

AGENDA

CONNECTICUT BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR OPTOMETRISTS

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

9:15 AM

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut
Second Floor – Law Library**

CALL TO ORDER

I. MINUTES

Review and approval of the minutes of the May 7, 2008 meeting.

II. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES

Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor

III. NEW BUSINESS

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

IV. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

ADJOURN

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

A Meeting of the **Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists** was held on May 7, 2008 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in Conference Room F on the second floor.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Edward F. Pinn, O.D., Chairman
Neil Malkin, O.D.
John Sienko, O.D.
Patricia Henrietta Simmons
Jason Van Stone

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Joseph Pavano, OD
Henry W. Siegrist

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison
Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, DPH
Leora Berns, OD

Dr. Pinn called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

Dr. Berns was thanked for her dedicated service to the Board since January 1992. Joseph Pavano, III, OD has been appointed in Dr. Berns' position effective May 2, 2008

I. MINUTES – February 27, 2008

The minutes of February 27, 2008 were reviewed. Ms. Simmons made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sienko, to approve the minutes as edited. The motion passed unanimously.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Department of Public Health, Practitioner Investigations Unit reported that there are five cases under investigation by the Department of Public Health. 2 additional cases have been referred to the Department's Legal Office for further review.

Mr. Griffin also reported that two incidents in which cosmetic contact lens were being sold in unlicensed establishments have been investigated. Both establishments were advised of the statutes and have voluntarily ceased selling the lenses.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Ethics Presentation

Stacy Owens, Esq., Ethics Officer, Public Health Hearing Office, Department of Public Health provided the Board with an overview of the Code of Ethics for Public Officials and State Employees.

B. License Reinstatement Request

Debbie Brown, Health Program Assistant, Department of Public Health presented a license reinstatement request of Carol Bringham, OD

Following application review, Dr. Sienko made a motion, seconded by Dr. Malkin, recommending that the Dr. Bringham's license be reinstated. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Continuing Education

The Board reviewed a request from the Connecticut Visual Health Center for approval of four one-hour continuing education lectures regarding the following topics:

- Diabetic Retinopathy
- Expanded Treatment Options for AMD Patients
- Cystoid Macular Edema in Patients with Cataract History
- Differential Diagnosis of Flashing Lights

Dr. Sienko made a motion, seconded by Dr. Malkin, recommending approval of these four courses. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

Robert Macneil, OD – Petition No. 2007-0116-003-001

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan presented a Consent Order in the matter of Robert Macneil, OD. Dr. Macneil was not present or represented.

Dr. Malkin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Van Stone, to approve the Consent Order, which places respondent's license on probation and imposes \$1000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Pinn signed the Order.

V. ADJOURN

Dr. Malkin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Simmons, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward F. Pinn, O.D., Chairman
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists