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**Hearing Location(s)** (for additional locations, copy and paste table)

Address 1:	Metro Center
Address 2:	665 Mainstream Drive, Poplar Conference Room
City:	Nashville, Tennessee
Zip:	37228
Hearing Date:	01/16/19
Hearing Time:	9:00 A.M. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CST/CDT <input type="checkbox"/> EST/EDT

**Additional Hearing Information:**

**Revision Type (check all that apply):**

- Amendment  
 New  
 Repeal

**Rule(s)** (ALL chapters and rules contained in filing must be listed. If needed, copy and paste additional tables to accommodate more than one chapter. Please enter only **ONE** Rule Number/Rule Title per row.)

Chapter Number	Chapter Title
1045-02	General Rules Governing the Practice of Optometry
Rule Number	Rule Title
1045-02-.04	License Renewal
1045-02-.05	Continuing Education

Place substance of rules and other info here. Statutory authority must be given for each rule change. For information on formatting rules go to

[http://sos-tn-gov-files.s3.amazonaws.com/forms/Rulemaking%20Guidelines\\_September2016.pdf](http://sos-tn-gov-files.s3.amazonaws.com/forms/Rulemaking%20Guidelines_September2016.pdf).

Rule Chapter 1045-02  
General Rules Governing the Practice of Optometry

Amendments

Rule 1045-02-.04 License Renewal is amended by subparagraph (1)(a) in its entirety and substituting instead the following language, so that as amended, the new subparagraph (1)(a) shall read:

- (a) Internet Renewals - Individuals may apply for renewal and pay the necessary fees via the Internet. The application to renew can be accessed at:

<https://apps.tn.gov/hlrs/>

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 63-1-107, 63-8-112, 63-8-119, and 63-8-120

Rule 1045-02-.05 Continuing Education is amended by deleting paragraph (1) and subparagraph (1)(a) in their entirety and substituting instead the following language, and is further amended by deleting subparagraph (1)(c) in its entirety and re-lettering the remaining subparagraphs, so that as amended, the new paragraph and subparagraph shall read:

- (1) As a prerequisite to maintaining licensure, an Optometrist must complete forty (40) hours of Board approved continuing education during the two (2) calendar years (January 1 - December 31) that precede the licensure renewal year
- (a) For those who are therapeutically certified, a minimum of twenty five (25) of the forty (40) hours of continuing education is required in courses pertaining to ocular disease and related systemic disease, as described in subparagraph (2)(e). At least two (2) of these twenty five (25) hours shall be a course or courses designed specifically to address controlled substance prescribing practices. Any course related to controlled substance prescribing practices must include instruction in the Department's treatment guidelines on opioids, benzodiazepines, barbituates, and carisoprodol and may include topics such as medicine addiction, risk management tools, and other topics approved by the Board.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 63-1-107, 63-8-112, 63-8-119, and 63-8-120.

Rule 1045-02-.05 Continuing Education is amended by deleting subparagraph (2)(c), part (2)(e)4 and part (2)(f)2 in their entirety and substituting instead the following language, so that as amended, the new subparagraph and parts shall read:

- (c) Any course designed specifically to address controlled substance prescribing practices must be pre-approved by the Board or by a vendor approved by the Board for offering such courses.
4. (Optometric) Business Management – These courses shall pertain to practice management and/or ethics/jurisprudence. The total number of (Optometric) Business Management hours that will be accepted is eight (8) hours of the forty (40) hour requirement.
2. Fifteen (15) hours of the forty (40) hour requirement may be completed in any of the following multi-media formats:

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 63-1-107, 63-8-112, 63-8-119, and 63-8-120.

I certify that the information included in this filing is an accurate and complete representation of the intent and scope of rulemaking proposed by the agency.

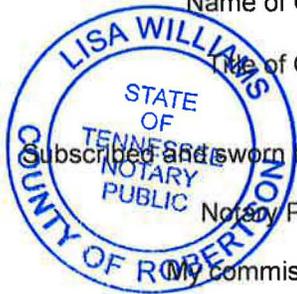
Date: August 9, 2018

Signature: Kaitlin R. Parham

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on August 9, 2018

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