

## AGENDA

### CONNECTICUT BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR OPTICIANS

Thursday, May 10, 2012, at 9:00 AM  
Department of Public Health  
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford CT  
**Third Floor Conference Room -C**

#### CALL TO ORDER

I. **Minutes**

Review and approval of the minutes from March 8, 2012.

II. **New Business**

Memorandum of Decision

Larry Lawson – Petition No. 2010-5758

III. **Department of Public Health Updates**

A. Investigations Update

*Gary Griffin, Practitioner Investigation Unit, DPH*

B. Examination Update

*Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Examination Analyst II*

- review of progressive addition lenses for the eyewear section
- review lid inversion and the inclusion of conversion tables for the contact lens section
- review of instructions to proctors and candidates for both sections

IV. **Legal Office Business**

V. **Examination Appeals**

VI. **Additional Agenda Items**

#### ADJOURN

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

The Connecticut Board of Examiners for Opticians held a meeting on Thursday, March 8, 2012 at the Department of Public Health, Capitol Avenue, Third Floor Conference Room, Hartford, CT.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Linda Conlin, LO, Chairperson  
René”Skip” Rivard, LO

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jeffrey Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist/Board Liaison, DPH; Gary Griffin, Practitioner Investigation Unit, DPH;  
Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Examination Analyst, DPH;  
Alfreda Gaither, Esq., Staff Attorney, Hearing Office, DPH

Chairperson Linda Conlin called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

**I. MINUTES – December 7, 2011**

- A. Having been previously distributed and reviewed by the members, a reading of the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Examiners was waived. Motion: Rivard, Second: Conlin. A motion made by Mr. Rivard and seconded by Ms. Conlin was passed to accept the minutes.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **Update: Paul Beckert – Petition Nos. 2008-1105-038-003 and 2010-5674**  
[Background: At its meetings of January 28, June 1, Aug. 10, 2011, the Board requested confirmation that Mr. Beckert is not employed as, nor acting in the capacity of an optician. At its meeting of August 10, the Board requested sworn affidavits from both Mr. Beckert and his optometrist employer verifying his job description. It was requested that the documents must confirm that he not acting in any capacity as an optician as described in C.G.S. Chapter 381 or Department of Public Health Regulations. 20-141-1 thru 20-146. ]

It was reported that no new information was available regarding Mr. Beckert’s compliance with the issued consent order requiring a course in professional ethics. The Board was informed that unless a new complaint was filed with the Department that Mr. Beckert is working as an optician, no further action is required.

**B. ABO/NCLE Examination Review**

A motion by Rivard and seconded by Conlin was made to table discussion regarding review of the ABO/NCLE examinations.

**III. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES**

**Investigations Update:** *Gary Griffin, Practitioner Investigation Unit, DPH*

- A. Mr. Griffin reported that two (2) cases are under investigation. One (1) case is currently with the legal office. Two cases have been dismissed. Mr. Rivard requested that once cases are dismissed by the Department, they be discussed/presented to the Board.

B. **Examination Update:** *Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Examination Analyst II*

Licensing examination dates were set as follows: Contact Lens, Tuesday, June 5; Eyewear, Tuesday, June 12. Candidate application deadline was set for April 5, 2012. The exams will be held at Middlesex Community College. Mr. Rivard will make the necessary room reservations.

The Board requested that the eyewear candidate answer template and both the candidate and proctor instructions for the practical exams be reviewed at its next meeting.

IV. **LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

A. **Presentation of Consent Order - Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney DPH  
Petition № 2011-1119 - Eileen Petrillo**

Ms. Petrillo, a duly authorized representative from **Characters and Costumes, 260 River Street, Guilford, CT 06437** admitted that during October 2011 she "... *engaged in the practice of opticianry and/or practice as an optical establishment without having a valid license and/or permit to do so offering cosmetic contact lenses for retail sale.*"

The respondent stipulated the allegations and agreed to cease and desist the practice of opticianry and/or practice as an optical establishment.

After discussion, Mr. Rivard motioned to approve the Cease and Desist Consent Order, seconded by Ms. Conlin. The Order was signed by Chairperson Conlin.

V. **EXAMINATION APPEALS**

A. Two unsuccessful candidates from the November 2011 licensing exam addressed the Board. Both candidates respectfully requested their exam results be reviewed. Mr. Rivard acknowledged that he was familiar with one of the candidates, which would not impact his review of the test scores.

VI. **EXECUTIVE SESSION 9:40 AM**

Mr. Rivard made a motion, seconded by Chair Conlin to go into Executive Session to review and discuss the examination results. The Board came out of Executive Session at 10:25 AM.

The Department will notify the appellants as to the final decision of the Board.

VII. **ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Rivard made a motion, seconded by Ms. Conlin to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,



René R. Rivard  
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Opticians