

AGENDA

CONNECTICUT BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR OPTOMETRISTS

Wednesday, September 18, 2013
9:00 AM

Legislative Office Building
300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut
Room – 2B

CALL TO ORDER

I. **MINUTES**

Review and approval of the minutes of the May 15, 2013 and July 29, 2013 meetings.

II. **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES**

Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, DPH

III. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Scope of Practice Question re: blood tests

B. Scope of Practice Question re: CPT Code 65778

C. Orientation

Henry Salton, Assistant Attorney General

IV. **OFFICE OF LICENSURE REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE**

C. Leroy W. Bentham, OD – Petition No. 2011-1146

Presentation of Consent Order – David Tilles, Staff Attorney, DPH

V. **ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

ADJOURN

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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 **May 15, 2013** at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in the third floor hearing room.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Matthew Blondin, OD, Chairman
Lawrence Lefland, OD
Joseph Pavano, III, OD
Regina A. Strand, OD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Dr. Blondin called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

I. Minutes

The minutes from the March 20, 2013 meeting were reviewed and approved.

II. Department of Public Health Updates

Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Department of Public Health, Practitioner Investigations Unit reported there is one case involving optometrists being investigated by the DPH. One case was dismissed since the last meeting. Two additional cases have been referred to the Department's Office of Licensure Regulation and Compliance for further review.

Dr. Pavano arrived at 9:06 a.m.

III. Old Business

Continuing Education

House Bill 6644 proposes the addition of language regarding continuing education to sections 20-128a and 20-132a of the Optometry Practice Act. Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Department of Public Health provided an update regarding this bill.

Definition of Surgery

Senate Bill 1038 – Ms. Filippone reported that no action has been taken on this bill since a public hearing on March 20, 2013. The Department of Public Health testified suggesting that this matter be referred to the scope of practice review process established pursuant to Public Act 11-209.

Wal-Mart

Ms. Filippone reported that DPH is still reviewing the issue of Wal-Mart employees working for independent Optometrists practicing in Wal-Mart locations.

IV. Office Of Licensure Regulation And Compliance

Lance Alpert, OD – Petition No. 2011-103

Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Dr. Alpert. Respondent was present with Attorney Michael Margolis.

Dr. Lefland and Dr. Strand recused themselves from the discussion and vote in this matter.

Dr. Pavano and Dr. Blondin indicated that the resolution seemed a bit excessive but would vote to approve the Consent Order in that it was agreed to by respondent.

Dr. Pavano moved and Dr. Blondin seconded to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed. Dr. Blondin signed the Order.

Respondent can request a modification of the Order at a later date.

V. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m. on a motion made by Dr. Lefland, seconded by Dr. Pavano.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

A meeting of the **Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists** was held on **July 29, 2013** at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in conference room C on the third floor.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Matthew Blondin, OD, Chairman – *via telephone*
 Lawrence Lefland, OD – *via telephone*
 Joseph Pavano, III, OD – *via telephone*
 Regina A. Strand, OD – *via telephone*

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Dr. Blondin called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Office Of Licensure Regulation And Compliance

Ross Zeldes, OD – Petition No. 2013-63

Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney Department of Public Health presented a Motion for Summary Suspension in the matter of Dr. Zeldes. Respondent was present without representation. Dr. Blondin moved and Dr. Strand seconded, to grant the motion for Summary Suspension because Dr. Zeldes represented an immediate danger to public health and safety if he continued to practice. The motion passed unanimously.

A hearing will be scheduled for Monday, August 12, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m. on a motion made by Dr. Strand, seconded by Dr. Blondin.

Respectfully Submitted,

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