

The Connecticut Board of Examiners for Opticians held a meeting on Thursday, February 6, 2018 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Third Floor Hearing Room, Hartford, CT.

Board Members Present by Telephone Conference: René "Skip" Rivard, LO, Chairperson
Daniel Denegre, LO
Alden Mead, JD, Public Member

Board Members Absent: None

Also Present: Jeffrey Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist/Board Liaison, DPH; Alfreda Gaither, Staff Attorney, Hearing Office; Daniel Shapiro, Assistant Attorney General; Christian Andresen, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations, DPH, Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Office of Legal Compliance, DPH

Chairperson René Rivard called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

I. Minutes

Motion to accept minutes from the meeting of December 28, 2017. **Motion: Mead; Second, Denegre. Motion Passed Unanimously**

II. New Business

The Board held a discussion with Christian Andresen, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations and Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Office of Legal Compliance regarding the investigation and prosecution of complaints by the Department of Public Health and the criteria for the Board to issue a Summary Suspension Order. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present for this discussion and to provide counsel to the Board.

No votes were taken by the Board regarding this issue.

III. Adjourn

Motion Mead, Second Denegre. Motion Passed Unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Denegre, LO
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Opticians

The Connecticut Board of Examiners for Opticians held a meeting on Thursday, June 28, 2018 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Third Floor Hearing Room, Hartford, CT.

Board Members Present by
Telephone Conference:

René "Skip" Rivard, LO, Chairperson
Daniel Denegre, LO
Alden Mead, JD, Public Member

Board Members Absent:

None

Also Present:

Jeffrey Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist/Board
Liaison, DPH; Alfreda Gaither, Staff Attorney, Hearing
Office.

Chairperson René Rivard called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

I. New Business - July 2018 Practical Examination

- A. Chairman Rivard announced the dates of the upcoming Practical Exams.
 - 1. Eyewear: Tuesday July 10 and Tuesday July 24
 - a) 40 Candidates: 7 Proctors per exam
 - 2. Contact Lens: Thursday July 24
 - a) 30 Candidates: 11 Proctors per exam

- B. Options to facilitate exam proctors and dates was discussed.
 - 1. Increase spread between exam dates
 - a) Lottery for exam day candidate placement
 - (1) Will discuss with Deb Brown
 - 2. Consider earlier application closing date.
 - 3. Reserve additional rooms in advance, release if unnecessary

- C. Investigate ABO/NCLE Virtual Exam
 - 1. Possible ABO/NCLE Presentation at future meeting

- D. Adjourn
 - 1. Motion Mead, Second Denegre. Motion Passed Unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



René R. Rivard
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Opticians

A meeting of the **Connecticut Board of Examiners for Opticians** was held on **September 10, 2018** at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in third floor Hearing Room.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Daniel Denegre, LO - *via telephone*
Alden Mead, JD, Public Member - *via telephone*

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

The meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

I. MINUTES

The minutes from the February 6, 2018 and June 28, 2018 meetings were approved on a motion by Mr. Mead, seconded by Mr. Denegre.

II. NEW BUSINESS

The meeting for November 26, 2018 is rescheduled to Monday, December 3, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

At this meeting there will be a presentation regarding the practical examination offered by the American Board of Opticianry & National Contact Lens Examiners.

III. Adjourn

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:13 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 3, 2018** 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

Daniel Marshall – Petition No. 2018-292

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

Respondent was present but was not represented.

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 probation for a period of six months and a reprimand.

III. Department of Public Health Updates

Licensing Examination results - November 2018

1. 10 candidates Contact Lens - 6 Failed, 3 Passed; 1 No Show
2. 28 candidates Eyewear - 17 Failed, 11 Passed.
3. 5 candidates State Law - 5 Passed

IV. New Business

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

James M. Morris, MPA, JD, General Counsel & Executive Director presented an overview of the practical examination offered by the American Board of Opticianry & National Contact Lens Examiners and answered questions from the Board and the Department of Public Health.

V. Executive Session

Mr. Mead made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dykas, to enter executive session to discuss examination content with the Department of Public Health. The motion passed and the Board entered executive session from 11:40 a.m. until 12:30 p.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 12:31 p.m.

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