

Press Release

After 12 years of service, Jack E. Terry, OD PhD has retired from the National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO). Dr. Terry brought about numerous significant upgrades to the National Board exams during his tenure as Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the NBEO.

Prior to assuming the mantle of the chief administrator for the National Board, Dr. Terry participated for many years on various exam development committees and councils and envisioned the need for the development of the Treatment and Management of Ocular Disease (TMOD) Examination. The TMOD significantly impacted the optometric world as the scope of practice rapidly expanded across the nation to include the use of diagnostic and therapeutic pharmaceuticals.

Dr. Terry assisted the NBEO Examination Restructure Task Force in the development of the Content Matrix, the revised Content Outline, and item distribution policy. He re-engineered exam item format and then implemented these changes across all exams. During Dr. Terry's tenure, the NBEO adopted contemporary standard-setting processes.

In addition, Dr. Terry collaborated with the Board of Directors in conceptualizing the relocation of the NBEO offices within the Charlotte, NC metropolitan area with the goal of developing a centralized, standardized clinical skills exam. Under the Board's direction, Dr. Terry oversaw the construction of the National Center of Clinical Skills Testing in which today's standardized Part III CSE is administered.

During Dr. Terry's tenure, NBEO completed the conversion of the Part I Applied Basic Science and Part II Patient Assessment and Management exams to computer-based tests. In addition, NBEO developed a practitioner-level exam, the Continued Professional Development in Optometry, and an advanced competency exam, the Advanced Competency in Medical Optometry.

Dr. Terry enjoyed working with the NBEO Staff, numerous Board members, and hundreds of Examination Committee members over the past four decades. He greatly appreciates having had the opportunity to serve the NBEO in advancing its mission.

Reflecting the past 12 years, Dr. Terry stated "The NBEO is one of the finest organizations in existence as it strives to assist state boards of optometry in providing members of the public with excellent, safe eyecare that is rendered to them by appropriately qualified optometric practitioners. I know that the National Board will continue to fulfill the *entire scope* of its state-of-the-art, indispensable, highly effective, board-level testing to accomplish its mission to protect the public welfare, in 2017 and beyond. I firmly believe that the current level of integrity of the profession of optometry depends upon it, as well as the public's and other healthcare professionals' respect for, and trust in, the profession of optometry."