

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
BOARD ROOM 3
HENRICO, VA
February 13, 2026**

- CALL TO ORDER:** A meeting of a Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Virginia Board of Optometry (“Board”) was convened on February 13, 2026, at 11:06 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2nd Floor Conference Center, Board Room 3, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia 23233.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lisa Wallace-Davis, Laser-Certified TPA Optometrist, Chairperson
Shawn Hobbs, Laser-Certified TPA Optometrist, Committee Member
- STAFF PRESENT:** Claire Foley, Deputy Executive Director
Heather Pote, Sr. Discipline Case Specialist
Christine Corey, Sr. Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Cecilie Rudder
Michael Swatts, O.D.
- MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Christopher Testa, Laser-Certified TPA Optometrist
Case No. 246866**
- DISCUSSION:** Dr. Testa appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated October 17, 2025, and continuance letter dated November 3, 2025, to consider allegations that he may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of Optometry in Virginia. Dr. Testa was present and was represented by counsel, Brett Saunders, Esq. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Dr. Testa.
- CLOSED SESSION:** Dr. Hobbs moved that the Committee convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter regarding **Christopher Testa, Laser-Certified TPA Optometrist**. Additionally, Dr. Hobbs moved that Ms. Foley attend the closed meeting because her presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENE:

Dr. Hobbs moved that the Committee certify that it heard, discussed, or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

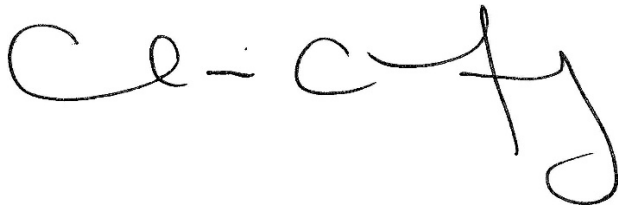
The Committee reconvened in open session pursuant to § 2.2-3712(D) of the Code.

DECISION:

Case No. 246866

Dr. Hobbs moved that the Committee dismiss the case against Dr. Testa, and that the basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board order sent to Dr. Testa. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The hearing concluded at 11:48 a.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Foley', written in a cursive style.

Claire Foley, Deputy Executive Director