

# A Guide to the Minutes of the Virginia Board of Optometry, 2015-2023.

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There are no access restrictions

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## Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

## Historical Information

Regulation of the health professions began late in the nineteenth century. On January 31, 1884, the General Assembly passed an act creating the Board of Medical Examiners to certify physicians for practice in Virginia. Two years later, acts establishing the Board of Dental Examiners (now the Board of Dentistry) and the Board of Pharmacy were passed by the General Assembly on February 26 and March 3, 1886, respectively. The Board of Embalmers (now the Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers) was created by an act passed on March 5, 1894, and the Board of Veterinary Examiners (now the Board of Veterinary Medicine) was established by an act passed on February 27, 1896. On May 1, 1903, the General Assembly created the Board of Graduate Nurses (now the State Board of Nursing), and on March 11, 1916, the Board of Optometry was established by legislative action.

The Dept. of Health Regulatory Boards was created by an act passed by the General Assembly on March 31, 1977, to provide administrative services to the health regulatory boards of the state. The boards continue to regulate their professions through the examination, licensing, and disciplining of the practitioners of health science. In 1986, the Dept. of Health Regulatory Boards became the Dept. of Health Professions. Its mission is to enhance the delivery of safe and competent health care by licensing qualified health care professionals, enforcing standards of practice, and providing information to both practitioners and consumers of health care services.

The Board of Optometry regulates the practice of optometry through licensing, promulgating regulations, and investigating complaints.

## Scope and Content

Minutes, 2015-2023, documenting the meetings, activities, discussions, policy decisions and recommendations of the Virginia Board of Optometry. Includes minutes and agendas for formal board meetings, as well as for formal hearings, informal hearings, telephone conference calls, public hearings, and for committees and other group meetings (Continuing Education Committee, Legislative/Regulatory Review Committee, Regulatory Advisory Panel, Professional Designation Committee (2019), TPA-Formulary Committee (2019-2020, 2022), Ad hoc Committee on Sanctions Reference Study (2007)). Records may include correspondence, legislation, regulations, and reports.

## Other Descriptive Data

Electronic records in this collection are read-only and are only available in the Archives Research Room at the Library of Virginia. A file list is available through the online catalog entry and the link below in the finding aid. Copies are free of charge and may be requested while using the collection in-house. Copies may also be requested by contacting Archives Reference Services at [Ask a Reference Question](#). Processing will take from 4-8 weeks.

## Other Descriptive Data

These records are part of the Virginia Dept. of Health Professions record group (RG# 37)

## Contents List

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### **Scope and Content**

Minutes of the Board of Optometry, 2015-2023, are in electronic format (100 mb, 64 files, 9 folders) and include scanned copies of official, signed minutes and agendas for the Full Board, as well as for as well as for Formal Hearings, Informal Conference Committees, Public Hearings, Special Conference Committees, Telephone Conference Calls and Committees (Regulatory Review Committee, Regulatory Advisory Panel, Professional Designation Committee (2019), TPA-Formulary Committee (2019-2020, 2022)) For file inventory for this accession, see: [Inventory \(54013\)](#).