

## **AGENDA**

### **CONNECTICUT BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR OPTICIANS**

Monday, November 14, 2016, at 9:00 AM  
Department of Public Health  
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford CT  
**Third Floor – Hearing Room**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

**I. Minutes**

Review and approval of the minutes from the September 21, 2016 meeting.

**II. Department of Public Health Updates**

A. Investigations Update

B. Examination Update

*Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant*

**III. New Business**

A. Goodwin College - Ophthalmic Science Program

B. Schedule meeting dates for 2017

**IV. Additional Agenda Items**

#### **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 Wednesday September 21, 2016 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Third Floor Conference Room "C", Hartford, CT.

Board Members Present by Telephone Conference:	René "Skip" Rivard, LO, Chairperson Daniel Denegre, LO Donna K. Bojus (Public Member)
Board Members Absent:	None
Also Present:	Jeffrey Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist/Board Liaison, DPH; Deborah Brown, DPH Health Program Assistant; Judith Bailey, DPH Licensing Application Analyst; Celeste Dowdell, DPH Licensing Application Analyst; Alfreda Gaither, Esq., Staff Attorney, Hearing Office, DPH

Chairperson René Rivard called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

- I. Minutes -
  - A. Motion to accept minutes from the meeting of May 10, 2016 **Motion: Bojus; Second, Denegre. Motion Passed.**

- II. Department of Health Updates
  - A. Investigations Update - *Mr. Kardys reported for Mr. Griffin*
    - 1. There are three open investigations being conducted by the Department.
      - a. Cohens Fashion Optical - Danbury - investigation opened Mar 14, 2016
      - b. Cohens Fashion Optical - West Farms Mall - investigation opened Mar 15, 2016
      - c. Cohens Fashion Optical - Waterford - investigation opened Mar 13, 2016

Referring the minutes of May 10, 2016, Mr. Rivard noted there were four cases were under investigation. He reminded Mr. Kardys that the Board had previously requested be informed of all closed cases as well as pending investigations. He will pass the request to Mr. Griffin.

Mr. Denegre asked the permit status of an optical shop in Bloomfield, CT. Mr. Rivard checked eLicense online and verified an Optical Selling Permit was valid.

- B. Examination Update: *Deborah Brown, DPH Health Program Assistant*
  - 1. Ms. Brown reported on the examination conducted in June 2016.
    - a. Contact Lens Exam - June 23
      - (1) 34 candidates
        - (a) 20 Passed
        - (b) 11 Failed
        - (c) 3 Did Not Attend
    - b. Eyewear Exam June 16 & 23
      - (1) 43 candidates
        - (a) 17 Passed
        - (b) 24 Failed
        - (c) 2 Did Not Attend
      - (2) State Law
        - (a) 26 candidates
          - i) 4 Failed

Ms. Brown will forward a breakdown of content area scores to the Board.

Mr. Rivard asked for a breakdown of candidates taking the exams for the first time in each of the three exams, and if possible, the number of times for each section all other candidates had retaken the exams.

2. Ms. Brown reported on applications for the Fall exams.
  - a. Eyewear
    - (1) 19 candidates
  - b. Contact Lens
    - (1) 9 candidates
  - c. State Law.
    - (1) 7 candidates
      - (a) 3 first time
      - (b) 4 repeat takers

Mr. Rivard commented that based on State Law candidates, it appears only 3 applicants for licensure will be taking the exams for the first time. Ms. Brown added that several candidates from June had not reapplied for examination.

III. Additional Agenda Items:

- A. Mr. Rivard asked that if an optician allowed h/her license to lapse, could an apprentice registration be granted. Ms. Brown confirmed that a previously licensed optician could not be re-registered as an apprentice. Mr. Rivard referenced a phone call received from a prospective employer who wanted to confirm previous credentials of an apprentice online. The optician reported that the DPH eLicense database confirmed a current apprentice registration and also listed that the candidate's optician licensed had lapsed due to non-renewal. Mr. Rivard will refer the name to Ms. Brown for confirmation.

IV. Adjourn

- A. **Motion DeNegre, Second Bojus. Motion Passed.** Meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



René R. Rivard  
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Opticians