

Debra Newell

A former two-term State Board member, Debra Newell holds a Business Administration degree in addition to the NC optician's license she obtained in 1987.

She practiced in the optical industry for 31 years, fitting both eyeglasses and contact lenses. In 1996 she opened Focal Point, a full-service practice management consulting firm specializing in all areas that affect both profitability and quality patient and client care. She has opened and/or been a part of the growth of 40 different practices since Focal Point's opening in Wake Forest. This business allows Debra to remain in touch with and an active part of the opticianry profession. She understands the mission and value of the NC Board and the opticianry profession as a whole in North Carolina.

Governor McCrory appointed Ms. Newell to her Board seat from the 2014 election, with a 2017 term expiration.