

GM628 Kenneth Chin

1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Hawaii Board of Optometry?

Serving on the board would be a way to serve the people of Hawaii.

2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Hawaii Board of Optometry?

The primary role of a board member would be to protect public health and provide supervision, licensure, and regulation of the practice of optometry.

3) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Hawaii Board of Optometry member, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board. Practicing optometry for over thirty two years and being a current board member has given me valuable experience and knowledge.

4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

I think the next session board members should continue the evaluation and approval of continuing education courses, new and existing licensures, and regulate the profession according to the statutes.

5) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Hawaii Board of Optometry. Three qualities that would help me in decision making are efficiency, fairness, and forward thinking.

6) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board of Massage Therapy member.

The best experience with that has helped me was being the vice president of a HOA for five years.

There were many decisions regarding both current and future operations of the HOA that provided invaluable experience.

7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board of Massage Therapy? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?

At this juncture I do not foresee any conflicts of interest but if any did arise then full disclosure and recusals from any voting would be appropriate.

Testimony of the Hawaii Board of Optometry

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Friday, February 18, 2022
9:30 a.m.
Via Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 628, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE HAWAII BOARD OF OPTOMETRY,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, KENNETH CHIN,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2026**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kerrie Shahan, and I am the Executive Officer of the Board of Optometry (Board). The Board supports the confirmation of Kenneth Paul Chin, O.D.'s reappointment to the Board.

Dr. Chin has been serving on the Board since July 30, 2018, when he was initially appointed on an interim basis and later confirmed by way of G.M. 504. He has been a practicing optometrist in Hawaii since July 24, 1990, and his license is current, active, and in good standing. He has attended 18 of 19 meetings.

Dr. Chin is very familiar with the Board's responsibilities and tasks, including: granting and disciplining licenses; establishing and amending the Board's administrative rules; and enforcing provisions governing the practice of optometry in the State. Dr. Chin understands that Board members are expected to regularly attend and participate in Board meetings.

The Board believes that the combination of Dr. Chin's experience, enthusiasm, and commitment to public service continue to make him a strong choice for appointment to the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Aloha,

I am submitting written testimony in favor of Dr K Paul Chin's upcoming appointment to the DCCA Board of Examiners in Optometry.

I have known Dr Chin for as long as he has been practicing optometry in Hawaii. I have had the pleasure of sitting with him on numerous professional organization boards and most recently on the Optometry Board when I was the Chair. He is dedicated to the professions future and will continue to be an asset for the sake of the profession and the State of Hawaii.

Please accept my sincere testimony in favor of Dr K Paul Chin.

Thank you for your consideration.

February 15, 2022

The Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Chair
The Honorable Stanley Chang, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection

RE: Testimony in favor of Governor's Message 628 the nomination of Dr. Kenneth P. Chin to the Board of Examiners in Optometry

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the members of the Hawaii Optometric Association it is my pleasure to submit testimony in favor of the confirmation of Dr. Kenneth Paul Chin to sit on the Board of Examiners in Optometry.

Dr. Chin is a community minded person who has the best interest of the people in the State of Hawaii as his highest priority. A past president of the Hawaii Optometric Association, he fully understands the democratic policies of collaboration and compromise. Dr. Chin has been a Doctor of Optometry in Hawaii since 1984 and is highly qualified to make fair and intelligent decisions on the practice and treatment of diseases of the eye.

Again, thank you for allowing me to submit testimony in favor of the appointment of Dr. Kenneth P. Ching to the Board of Examiners in Optometry.

Charlotte Nekota
Executive Director
Hawaii Optometric Association