

A meeting of the **Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists** was held on **March 12, 2014** at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in the third floor hearing.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Matthew Blondin, OD, Chairman
 Lawrence Lefland, OD
 Regina A. Strand, OD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Joseph Pavano, III, OD

Dr. Blondin called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

I. Minutes

The minutes from the November 20, 2013 meeting were approved on a motion by Dr. Lefland, seconded by Dr. Strand.

II. Department of Public Health Updates

Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Department of Public Health, Practitioner Investigations Unit reported there is one case currently being investigated by the Department.

III. New Business

A. Ross Zeldes, OD – Petition No. 2012-63
Department of Public Health Motion to Reopen Hearing

Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health was present in this matter. She reported that the Department of Public Health was withdrawing its motion to reopen the hearing.

B. Ross Zeldes, OD – Petition No. 2012-63
Department of Public Health Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges

Dr. Lefland made a motion, seconded by Dr. Strand to add this matter to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Motion to Withdraw the Statement of Charges based on respondent's surrender of his license to practice in the State of Connecticut.

Dr. Strand made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lefland to grant the Department of Public Health to withdraw the charges.. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 a.m. on a motion made by Dr. Lefland, seconded by. Dr. Strand.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Blondin, OD, Chairman
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists

A meeting of the **Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists** was held on **June 11, 2014** at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in conference room "C" on the third floor.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Matthew Blondin, OD, Chairman
Lawrence Lefland, OD
Joseph Pavano, III, OD
Regina A. Strand, OD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Dr. Blondin called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

I. Minutes

The minutes from the March 12, 2014 meeting were approved on a motion by Dr. Pavano, seconded by Dr. Lefland.

II. Department of Public Health Updates

Investigations Update

No Report

III. New Business

A. Lance Alpert, OD – Petition No. 2011-103
Respondent's Request to modify Consent Order

Dr. Lefland and Dr. Strand were recused from the discussion and vote in this matter.

Dr. Alpert was present with Attorney P. Michael Margolis. Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina was present for the Department of Public Health. Hearing Officer Olinda Morales provided counsel to the Board.

Argument was heard from Attorneys Margolis and Fazzina regarding respondent's request to modify a Consent Order dated May 15, 2013.

Ms. Morales advised the Board that the Consent Order cannot be modified by the Board because the Department of Public Health has objected to the modification proposed by respondent.

Following discussion Dr. Pavano made a motion, seconded by Dr. Blondin, to deny respondent's request to modify the Consent Order and strongly recommended that the Department of Public Health and respondent enter into negotiations to modify the terms of the Consent Order. The motion passed.

Dr. Pavano and Dr. Blondin commented that based on the circumstances presented it was their opinion that the Consent Order should be modified.

IV. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m. on a motion made by Dr. Pavano, seconded by Dr. Lefland.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Blondin, OD, Chairman
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists

A meeting of the **Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists** was held on **September 10, 2014** at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in conference room "C" on the third floor.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Matthew Blondin, OD, Chairman – via telephone
Lawrence Lefland, OD – via telephone
Milagros Limson – via telephone
Joseph Pavano, III, OD – via telephone
Regina A. Strand, OD – via telephone

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Dr. Blondin called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Ms. Limson was welcomed to here first meeting as a Board member,

I. Minutes

The minutes from the June 11, 2014 meeting were approved on a motion by Dr. Pavano, seconded by Dr. Strand.

II. Department of Public Health Updates

Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Department of Public Health, Practitioner Investigations Unit reported there is one case currently being investigated by the Department.

III. Additional Business

There was brief discussion regarding online eye examinations and whether they would be permitted for a patient residing in Connecticut.

Dr. Blondin will draft a question for discussion at a future meeting for the purposes of a potential declaratory ruling.

IV. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m. on a motion made by Dr. Pavano, seconded by Dr. Lefland.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Blondin, OD, Chairman
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.

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Matthew Blondin, OD, Chairman – via telephone
Lawrence Lefland, OD – via telephone
Milagros Limson – via telephone
Joseph Pavano, III, OD – via telephone
Regina A. Strand, OD – via telephone

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Dr. Blondin called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

I. Minutes

The minutes from the September 10, 2014 meeting were approved on a motion by Dr. Strand, seconded by Dr. Pavano.

II. Department of Public Health Updates

Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Department of Public Health, Practitioner Investigations Unit reported there is one case currently being investigated by the Department. The case was opened in October 2014.

III. New Business

Meeting dates for 2015.

Meetings will be scheduled in March, May, September and November. The exact dates will be communicated to the Board Liaison by Dr. Blondin.

IV. Additional Business

Ohan Karagosian, Licensed Optician asked a question about use of the title "Optometric Physician." The Board reiterated its comments from its September 18, 2013 meeting that an Optometrist can use the title "Optometric Physician."

V. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 a.m. on a motion made by Dr. Pavano, seconded by Dr. Strand.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Blondin, OD, Chairman
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists