

A meeting of the **Connecticut Board of Examiners for Opticians** was held on **February 11, 2019** at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in third floor Hearing Room.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Daniel Denegre, LO
Carol Dykas, LO
Alden Mead, JD, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Alfreda Gaither, Hearing Officer
Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison

The meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

I. MINUTES

The minutes from the September 10, 2018 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Mead, seconded by Ms. Dykas.

II. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

Sears Optical Shop #1198 – Petition No. 2018-291

Staff Attorney Brittany Allen, Department of Public Health, presented a Reinstatement Consent Order in this matter.

Respondent was not present but was represented by counsel.

Mr. Mead made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dykas, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Denegre signed the Order which imposes a reprimand and a \$5000.00 civil penalty.

III. Old Business

American Board of Opticianry & National Contact Lens Examiners – Practical Examination

The Board continued discussions with James M. Morris, MPA, JD, General Counsel & Executive Director regarding the practical examination offered by the American Board of Opticianry & National Contact Lens Examiners.

Mr. Morris and the Board entertained questions and comments from members for the public.

Additional public comment will be accepted at the May 20, 2019 meeting.

On a motion by Ms. Dykas, seconded by Mr. Mead, the Board entered executive session to discuss examination content with Mr. Morris. The motion passed and the Board entered executive session from 10:25 a.m. until 12:05 p.m. No motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

IV. Adjourn

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Daniel Denegre, LO
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Opticians

A meeting of the **Connecticut Board of Examiners for Opticians** was held on **May 20, 2019** at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in third floor Hearing Room.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Daniel Denegre, LO
Carol Dykas, LO
Alden Mead, JD, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Alfreda Gaither, Hearing Officer
Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison

The meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

I. MINUTES

The minutes from the September 10, 2018 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Mead, seconded by Ms. Dykas.

II. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

National Vision, Inc. d/b/a/ Vision Center #2282– Petition No. 2019-289

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter.

Mr. Mead made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dykas, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Denegre signed the Order which imposes a \$3,500.00 civil penalty.

III. New Business

Mr. Mead made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dykas, to add to the agenda, an executive session discussion with the Department of Public Health regarding the content of the current practical examination. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Old Business

American Board of Opticianry & National Contact Lens Examiners – Practical Examination

The Board continued discussions with James M. Morris, MPA, JD, General Counsel & Executive Director regarding the practical examination offered by the American Board of Opticianry & National Contact Lens Examiners.

Mr. Morris and the Board entertained questions and comments from members for the public.

V. Executive Session

On a motion by Mr. Mead, seconded by Ms. Dykas, the Board entered executive session to discuss examination content with the Department of Public Health. The motion passed and the Board entered executive session from 10:30 a.m. until 11:22 a.m. No motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

VI. Adjourn

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Daniel Denegre, LO
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Opticians

A meeting of the **Connecticut Board of Examiners for Opticians** was held on **August 19, 2019** at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in third floor Hearing Room.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Daniel Denegre, LO
Carol Dykas, LO
Alden Mead, JD, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Alfreda Gaither, Hearing Officer
Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison

The meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

I. MINUTES

The minutes from the May 20, 2019 meeting were approved on a motion by Ms. Dykas, seconded by Mr. Mead.

II. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

Luiza Garzon – Petition No. 2018-872

Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Ean Butler was present on behalf of respondent.

Mr. Mead made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dykas, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Denegre signed the Order requires respondent to cease and desist the practice of opticianry without a license.

Micha Benton – Petition No. 2019-398

Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter.

Mr. Mead made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dykas, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Denegre signed the Order requires respondent to cease and desist the practice of opticianry without a license.

Luxotica Retail North America (Lenscrafters) #228 – Petition No. 2019-398

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Michael Mott was present by telephone on behalf of respondent.

Mr. Mead made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dykas, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Denegre signed the Order imposes a reprimand and a \$7500.00 civil penalty.

III. New Business

Eyeglasses.com– Petition No. 2019-399.

A hearing in this matter will be scheduled to immediately follow the next meeting of the Board.

IV. Adjourn

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Daniel Denegre, LO
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Opticians

A meeting of the **Connecticut Board of Examiners for Opticians** was held on **December 9, 2019** at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in third floor Hearing Room.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Daniel Denegre, LO
Alden Mead, JD, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Alfreda Gaither, Hearing Officer
Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison

The meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison reported that Carol Dykas resigned from the Board pursuant to a letter she sent to the Governor's Office dated October 18, 2019. There is now one Board member vacancy.

I. MINUTES

The minutes from the August 19, 2019 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Mead, seconded by Mr. Denegre.

II. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

EyeGlasses.com– Petition No. 2019-399

Staff Attorney Brittany Allen, Department of Public Health, presented a Cease and Desist Consent Order in this matter.

Mr. Denegre made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mead, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Denegre signed the Order requires respondent to cease and desist the selling of optical goods without first obtaining an appropriate license or permit.

III. New Business

Reinstatement after practicing with a lapsed license

Mr. Denegre made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mead to add this item to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Deborah Brown, Health Program Associate, DPH Practitioner Licensing Unit explained the current policy regarding practitioners who have continued to practice after their license has expired and are seeking reinstatement. The current policy requires a reinstatement consent order which imposes a reprimand and a civil penalty which is calculated based on the time period the practitioner has continued to practice.

Mr. Mead made a Motion, seconded by Mr. Denegre to endorse DPH's current policy/
The motion passed unanimously.

Schedule Meeting Dates for 2020

The following are the meeting dates for 2020.

March 2, 2020

June 1, 2020

August 31, 2020

December 7, 2020

All meetings will be scheduled for 9:30 a.m., at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

IV. Adjourn

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:49 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Daniel Denegre, LO
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Opticians

