

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
FORMAL HEARING MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
APRIL 10, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Optometry (Board) was called to order at 9:02 a.m., on April 10, 2026, at the Department of Health Professions (DHP), Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor, Board Room 3, Henrico, Virginia.

PRESIDING OFFICER: Gerald Neidigh, OD, President

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeffrey Michaels, OD, Board member
Amanda Umlandt, OD, Board member
Lisa Wallace-Davis, OD, Board member

QUORUM: With four members of the Board present, a quorum was established.

STAFF PRESENT: Kelli Moss, Executive Director
Claire Foley, J.D., Deputy Executive Director
Heather Pote, Sr. Discipline Case Specialist

BOARD COUNSEL: Sara Blose, Esq., Assistant Attorney General

COURT REPORTER: Annette Imbriaco

PARTIES ON BEHALF OF THE COMMONWEALTH: Christine Corey, Esq., Adjudication Consultant, Administrative Proceedings Division

COMMONWEALTH WITNESSES: Christine Ludwig, Sr. Investigator, Enforcement Division

OTHERS PRESENT: Brooke Keen

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Jeffrey Shelton, TPA-Certified Optometrist**

Dr. Shelton did not appear before the Board in accordance with a Notice of Formal Hearing dated January 29, 2026, to inquire into allegations that he may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of optometry in Virginia. The Board received evidence from the Commonwealth regarding the allegations in the notice.

CLOSED SESSION:

Dr. Michaels moved that the Board convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia (“Code”) for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Jeffrey Shelton, TPA-Certified Optometrist. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Blöse, Ms. Moss and Ms. Foley attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberations. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wallace-Davis and carried unanimously.

RECONVENE:

Dr. Michaels moved that the Board certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded by Dr. Umlandt and carried unanimously.

The Board reconvened in open session pursuant to § 2.2-3712(D) of the Code.

DECISION:

Dr. Michaels moved that the Board revoke the license of Jeffrey Shelton, TPA-Certified Optometrist, and that the basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board Order sent to Dr. Shelton at his address of record. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wallace-Davis and carried unanimously.

This decision shall be effective upon the entry by the Board of a written Order stating the findings, conclusions and decision of this quorum of the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Formal Hearing adjourned at 9:59 a.m.