

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

The Board of Examiners of Electrologists held a meeting on February 16, 2011, at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room E, Hartford, CT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison
 Alfreda Gaither, Hearing Officer
 Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor
 Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Examination Analyst

The meeting commenced at 9:30 a.m.

I. Minutes – November 17, 2010

The board reviewed the minutes from the November 17, 2010 meeting. Ms. Haralambous made a motion, seconded by Ms. Romajas, to approve the minutes as edited. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Chair Updates

No updates.

III. Department of Public Health Updates

A. Investigation Update - Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, reported are no current investigations regarding Electrologists, however, the Department of Public Health is still looking into a matter involving the American Laser Center.

B. Examinations Update –Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Examination Analyst, reported one new license has been issued based on the results of the last examination. At the last examination two candidates were dismissed because their equipment was not properly sterilized.

From 9:45 a.m. to 9:51 a.m. the Board entered executive session to discuss examination content with Ms. Morales. No votes were taken and no motions were made during executive session.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tatiana D. Eirmann, Esq., Chairperson

Board of Examiners of Electrologists

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The Board of Examiners of Electrologists held a meeting on June 22, 2011 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room F, Hartford, Connecticut

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Lina Haralambous, BS, CPE

ALSO PRESENT: Alfreda Gaither, Hearing Officer
 Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor
 Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Examination Analyst

The meeting commenced at 9:37 AM

I. Minutes—February 16, 2011

The board reviewed the minutes from February 16, 2011. Ms. Romajas made a motion to approve the minutes as edited, which was seconded by Dr. Zalka. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Chair Update

No Updates

III. Department of Public Health Updates

A. Investigation Update - Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, reported there are no current investigations involving electrologists.

B. Examinations Update - Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Examination Analyst, reported that there are 4 candidates for the next licensing examination for electrology. The dates for the next exam are yet to be determined, as a suitable location to hold the exam is currently being sought. Naugatuck Valley Community College has been requested as a potential facility for holding the exam. It was discussed that exams are typically held twice per calendar year. Ms. Morales stated that she would communicate to the board via email when further information regarding an exam facility location is obtained.

IV. New Business

With a new Governor of the state of CT, will current board members be replaced? There is no information regarding replacing board members at this time.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia D. Zalka, MD

Board of Examiners of Electrologists

**MINUTES
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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 Chowaniec

The meeting commenced at 9:37 AM

VI. 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.

VII. 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.

VIII. 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.

IX. 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.

X. 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

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BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF ELECTROLOGISTS
Wednesday, December 14, 2011
Department of Public Health
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut
Second Floor, Conference Room "F"

Board members present: Tatiana D. Eirmann, Esq., Chairperson
 Lina Haralambous, BS, CPE
 Arlene Romajas, LPN, CPE
 Jeanne Scranton-Lloyd
 Alicia D. Zalka, MD – via telephone

ALSO PRESENT: Alfreda Gaither, Hearing Officer
 Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison
 Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor
 Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Examination Analyst
 Jayne F. Romero; Karren Kolenda;
 Donna Crump; Susan L. McClain; Marta Cuminotto

Call to Order

Ms. Eirmann called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

I. Minutes

Following a motion made by Dr. Zalka and seconded by Ms. Romajas, the minutes of the September 14, 2011 meeting were approved unanimously.

II. Chair Updates

Ms. Eirmann said she had looked into possible grounds to remove Ms. Haralambous from the Board. Ms. Eirmann said there would be no discussion on the matter at this time, however, Ms. Eirmann went on to state that she had contacted the State Attorney General regarding the removal of Ms. Haralambous. Ms. Eirmann stated the Office of the Attorney General would not get involved in the matter. Ms. Eirmann went on to cite attendance as grounds for Ms. Haralambous removal, specifically referring to the September meeting. Ms. Haralambous informed the Board that the meeting had been rescheduled to a date she was unavailable, as she had communicated her availability to the Board and Jeffery Kardys, Board Liaison, prior to the reschedule. Ms. Eirmann stated that no further action regarding Ms. Haralambous' attendance would be taken at this time. Ms. Eirmann went on to state that Ms. Haralambous had acted against the will of the Board regarding the support of laser hair removal. Ms. Haralambous pointed out that any and all action taken by Ms. Haralambous in the pursuit of laser hair removal legislation was independent of her responsibility and affiliation with the State of Connecticut Board of Examiners of Electrologists; rather Ms. Haralambous was representing herself, a licensed and practicing electrologist. Ms. Haralambous went on to state that in 2007 the Board, Ms. Eirmann included, unanimously decided to support the use of laser by electrologists. Ms. Eirmann stated she would not review the minutes of a previous meeting.

III. Department of Public Health Updates

A. Investigations Update

Gary Griffin said there are no current investigations involving electrologists at this time.

B. Examinations Update

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Examination Analyst, reported that four candidates took the examination, the results of which are still pending.

IV. Old Business

A. Use of Laser by Electrologists

Ms. Eirmann called for a revote on the issue of laser. The vote was 4 to 1 with Ms. Haralambous in favor of laser and the other four members, Ms. Eirmann, Ms. Romajas, Ms. Scranton-Lloyd, and Dr. Zalka (via telephone) opposed. Ms. Eirmann said this vote supersedes any previous action. Subsequent to the vote Ms. Cuminotto expressed confusion as to whether the vote had resulted in favor or against recommending laser use by electrologists to the DPH. Ms. Romero also questioned the actions of the Board and the intent and reasoning behind the resulting vote. Ms. Eirmann stated this issue was not up for further discussion. Mr. Kardys said the purpose of the vote is to give Board members an opportunity to express their opinion, not to establish a scope of practice.

B. Qualifications for Examiners

There has been no response from the Attorney General's Office at this time.

C. Schedule Meeting dates for 2012.

Board members agreed to meet on the following dates for 2012:
February 15 (snow date March 7); May 23; September 12; November 7.

V. Adjournment

Following a motion made by Ms. Romajas and seconded by Dr. Zalka and a unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lina Haralambous, BS, CPE