

## AGENDA

### CONNECTICUT BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR OPTICIANS

Monday, March 1, 2021, 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 the December 7, 2020.
  
- II. **DPH Updates**  
Licensure / Examination
  
- III. **Additional Agenda Items**

#### ADJOURN

### Board of Examiners for Opticians via Microsoft Teams

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A meeting of the **Connecticut Board of Examiners for Opticians** was held on **December 7, 2020**.

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	Daniel Denegre, LO Jenney Rivard, L.O.
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:	Alden Mead, JD, Public Member
ALSO PRESENT:	Alfreda Gaither, Hearing Officer Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison Christian Andresen, Section Chief, PLIS, DPH

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The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. Participants were present via Microsoft Teams.

**I. MINUTES**

The minutes from the August 31, 2020 and November 16, 2020 meetings were approved on a motion by Ms. Rivard, seconded by Mr. Denegre.

**II. Examination Update**

Christian Andresen, Section Chief, DPH Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section discussed issue with safely administering the practical examination during the current pandemic and the increase in the positivity rate.

Following extensive discussion Ms. Rivard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Denegre, that for the duration of the current COVID-19 health emergency, the Board consents to the Department of Public Health prescribing the American Board of Opticianry & National Contact Lens Examiners Practical Examination in lieu of the current Connecticut State Board Practical Examination.

The motion passed.

**III. Continuing Education**

Ms. Rivard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Denegre, that virtual continuing education is to be considered face to face instruction and is acceptable. The motion passed.

**IV. Meeting Dates for 2021**

The following are the meeting dates for 2021.

March 1, 2021

June 7, 2021

August 30, 2021

December 6, 2021

All meetings will be scheduled for 9:00 a.m.

**V. Adjourn**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

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