

Notice of Election - Accepting Nominations for Board Members

This notice serves to announce an election for the South Carolina Board of Examiners in Opticianry. The South Carolina Opticianry Practice Act states the Board consists of seven members. Five members must be licensed opticians appointed by the Governor upon nomination by all licensed opticians in this State through an election conducted by the Board ([S.C. Code of Law §40-38-10](#)).

*****Please note that due to unforeseen circumstances, the Board elections are being re-run,***

Seat One Term: September 2023 – September 2027

- Mr. William "Grant" Brown currently holds a seat position that expired September 13, 2023. Mr. Brown is eligible for re-election.
- Mr. James Rhodes currently holds a seat position that expired September 13, 2019. Mr. Rhodes is eligible for re-election.

***Candidates and voters for election must have a current license to practice as an optician in South Carolina.

NOMINATION PROCESS

- All candidates for election, including incumbents, must be nominated on an official petition form signed by not less than ten South Carolina licensed opticians qualified to vote in the election.
- An [official petition](#) form can be obtained from the [Board website](#) under "Other Forms".
- Petitions must include original signatures.
- Petitions to place nominees on the ballot must be received in this office no later than January 5, 2024. Petitions received after that date will not be considered for this election. Petitions sent by fax will not be accepted. Petitions may be mailed to the Board office or scanned and emailed to contact.opticianry@llr.sc.gov
- Petitions already received to the Board, will be considered for the election process. New petitions are not necessary to re-submit.
- If three or more candidates are nominated, then ballots will be prepared with the names of nominees in alphabetical order and sent to each optician licensed in South Carolina. Voters will be given approximately 30 days to return ballot by mail to the Board office or scanned and emailed to contact.opticianry@llr.sc.gov. Ballots sent by fax will not be accepted.
- After the election is completed, the Board administrator will certify in writing to the Governor the names of the top two candidates.

DEADLINE FOR THE BOARD TO RECEIVE PETITIONS IS JANUARY 5, 2024. PETITIONS WITH A POSTMARK DATE AFTER JANUARY 5, 2024, WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS ELECTION.