

AGENDA

CONNECTICUT BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR OPTICIANS

Wednesday, February 24, 2010, 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 December 2, 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. EXAMINATION APPEALS

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

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 December 2, 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: Gary Griffin, Practitioner Investigation Unit, DPH
Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison
Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Examination Analyst, DPH
Stacy Owens, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH

Chairperson Linda Conlin called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

MINUTES – August 26, 2009

The minutes of the August 26, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Skip Rivard moved and Loray Courchaine seconded that these minutes be approved. The motion passed.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES

A. Investigations Update

Gary reported that there are two cases under investigation. Both are consumer complaints involving eyeglasses. No cases have been referred to the legal office for further review.

Two new optical shops have been approved, one in Stamford and Norwich.

B. Examination Update

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Examination Analyst, DPH, reported the results from the Eyewear Exam on November 10, 2009. Of the thirteen candidates, ten passed. The Contact Lens Exam was held on November 16, 2009. Of the fifteen candidates, eleven passed.

To date, there have been no appeals from either exam.

PRACTICAL EXAMINATION

Board discussed changes to the contact lens examination.

Issues discussed included, the use of radio scopes in the exam, reinstatement of a problem solving section using slides, and an upgrade of the proctor sheets.

OLD BUSINESS

License Reinstatement Request – Jeffrey Panella, #001196

Skip Rivard asked for an update on this case. It was reported that the case is still under investigation.

NEW BUSINESS

Scheduled Opticians Board Meeting Dates for 2010

Following are the dates for Board Meetings scheduled for 2010.

February 24, 2010 (Snow day – March 3, 2010)

May 12, 2010

August 25, 2010

December 8, 2010

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

ADJOURNMENT

Linda Conlin made a motion and Loray Courchaine seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Loray Courchaine

Public Member
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Opticians