The Kansas State Board of Examiners in Optometry will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at 1:00 p.m., in the Kansas State Capitol, Committee Room 218-N, 310 SW 10th St., Topeka, KS 66612, to consider the adoption of the proposed regulations K.A.R. 65-4-4 and 65-5-4 of the Kansas State Board of Examiners in Optometry on a permanent basis.

This 60-day notice of the public hearing shall constitute a public comment period for the purpose of receiving written public comments on the proposed regulations. All interested parties may submit written comments prior to the hearing by mailing them to the Kansas Board of Examiners in Optometry, 3109 W 6th St., Suite A, Lawrence, KS 66049 or by email to kssbeo@ks.gov. All interested parties will be given a reasonable opportunity to present their views orally regarding the adoption of the proposed regulations during the public hearing. In order to provide all parties an opportunity to present their views, it may be necessary to ask that each participant limit any oral presentation to an appropriate time frame.

Complete copies of the proposed regulations and economic impact statement may be found on the Board’s website: https://kssbeo.ks.gov/ or by contacting Jan Murray, jan.murray@ks.gov.

Any individual with a disability may request an accommodation in order to participate in the public hearing and may request the proposed regulations and economic impact statements in an accessible format. Requests for accommodation to participate in the hearing should be made at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing by contacting Jan Murray at 785-832-9986.

A summary of the proposed regulations and their economic impacts are as follows:

K.A.R. 65-4-4 – Notice to the Board. K.A.R. 65-4-4 is an amended permanent regulation that updates notifications made to the Board.

Economic Impact: The adoption of this regulation has no economic impact. There is no environmental impact.

K.A.R. 65-5-4 – Approved schools or colleges of optometry. K.A.R. 65-5-4 is an amended permanent regulation that updates requirements for an approved school or college of optometry.

Economic Impact: The adoption of this regulation has no economic impact. There is no environmental impact.