 11, 2024, a \$650 citation was issued to Terry Whitesides Hawley (OPT 6947) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2020–2022 renewal cycle (BPC §§ 3110(a), 3059(e), and CCR § 1536(l)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's profile.](#)

**Hill, David Joseph (OPT 5538)—West Covina**

On May 21, 2024, a \$2,500 citation was issued to David Joseph Hill (OPT 5538) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal cycle and certifying on his license renewal 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.](#)

**Le, David Quang (OPT 12393)—Galt**

On May 28, 2024, a \$400 modified citation was issued to David Quang Le (OPT 12393) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal. (BPC §§ 3110(a), 3059(e), and CCR § 1536 (b)) [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's profile.](#)

**Mancilla, Raul Alex (OPT 12705)—El Centro**

On March 28, 2024, a \$900 citation was issued to Raul Alex Mancilla (OPT12705) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2020–2022 renewal and certifying under penalty of perjury on his license renewal that the CE requirements were met (BPC §§ 3110(a)(j), 3059(e), and CCR § 1536(b)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's profile.](#)

**Park, Alexander Y.J. (OPT 13599)—Panorama City**

On July 9, 2024, a \$900.00 citation was issued to Alexander Y.J. Park (OPT 13599) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal cycle and certifying his license renewal 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.](#)

**Pouw, Cindy (OPT 34205)—West Covina**

On May 21, 2024, a \$900 citation was issued to Cindy Pouw (OPT 34205) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal cycle and certifying on her license renewal the requirements were met (BPC §§ 3110(a)(j), 3059(e), and CCR § 1536(b)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's profile.](#)

**Quach, Katee Phoi (OPT 13057)—Pomona**

On April 18, 2024, a \$650 citation was issued to Katee Phoi Quach (OPT 13057) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023. (BPC §§ 3110(a), 3059(e), and CCR § 1536 (l)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's profile.](#)

**San Francisco Optics on Chestnut (RDO 7212)—San Francisco**

On April 25, 2024, by Settlement, a \$500 citation was issued to San Francisco Optics on Chestnut (RDO 7212), for failure to provide a copy of a sublease agreement with an optometrist upon Board request (BPC §§655(d)(15)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the registrant's registration profile.](#)

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**Sirounian, Sona (OPT 13549)—Sylmar**

On July 25, 2024, a \$1,850 citation was issued to Sona Sirounian (OPT 13549) 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)(l)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor’s profile.](#)

**Smith, Texas L. (OPT 4722)—Citrus Heights**

On May 21, 2024, a \$1,300 citation was issued to Texas L. Smith (OPT 4722) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal cycle and certifying on his license renewal the requirements were met (BPC §§ 3110(a)(j) 3059(e), and CCR § 1536(b)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor’s profile.](#)

**Threlkeld, Benjamin Single (OPT 11278)—Palo Alto**

On July 9, 2024, a \$2,500.00 citation was issued to Benjamin S. Threlkeld (OPT 11278) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2021-2023 renewal cycle and certifying his license renewal the requirements were met. (BPC §§ 3110(a) & (j), 3059(e), and CCR § 1536(b)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor’s profile.](#)

**Truong, Henry Hoai (OPT 13605)—Santa Clara**

On July 9, 2024, a \$2,500.00 citation was issued to Henry Hoai Truong (OPT 13605) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2021–2023 renewal cycle and certifying his license renewal 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.](#)

**PENDING ACCUSATIONS**

**Burkart, Kieth Jerome (OPT 5639)—Lake Arrowhead**

On April 24, 2024, an Accusation was filed against the license of Kieth Jerome Burkart (OPT 5639), for Gross Negligence, Failure to Refer to an Appropriate Physician, and Unprofessional Conduct (BPC §§ 3110, 3110(b), 3110(y)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the doctor’s profile.](#)

**Hsu, Jean W. (OPT 12142)—Santa Clara**

On May 3, 2024, an Accusation was filed against the license of Jean W. Hsu (OPT 12142), for Unprofessional Conduct (BPC §§ 3110(b), (c), (d), (q), and (y)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the doctor’s profile.](#)

**Stewart, James Albert (OPT 7582)—Fresno**

On April 25, 2024, an Accusation was filed against the license of James Albert Stewart (OPT 7582) for being Unsafe to Practice, Unprofessional Conduct, and Repeated Negligent Acts. (BPC §§ 822, 3110, and 3110(c)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the doctor’s profile.](#)

**PROBATION**

**EyeNoon Optical (RDO 71134)**

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

Effective June 13, 2024, the registrations of EyeNoon Optical (RDO 71134) and Wooyeon Lee (SLD 4224 and CLD 8888), were revoked, the revocations stayed, and the registrations were placed on probation for three years for Unprofessional Conduct and vetting and facilitating the employment of an unlicensed individual to perform optometry services. [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the registrant’s RDO profile, SLD profile, and CLD profile.](#)

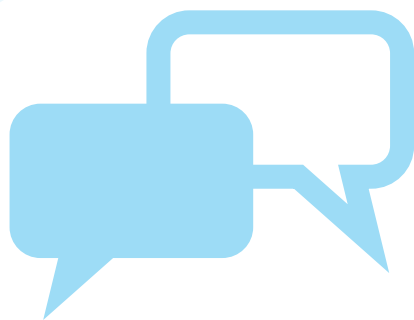
**STATEMENT OF ISSUES**

**Zegarra, Adrianna Guisella (SLD Applicant)**

On April 2, 2024, a Statement of Issues was filed against Adrianna Guisella Zegarra following the denial of her application for registration as a Spectacle Lens Dispenser. The basis for the denial was a Criminal Conviction: DUI, and Acts Warranting Denial of Licensure (BPC §§ 475(a)(4); 480(a)(2); and 3110(h)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action.](#)

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