

AGENDA

CONNECTICUT BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR OPTICIANS

Wednesday, December 2, 2009, at 9:00 AM
Department of Public Health
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford CT
Second Floor – Conference Room E

CALL TO ORDER

I. MINUTES

Review and approval of the minutes from August 26, 2009.

II. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES

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

III. PRACTICAL EXAMINATION

Contact Lenses

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Schedule meeting dates for 2010

V. 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 26, 2009 at the Department of Public Health, Capitol Avenue, Second Floor, Conference Room E, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Linda Conlin, LO, Chairperson
Loray Courchaine, Public Member
Skip Rivard, LO

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Examination Analyst, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Kathleen Boulware, Practitioner Investigations Unit
Maureen Dinnan, Executive Director – HAVEN
Frank Manna, DPH

Chairperson Linda Conlin called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

MINUTES – MAY 27, 2009

The minutes of the May 27, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Skip Rivard moved and Loray Courchaine seconded that these minutes be approved. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Memorandum of Decision Paul Beckert, LO – Petition No. 2008-1105-038-003
Memorandum tabled pending arrival of representative from the office of the Attorney General .

License Reinstatement Request – Jeffrey Panella, #001196

Frank Manna, Department of Public Health presented a license reinstatement request for Jeffrey Panella.

Skip Rivard made a motion, seconded by Loray Courchaine to recommend denial of Mr. Panella's license. Board referred the application to DPH for investigation, paying particular attention to the renewal signature to determine if there was fraud regarding C.E. credits.

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

Maureen Dinnan, Executive Director provided the annual update regarding the Haven Program. It was reported that no Opticians are currently in the program.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES

A. Investigations Update

Kathleen Boulware, Practitioner Investigation Unit, reported that at this time there is one investigation. Two cases have been referred to the legal office for further review.

- B. Examination Update
Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Examination Analyst, DPH, reported the results from the Contact Lens Exam on June 1, 2009. Of the thirty candidates, twenty passed. The Eyewear Exam was held on June 8, 2009. Of the twenty seven candidates, twenty passed.

There were no appeals from either exam.

Dates for the fall 2009 exams:
Contact Lens – Tuesday November 10.
Eyewear – Monday November 16.

OTHER BUSINESS

Board discussed Continuing Education Credit and ways to insure that these are being obtained.

LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

- A. Kennedy & Perkins, Inc., Branford, CT – Petition No. 2008-0408-057-001
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH presented a Consent Order in this matter.
No one was present on behalf of Kennedy & Perkins, Inc.

Loray Courchaine made a motion, seconded by Skip Rivard to approve the Consent Order, which imposes a reprimand and a \$2,500.00 Civil Penalty. The motion passed and Linda Conlin signed the order.

NEW BUSINESS-Continued

Memorandum of Decision - Paul Beckert, LO – Petition No. 2008-1105-038-003

Attorney General's office reached by phone to clarify the term of suspension.
Loray Courchaine made a motion, seconded by Skip Rivard to approve the Memorandum of Decision, which suspends respondent's license for six months followed by probation for one year. The motion passed and Linda Conlin signed the order.

ADJOURNMENT

Skip Rivard made a motion and Loray Courchaine seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:49 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Loray Courchaine
Public Member
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Opticians