

AGENDA (Revised)

CONNECTICUT BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR OPTICIANS

Tuesday, February 9, 2016, at 10:30 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 the November 17, 2015 meeting.

II. Department of Public Health Updates

A. Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Practitioner Investigation Unit, DPH

B. Examination Update

Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant

III. Additional Agenda Items

IV. Examination Appeals

Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant

ADJOURN

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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 Tuesday November 17, 2015 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Third Floor Conference Room "C", Hartford, CT.

Board Members Present: René "Skip" Rivard, LO, Chairperson (Remote call-in)
Daniel Denegre, LO (Remote call-in)
Donna K. Bojus (Public Member) (Remote call-in)

Board Members Absent: None

Also Present: Jeffrey Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist/Board Liaison, DPH; Gary Griffin, Practitioner Investigation Unit, DPH

Chairperson René Rivard called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

- I. Minutes -
 - A. Motion to accept minutes from the meeting of September 22, 2015 **Motion: Bojus; Second, Denegre. Motion Passed.**
- II. Department of Health Updates
 - A. Investigations Update - *Gary Griffin, Practitioner, Investigation Unit, DPH*
 1. Mr. Griffin reported one case under investigation. No previous cases have been closed.
 2. Mr. Rivard questioned an ongoing allegation within an ophthalmology practice of unlicensed personnel performing opticianry in an unlicensed practice. Mr. Griffin acknowledged that Kathleen Boulware, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section, DPH, is conducting an investigation. No conclusions have been reached. Ms. Bojus stated that should the allegations be valid, consumer health and welfare would be jeopardized by unlicensed personnel performing optical service. She questioned the time line required to validate the allegations. An opportunity for an immediate Cease and Desist Order was discussed. Mr. Griffin said he would relay to Ms. Boulware that the Board would like the investigation expedited and will report back to Mr. Rivard.
 - B. Examination Update: *Deborah Brown, DPH Health Program Assistant*
 1. Reporting for Ms. Brown, Mr. Kardys announced scheduling for the upcoming licensing exams.
 - a. Tuesday December 1, 2015
 - (1) twenty two (22) eyewear candidates
 - (2) nine (9) State law candidates
 - b. Tuesday December 8, 2015
 - (1) fourteen (14) contact lens candidates
 2. Schedule Meeting Dates for 2016
 - a. Tuesday Feb. 9; Tuesday May 10; Monday Sept. 12; Monday Nov. 11.
- III. Additional Agenda Items:
 - A. None
- IV. Adjourn
 - A. **Motion DeNegre, Second Bojus. Motion Passed.** Meeting adjourned at 9:19 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



René R. Rivard
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Opticians