

A Meeting of the **Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists** was held on February 25, 2009 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in conference room "F" on the second floor.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Neil Malkin, O.D., Chairman
Joseph Pavano, III, OD
John Sienko, O.D.
Henry W. Siegrist
Regina A. Strand, O.D.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jason Van Stone
Patricia Henrietta Simmons

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison

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

Dr. Strand was welcomed to her first meeting as a Board member.

I. Minutes

The minutes of November 12, 2008 were reviewed. Dr. Sienko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Siegrist, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Department of Public Health Updates

Continuing Education Regulations

Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations, Department of Public Health reported that during the review process of the draft regulations a potential conflict was noted with the General Statutes as it relates to the Board's authority to approve CEU courses.

A follow-up will be presented at the next meeting.

Ms. Filippone also reported that licensure fees may increase this year because of the State's budget problems.

Investigations Update

Kathleen Boulware, Department of Public Health, Practitioner Investigations Unit reported there are two current investigations by DPH involving Optometrists.

Ms. Boulware will present an overview of the complaint investigation process at the next meeting.

III. New Business

Dr. Sienko suggested and the Board agreed that future Board meetings begin at 9:00 a.m.

IV. Adjourn

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

Respectfully Submitted,

John Sienko, O.D.
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists

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 13, 2009 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in conference room "F" on the second floor.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Neil Malkin, O.D., Chairman
Joseph Pavano, III, OD
John Sienko, O.D.
Henry W. Siegrist
Regina A. Strand, O.D.
Patricia Henrietta Simmons
Jason Van Stone

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Dr. Malkin called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

I. Minutes

The minutes of February 25, 2009 were reviewed. Dr. Pavano made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sienko, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Department of Public Health Updates

Continuing Education Regulations

Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations, Department of Public Health reported that the Department and the Assistant Attorney General are still reviewing this issue.

Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Department of Public Health, Practitioner Investigations Unit reported two current investigations by DPH involving Optometrists.

III. New Business

Complaint Investigations

Kathleen Boulware, Practiotner Investigations Unit, DPH gave a presentation regarding the receipt and investigation of complaints against licensed health care professionals.

IV. Adjourn

Mr. Van Stone made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sienko, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Pavano, III, OD
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists

A Meeting of the **Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists** was held on September 16, 2009 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in conference room "F" on the second floor.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Neil Malkin, O.D., Chairman
John Sienko, O.D.
Regina A. Strand, O.D.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Henry W. Siegrist
Joseph Pavano, III, OD
Patricia Henrietta Simmons
Jason Van Stone

Dr. Malkin called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

I. Minutes

The minutes of May 13, 2009 were reviewed. Because of the lack of a quorum the minutes will be adopted at the next meeting.

II. Department of Public Health Updates

Continuing Education Regulations

Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations, Department of Public Health reported that a potential conflict between the Statutes and Regulations is being addressed. There will be no changes in CEU requirements for 2010.

Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Department of Public Health, Practitioner Investigations Unit reported there are three cases involving optometrists currently being investigated by the DPH.

III. New Business

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

Maureen Dinnan, Executive Director provided the annual update regarding the Haven Program. There are 152 individuals, comprising various license disciplines, currently enrolled in the program. No optometrists are currently enrolled

IV. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Regina A. Strand, O.D.
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists

A Meeting of the **Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists** was held on November 18, 2009 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in conference room "F" on the second floor.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Neil Malkin, O.D., Chairman
John Sienko, O.D.
Henry W. Siegrist
Regina A. Strand, O.D.
Jason Van Stone

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Joseph Pavano, III, OD

Dr. Malkin called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

I. Minutes

The minutes of May 13, 2009 and September 16, 2009 meetings were reviewed. Dr. Sienko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Van Stone, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Department of Public Health Updates

Investigations Update

Board Liaison, Jeffrey Kardys reported on behalf of Investigations Supervisor Gary Griffin that there are three current investigations by DPH involving Optometrists.

III. New Business

Meeting Dates for 2010

Following are the meeting dates scheduled for 2010.

February 10, 2010

May 12, 2010

September 15, 2010

November 10, 2010

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

IV. Adjourn

Mr. Van Stone made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sienko, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Sienko, O.D.
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists