

## AGENDA

### CONNECTICUT BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR OPTICIANS

Monday, September 12, 2022, at 8:00 AM  
Department of Public Health  
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford CT

#### CALL TO ORDER

I. **Minutes**

Review and approval of the minutes from June 6, 2022.

II. **DPH Updates**

Licensure Applications / Examinations / Investigations

III. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. License Reinstatement Application

- Matthew Debella

*Presented by Stephen Carragher*, Public Health Services Manager, Practitioner  
Licensing and Investigations Section

IV. **OPEN FORUM**

#### 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 **June 6, 2022**.

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	Jenney Rivard, L.O Alden Mead, JD, Public Member
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:	None
ALSO PRESENT:	Alfreda Gaither, Hearing Officer Deborah Brown, DPH, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section Celeste Dowdell, DPH, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section

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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 7, 2022 meeting were approved on a motion by Ms. Rivard, seconded by Mr. Mead.
  
- II. **DPH Updates**  
**Practical Examination**  
Ms. Brown and Ms. Dowdell provided an update regarding the practical examination  
**Investigations**  
Mr. Kardys reported that there is currently one investigation of an optical establishment being conducted by DPH.
  
- III. **Open Forum**  
Damian Carroll, National Director and Chief of Staff, Wade Brown, National Director of Operations, and Sabrina A. Davis Program Manager made a presentation regarding Vision -to-Learn  
Vision To Learn, is a non-profit charity, started in Los Angeles in 2012. The program has helped kids in over 500 underserved communities in 14 states. Vision To Learn serves the needs of the hardest to-reach children; about 90% of kids served by Vision To Learn live in poverty and about 85% are kids of color. Since its founding in 2012, Vision To Learn has helped provide more than 1.2 million children with vision screenings, over 300,000 with eye exams and almost 250,000 with glasses – all free of charge to children and their families  
The Board addressed questions from Vision To Learn regarding the need for optical selling permits and requirements that dispensing be done by a licensed optician.
  
- IV. **Adjourn**  
As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

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

**TO: Connecticut Optician Board**

**FROM:** Steve Carragher  
Public Health Services Manager  
Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section

**RE: Matthew DeBella, Optician License #001631-Reinstatement of a lapsed license**

Matthew DeBella is an applicant for reinstatement of a lapsed license. The Department is seeking the Board's recommendation regarding Mr. DeBella suitability for reinstatement.

**HISTORY:**

1. Matthew DeBella graduated from Middlesex Community College, Middletown, CT in 2004.
2. Mr. DeBella's Connecticut license was issued December 8, 2009. His license lapsed due to nonrenewal January 01, 2019. There has been no disciplinary action against his license.
3. Mr. DeBella last practiced as an optician in 2018.









