### **ALERT**

# **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 <u>S.C.</u> <u>Code Section 40-37-10.</u> Every licensed optometrist in the State, regardless of years of practice, is eligible to vote in the election.

## **Board Seat Details**

- Term: April 24, 2025 April 24, 2029 (succeeding Dr. Michelle Cooper)
- Eligibility: Licensed optometrists in South Carolina

## **Election Timeline and Process**

- Voting Period: May 16, 2025 May 30, 2025 (Voting portal closes at midnight; Mail-in ballots must be postmarked on or before May 30, 2025)
- 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: <a href="https://eservice.llr.sc.gov/OnlineElection">https://eservice.llr.sc.gov/OnlineElection</a>
- 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: <a href="mailto:contact.optometry@llr.sc.gov">contact.optometry@llr.sc.gov</a>