

AGENDA

CONNECTICUT BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR OPTOMETRISTS

**Wednesday, May 16, 2012
9:00 AM**

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut
Conference Room 3-C**

CALL TO ORDER

I. MINUTES

Review and approval of the minutes of the February 15, 2012 meeting.

II. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES

- Licensure

Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations, DPH

- Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, DPH

III. NEW BUSINESS

V. 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 **February 15, 2012** at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in the third floor hearing room.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Neil Malkin, O.D. – *via telephone*
Joseph Pavano, III, OD – *via telephone*
Henry W. Siegrist
John Sienko, O.D.
Jason Van Stone – *via telephone*
Regina A. Strand, O.D.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Dr. Malkin called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

I. Minutes

Dr. Sienko made a motion, seconded by Dr. Pavano, to approve the May 11, 2011, September 21, 2011 and November 16, 2011 meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Department of Public Health Updates

Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Department of Public Health, Practitioner Investigations Unit reported there are eight cases involving optometrist being investigated by the DPH. An additional three additional cases have been referred to the Department's legal office for further review.

III. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

Vernon Tompkins, OD – Petition No. 2010-5488

David Tilles Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Dr. Tompkins was present with Attorney Ellen Costello.

Following discussion Dr. Sienko made a motion, seconded by Dr. Pavano, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a \$500.00 civil penalty and probation for one year. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Sienko signed the Order on behalf of the Board.

III. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

The Board requested that Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations attend the next meeting to update the Board regarding continuing education and to discuss levels of licensure based on a practitioner's board certification/specialty.

IV. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Neil Malkin, O.D.
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists