

**Format and Procedures for the Public Hearing
on the Optometrists' Proposal for a Change in Scope of Practice by the
Optometry Technical Review Committee
September 6, 2013 – 1:00 p.m.
Nebraska State Office Building, Conference Room Lower Level "F"**

- A. Applicant Group Testimony
Five (5) minutes for each testifier
- In the order their names appear on the sign-in sheet
- B. Opponent Testimony
Five (5) minutes for each testifier
- In the order their names appear on the sign-in sheet
- C. Testimony from Neutral Testifiers
Five (5) minutes per testifier
- In the order their names appear on the sign-in sheet
- D. Summary Period (Applicant Group first, then Opponents)
Five (5) minutes per testifier
- E. Time Management
- Times may be extended at the discretion of the Committee
 - Questions from Committee members are not taken out of the time allotted per testifier
 - The Chair, at their discretion, may limit duplicative testimony
- F. Testifiers are asked to do the following:
- **Provide sufficient printed copies (a MINIMUM of 10 copies) of any written comments** to be handed out at the hearing to the Committee and staff members
 - **Avoid duplicating** the testimony of those who have already testified
 - **Sign the sign-in sheet** in advance (before the hearing begins, if possible)
 - **Clearly state and spell their name** for the transcriptionist before they begin their testimony
- G. Transcription Services
Transcripts of the Public Hearing may be purchased from General Reporting Service (please allow a *minimum* of 10 working days after the Public Hearing). Please contact General Reporting directly at 402-477-8425.
- H. Written Testimony
Testifiers may submit written testimony up to ten (10) calendar days after the date of the Public Hearing. Please send any written testimony to the mailing address below, or e-mailed to ron.briel@nebraska.gov

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