

AGENDA

CONNECTICUT BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR OPTICIANS

Monday, June 6, 2022, at 9:00 AM
Department of Public Health
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford CT

CALL TO ORDER

- I. **Minutes**
Review and approval of the minutes from March 7 2022.

- II. **DPH Updates**
Licensure Applications / Examinations / Investigations

- III. **OPEN FORUM**
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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 7, 2022**.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	Jenney Rivard, L.O Alden Mead, JD, Public Member
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:	None
ALSO PRESENT:	Alfreda Gaither, Hearing Officer Stephen Carragher, Public Health Services Manager, DPH Judith Bailey, DPH, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section

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

I. Minutes

The minutes from the December 6, 2021 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Mead, seconded by Ms. Rivard.

II. Updates

Stephen Carragher, Public Health Services Manager, DPH Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section there are no licensing updates from DPH.

Practical Examination

The application deadline for the next examination is May 1, 2022.

Ms. Rivard and two proctors will meet with DPH by the end of March 2022 to review the practical examination content.

Continuing Education

Mr. Carragher reported that at this time continuing education requirements are still suspended as part of the license renewal requirements put in place due to the COVID pandemic. It is anticipated that any restrictions will be removed soon.

Investigations

Mr. Kardys reported that there is currently one investigation of an optical establishment being conducted by DPH.

III. Open Forum

Proposed Optical Shop Legislation

There was discussion regarding proposed legislation SB 329 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE RETAIL OPERATION OF OPTICAL ESTABLISHMENTS, OFFICES AND STORES.

Ms. Rivard and Mr. Mead as well as attendees indicated their opposition to this legislation in that it would pose a danger to public health and safety. It was encouraged that testimony in opposition to this proposed legislation be sent to the General Assembly's Public Health Committee.

IV. Adjourn

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 a.m.

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



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Licensed Optometrist Dr. Beth McMunn providing eye exam on mobile clinic to student at Mayberry Elementary in East Hartford



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