

A meeting of the **Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists** was held on **March 25, 2020** at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

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: None

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison

Dr. Blondin called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

I. MINUTES

The minutes from the November 20, 2019 meeting were approved on a motion by Ms. Goldberg, seconded by Ms. Barrett.

II. COVID-19

Dr. Blondin inquired if the Department of Public Health has issued any guidance regarding compliance with continuing education requirements in response to the current restrictions which have been imposed due to the coronavirus pandemic. Mr. Kardys reported that the Department of Public Health Office of Practitioner Licensing and Certification has not yet issued any guidance but is reviewing this issue.

Dr. Blondin reported that he has contacted the Office of the Governor asking if Optometrists will be considered essential workers. A response has not yet been received.

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