

## AGENDA

### CONNECTICUT BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR OPTOMETRISTS

Wednesday, September 16, 2020  
9:00 AM

Department of Public Health  
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut  
Third Floor – Hearing Room

#### CALL TO ORDER

I. MINUTES

Review and approval of the minutes of the June 23, 2020 meeting.

#### ADJOURN

This meeting will be held by video conference

[Board of Examiners for Optometrists 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 Optometrists** was held on **June 23, 2020** via "Microsoft TEAMS"

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Matthew Blondin, OD, Chairman – *via telephone*  
Susan Barrett – *via telephone*  
Carol Goldberg, Esq. – *via telephone*  
Lawrence Lefland, OD – *via telephone*  
Joseph Pavano, III, OD – *via telephone*  
Regina A. Strand, OD – *via telephone*  
Lawrence M. Sweeney – *via telephone*

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Regina A. Strand, OD  
Lawrence M. Sweeney

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison

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Dr. Blondin called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

All participants were present by video/telephone conference

**I. MINUTES**

The minutes from the March 25, 2029, meeting were approved on a motion by Ms. Barrett, seconded by Ms. Goldberg.

**II. CONTINUING EDUCATION UPDATE**

Stephen Carragher, Health Program Manager, Department of Public Health, Office of Practitioner Licensing and certification discussed that due to the CIVOD-19 pandemic the Commissioner of Public Health has been authorized to waive licensing, renewal, and inspection. The renewal policy states that is active on or after March 30, 2020, will not expire during the COVID-19 civil preparedness emergency. Licensees will be able to renew their license at any time now and during a six-month period following the date of the resumption of the normal renewal requirements.

In addition, Governor Lamont issued Executive Order 7DD suspending the continuing education requirements for optometrists. Licensees with expiration dates between March 10, 2020 and February 28, 2021 are not required to complete the continuing education required for license renewal.

**III. Adjourn**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m. on a motion by Dr. Lefland, seconded by Dr. Pavano.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Matthew Blondin, OD, Chairman  
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists