

AGENDA

STATE OF CONNECTICUT BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF ELECTROLOGISTS

Wednesday, December 14, 2011
9:30 AM

Department of Public Health
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut
Second Floor, Conference Room "F"

Call to Order

I. Minutes

Review and approve minutes from the September 14, 2011 meeting.

II. Chair Updates

III. Department of Public Health Updates

A. Investigations Update - *Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor*

B. Examinations Update - *Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Examination Analyst*

IV. Old Business

A. Use of Laser by Electrologists

B. Qualifications for Examiners

C. Schedule Meeting dates for 2012.

Adjournment

The following minutes are draft minutes which are subject to revision and which have not yet been adopted by the Board.

**MINUTES
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF ELECTROLOGISTS**

The Board of Examiners of Electrologists held a meeting on September 14, 2011 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room E, Hartford, Connecticut

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Tatiana D. Eirmann, Esq., Chairperson
 Arlene Romajas, LPN, CPE
 Jeanne Scranton-Lloyd
 Alicia D. Zalka, MD – *via telephone*

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Lina Haralambous, BS, CPE

ALSO PRESENT: Alfreda Gaither, Hearing Officer
 Karen Rabinovici, Legal Intern
 Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison
 Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, DPH
 Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor
 Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Examination Analyst
 Sue McLain
 Donna Crump
 Josephine Magro
 Marta Cuminotto
 Diane Chowanec

The meeting commenced at 9:37 AM

I. Minutes—June 22, 2011

The board reviewed the minutes from June 22, 2011. Ms. Eirmann made a motion to approve the minutes as edited, which was seconded by Ms. Scranton-Lloyd. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Chair Update

Ms. Eirmann discussed the fact that a Board member was acting in a conflict of interest. A vote had been taken and this Board member then acted against the vote. Ms. Eirmann will check with the Assistant Attorney General on this issue.

III. Department of Public Health Updates

A. Investigation Update - Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, reported there are no current investigations involving electrologists. The matter involving American Laser Center is continuing to be reviewed, however, at this time there is no evidence to continue with the case.

B. Examinations Update - Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Examination Analyst, reported that three candidates took the examination; two passed and one was excused. There was discussion concerning exam locations and dates. More notice to candidates and examiners will be helpful.

IV. New Business

Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Department of Public Health provided an overview of the Department of Public Health's Oversight Responsibilities Relating to Scope of Practice Determinations for Health Care Professions. Ms. Filippone indicated that 10 requests for statutory changes and one request for an exemption have been received by the DPH.

The Connecticut State Electrology Association (CSEA) submitted a request pertaining to use of lasers and/or light based devices by electrologists. Dr. Zalka stated the Connecticut State Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgery Society will oppose any change to allow the use of lasers by electrologists.

There was discussion as to what role the Board should take concerning this issue. Ms. Eirmann made a motion, seconded by Dr. Zalka, to authorize the Board chair to write a letter to the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health expressing the Board's position. The motion passed.

There was also discussion that the Board previously voted not to support a change to the scope of practice. The Board will revisit this issue at the December meeting to reaffirm its position.

Donna Crump mentioned that the CSEA was not aware of the Board's position. Josephine Magro questioned why the Board was opposed and Marta Cuminotto stated times are changing and electrologists should have the right to use laser.

Ms. Filippone commented that the Board's role is public health and safety.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 AM following a motion by Ms. Romajas, seconded by Ms. Scranton-Lloyd.

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene Romajas, LPN, CPE
Board of Examiners of Electrologists