

AGENDA

CONNECTICUT BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR OPTICIANS

Wednesday, November 19, 2008, at 9:00 AM
Department of Public Health
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford CT
Conference Room E

CALL TO ORDER

I. MINUTES

Review and approval of the minutes from August 13, 2008.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Schedule Meeting dates for 2009

B. Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Practitioner Investigation Unit, Department of Public Health

C. Examination Update

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

III. OLD BUSINESS

Development of a New Eyewear Licensing Examination

IV. 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 August 13, 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
Loray Courchaine, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison
Gary Griffin, Practitioner Investigation Unit, DPH
Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Examination Analyst, DPH
Kathleen Boulware, Practitioner Investigations Unit, DPH

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

Ms. Courchaine was welcomed to her first meeting as a member of the Board

MINUTES – April 30, 2008

The minutes of the April 30, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Ms. Conlin moved and Mr. Dennis seconded that these minutes be approved. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Health Assistance interVention Education Network for Connecticut Health Professionals – (HAVEN)

Maureen Dinnan, Esq., Neubert, Pepe & Monteith and Kathleen Boulware, Practitioner Investigations Unit, Department of Public Health gave a presentation regarding the Health Assistance interVention Education Network for Connecticut Health Professionals (HAVEN). This program was developed pursuant to Public Act 07-103.

Currently enrolled in the program are 28 doctors, 35 RNs, 9 LPNs, 4 veterinarians, and 4 dentists among others, but no licensed opticians at this time.

B. Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Practitioner Investigation Unit reported that there were 2 ongoing investigations at this time, both involving consumer complaints. One has been referred to Brendan Walsh for standard of care compliance, and the other is expected to be resolved by a consent order.

C. Examination Update

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Examination Analyst reported that on June 2, 2008,

21 candidates wrote the contact lens practical exam resulting in 13 passes and 8 failures.

On June 10, 2008, 22 candidates wrote the eyewear practical exam resulting in 15 passes and 7 failures.

Ms. Morales also noted that the registration deadline for the November exam is September 12, 2008. The exams are tentatively scheduled for November 4, 2008 for contact lenses, and November 10, 2008 for eyewear, pending reservation of the necessary rooms at Middlesex Community College.

D. Examination Appeals

Three candidates appealed the results of the June 2nd and June 10th examinations and appeared before the Board. Following a motion by Mr. Dennis and seconded by Ms. Conlin, the Board went into Executive session at 9:55 A.M. to review the examination results of the three candidates. After careful review and discussion by members of the Board, it was determined that the results would remain the same. No votes were taken in executive session.

The candidates will receive this information in writing as soon as possible. The Executive Session adjourned at 10:20 A.M.

E. Development of a New Licensing Examination

Mr. Dennis reported and it was decided to convene a group of licensed opticians to review the eyewear portion of the practical exam at the November 19, 2008 Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Conlin, LO
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Opticians