

## **AGENDA**

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

Monday, August 30, 2021, at 8:30 AM  
Department of Public Health  
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford CT

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

- I. **Minutes**  
Review and approval of the minutes from June 7, 2021.
  
- II. **DPH Updates**  
Licensure Applications/ Examinations / Continuing Education
  
- III. **Additional Agenda Items**

#### **ADJOURN**

### **Board of Examiners for Opticians via Microsoft Teams**

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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 Opticians** was held on **March 1, 2021**.

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jenney Rivard, L.O  
Alden Mead, JD, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison

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The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. Participants were present via Microsoft Teams.

**I. MINUTES**

The minutes from the March 1, 2021 were approved as written on a motion by Ms. Rivard, seconded by Mr. Mead.

**II. Department of Public Health Updates**

Stephen Carragher, Public Health Services Manager, DPH Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section reported that 27 new optician licenses have been issued since December 2020 and nine applications have been filed since January 2021 and are currently pending.

Following discussion pertaining to the practical licensing examination, Ms. Rivard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mead that individuals who submit their application for licensure prior to August 1, 2021 will be allowed to take the virtual examination offered by the American Board of Opticianry & National Contact Lens Examiners and that individuals who submit their licensure application on or after August 1, 2021 will take the in-person hands on practical examination administered by the Department of Public Health. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Rivard asked that after the current Board vacancy is filled by the Office of the Governor that the Board and the department coordinate a review of the hands on practical examination content and scoring.

Mr. Carragher reported that at this time there has not been a determination made regarding continuing education compliance time frames that were waived during the COVID pandemic. Ms. Rivard reiterated that virtual continuing education must be taken in a live session that allows for the taking of attendance

Michelle Clement, LO addressed the Board and the Department concerning the administration of the hands on practical examination and suggested that improvements in the process need to be made.

**III. Adjourn**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 a.m. on motion by Ms. Rivard.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jenney Rivard, LO  
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Opticians