

AGENDA

CONNECTICUT BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR OPTICIANS

**Wednesday, April 30, 2008, at 9:00 AM
Department of Public Health
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford CT
2nd Floor, Conference Room C**

CALL TO ORDER

I. MINUTES

Review and approval of the minutes from January 30, 2008.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Practitioner Investigation Unit, Department of Public Health

B. Examination Update

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Examination Analyst, Department of Public Health

C. Development of a New Licensing Examination

III. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURN

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

The Connecticut Board of Examiners for Opticians held a meeting on January 30, 2008 at the Department of Public Health, Capitol Avenue, Conference Room E, Second Floor, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Raymond P. Dennis, LO, Chairman
Linda Conlin, LO
Ann Tosca, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Gary Griffin, Practitioner Investigation Unit, DPH
Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Examination Analyst, DPH
Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH

Chairperson Raymond Dennis called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

MINUTES – November 14, 2007

The minutes of the November 14, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Dennis moved and Ms. Tosca seconded that these minutes be approved as written. The motion passed.

LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

Tracy Aarons – Petition No. 2007-0719-000-034-Cease and Desist Consent Order
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office advised the Board that Tracy Aarons, the respondent is not licensed by the Connecticut Department of Health. The respondent owned and operated Cohen's Fashion Optical in Milford, Connecticut. The optical shop was issued optical shop license number 001675 on August 29, 2006. From about July 11, 2007 through about July 30, 2007 the optical shop was open for business without a licensed optician on duty. The respondent provided optical services without a license. Respondent has signed the Cease and Desist Consent Order. The Board unanimously voted authorized Chairman Dennis to sign the Cease and Desist Consent Order.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Practitioner Investigation Unit explained the Department's legal procedure regarding investigations to Ms. Conlin, the newly appointed member of the Board. Mr. Griffin advised the Board that there are no active investigations at this time. He did report that there was a complaint regarding the sale of contact lenses in a beauty shop in Bloomfield. He indicated that the beauty shop was very cooperative regarding this issue and this operation was stopped while the Department's representative was on the premises.

B. Examination Update

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Examination Analyst, updated the Board on the recent examinations.

C. Examination Appeals

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Examination Analyst, reported that one candidate has appealed the results the examinations taken in November. This candidate appeared before the Board. The Board went into Executive Session at 9:20 A.M. to review this examination. After careful review and discussion by members of the Board it was determined that there would be no change in the grades and that this candidate will be required to retake the examinations. The candidate will receive this information in writing. Following a motion by Ms. Tosca and seconded by Mr. Dennis, the Executive Session adjourned at 9:40 A.M.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

A. Examination Dates

The following dates have been scheduled for the June, 2008 examinations

- June 2 – Contact Lenses
- June 10 – Optical

B. Plans for the Development of a New Licensing Examination

Now that the Board has a full complement of members, it was decided that plans for the development of a new licensing examination would move forward again. Members of the Board authorized Chairman Dennis to convene a group of approximately seven professionals to review the examinations following the next meeting of the Board in April.

All meetings will be scheduled for 9:00 a.m., at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dennis made a motion and Ms. Tosca seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Tosca, Public Member
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Opticians