

ALERT

## **Optometry Board Election. Nominations Now Open**

The South Carolina Board of Examiners in Optometry is accepting nominations to fill one (1) Board seat in an upcoming election, in accordance with [S.C. Code Section 40-37-10](#). The elected candidate's name will be forwarded to the Governor for appointment consideration.

### **Step 1: Call for Nominations - Closing April 22, 2025**

Term: April 24, 2025 – April 24, 2029 (vice Dr. Michelle Cooper)

Eligibility: Licensed optometrists in South Carolina

Deadline: April 22, 2025

How to Submit Your Nomination:

1. Complete an [Election Petition](#) and provide a brief biography.
2. Submit via email or mail postmarked on or before April 22, 2025:

Email: [Contact.Optometry@llr.sc.gov](mailto:Contact.Optometry@llr.sc.gov)

Mail: South Carolina Board of Examiners in Optometry, P.O. Box 11329, Columbia, SC 29211

Note: If only one candidate is nominated, their name will be submitted directly to the Governor for appointment consideration, and no election will be held.

### **Step 2: Election Process (If Multiple Candidates are Nominated)**

- ☒ Ballots will be sent via the Board's online voting portal.
- ☒ Voting will remain open for two weeks after ballots are issued.
- ☒ If there's a tie, a runoff vote will be held.
- ☒ The candidate with the most votes will have their name, cover letter, and their biography submitted to the Governor for final appointment consideration.

For questions, contact us at [Contact.Optometry@llr.sc.gov](mailto:Contact.Optometry@llr.sc.gov).