# Rules of Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration

## Division 2210—State Board of Optometry

## Chapter 1—Organization and Description of Board

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20 CSR 2210-1.010 General Organization

PURPOSE: This rule describes the board’s operation and the methods and procedures where the public may obtain information or make submissions or requests.

Editor’s Note: The secretary of state has determined that the publication of this rule in its entirety would be unduly cumbersome or expensive. The entire text of the material referenced has been filed with the secretary of state. This material may be found at the Office of the Secretary of State or at the headquarters of the agency and is available to any interested person at a cost established by law.

(1) Whenever used in 4 CSR 210, the word board means the State Board of Optometry.

(2) The State Board of Optometry is a unit of the Division of Professional Registration, Department of Economic Development.

(3) The board was created by an Act of the 51st General Assembly in 1921.

(4) The board consists of five (5) licensed doctors of optometry and one (1) public member. The governor appoints the members of the board, with the advice and consent of the senate, from nominees submitted by the director of the Department of Economic Development. The terms of the licensed doctors are five (5) years and the term of the public member is four (4) years.

(5) The board is authorized by section 336.160, RSMo (1986) to adopt rules for the application and enforcement of Chapter 336, RSMo.

(6) The board has superintending control over the practice of optometry within this state. The board’s primary duties consist of—

(A) Examining and licensing of applicants;

(B) Approving colleges of optometry;

(C) Accrediting continuing education programs for annual license renewal; and

(D) Suspending or revoking licenses of any doctor found guilty of violating the prohibitions of Chapter 336, RSMo.

(7) The board shall have at least two (2) regularly scheduled meetings each year and such other meetings as determined by the board. The time and location for each meeting may be obtained by contacting the board’s executive director, P.O. Box 672, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0672.

(8) Unless otherwise provided by statute or regulation, regular and special meetings of the board shall be governed by Robert’s Rules of Order.

(9) The public may obtain information from the board or make submissions or requests to the board by writing the State Board of Optometry, P.O. Box 672, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0672.

(10) Public notice shall be given by the board’s executive secretary at least thirty (30) days prior to the meetings and examinations.


(1) Each member of the State Board of Optometry whose term of office began before September 28, 1981 shall receive the sum of twenty-five dollars ($25) as compensation for each day that member devotes to the affairs of the board.

(2) Each member of the State Board of Optometry whose term of office begins on or after September 28, 1981 shall receive the sum of fifty dollars ($50) as compensation for each day that member devotes to the affairs of the board.

(3) In addition to the compensation fixed in this rule, each member is entitled to reimbursement of his/her expenses necessarily incurred in the discharge of his/her official duties.

(4) No request for compensation provided shall be processed for payment unless sufficient funds are available for that purpose within the appropriations for this board.


*Editor’s Note: The secretary of state has made submissions or requests.