

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 **February 6, 2023**.

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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  
Dianne Bertucio, Interim Board Liaison  
Stephen Carragher, Public Health Services Manager, 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 December 5, 2022 were reviewed and amended to include the 2023 meeting dates. The minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Mead, seconded by Ms. Rivard.

**II. DPH Updates**

None

**III. Open Forum**

Proposed Apprentices Requirements of Education and Training

There was a discussion regarding the requirements of apprentice education and training.

Mr. Rivard requested the Board revisit apprenticeship education and training requirements.

Retailers Stores Operating Without Optician on Site

There was a discussion by attendees regarding retailers operating without an optician on site and where to report this violation to the Department of Public Health.

**IV. Adjourn**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

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