

AGENDA

CONNECTICUT BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR OPTICIANS

Wednesday, May 12, 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 February 24, 2010.

II. NEW BUSINESS

Annual Update

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

III. OLD BUSINESS

Update - Contact Lens Examination

IV. Department of Public Health Updates

A. Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Practitioner Investigation Unit, Department of Public Health

B. Examination Update

Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant, 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 February 24, 2010, 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
Leslie, Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant, DPH
Steve Carragher, Health Program Supervisor, DPH

Chairperson Linda Conlin called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

MINUTES – December 2, 2009

The minutes of the December 2, 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 Griffin, Practitioner Investigation Unit, DPH, reported that there is one case under investigation, and one case referred to the legal office.

Two new optical shops have opened, one in Meriden, the other in Fairfield.

More instances were discovered of convenience stores selling cosmetic contact lenses over the counter. The owners agreed to remove the contacts claiming ignorance that these sales were illegal. Skip proposed having some kind of public service announcement to spread the word on this matter.

B. Examination Update

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Examination Analyst, DPH, announced she will be out on maternity leave soon and introduced Deb Brown who will serve in her stead.

PRACTICAL EXAMINATION

Skip Rivard reported that the contact lens practical exam is still in development. He is working with Ray Dennis to develop a problem solving lens exam using case scenarios. Steve Carragher suggested a meeting with DPH to assist with the test development.

LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

Richard L. Kennedy, Jr., Optician – Petition No. 2009-0513-038-002

Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH presented a Consent Order against Richard L. Kennedy, Jr. imposing a reprimand and a \$1,250.00 fine against his personal license. Skip Rivard made a motion to endorse the consent order as written, Loray Courchaine seconded, the motion passed. Chairperson Linda Conlin signed the order.

Skip Rivard requested that Leslie Scoville find out if Mr. Kennedy's continuing education credits have been properly documented.

EXAMINATION APPEALS

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Examination Analyst, DPH

Maritsa reported that two candidates are appealing the results of the November examinations. Following a motion made by Skip Rivard and seconded by Loray Courchaine, the Board went into executive session at 10:52 A.M. to review the examination results. After careful review and discussion by the Board, it was determined that the results would remain the same.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

A. Dates for the June 2010 exams were set:

Contact Lenses –Tuesday, June 8,2010

Eyeware – Tuesday, June 22, 2010

B. License Reinstatement Request – Jeffrey Panella, #001196

Skip requested an update on this case for the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Linda Conlin made a motion and Skip Rivard seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Loray Courchaine

Public Member

Connecticut Board of Examiners for Opticians