

A Meeting of the **Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists** was held on February 27, 2008 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in Conference Room F on the second floor.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Edward F. Pinn, O.D., Chairman
Leora Berns, O.D.
Neil Malkin, O.D.
Henry W. Siegrist
John Sienko, O.D.
Patricia Henrietta Simmons

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jason Van Stone

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison
Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, DPH
Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, DPH

Dr. Pinn called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

Dr. Malkin was welcomed to his first meeting as a Board member.

I. MINUTES – November 7, 2007

The minutes of November 7, 2007 were reviewed. Dr. Berns made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sienko, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Department of Public Health, Practitioner Investigations Unit reported that there are four cases under investigation by the Department of Public Health. 3 additional cases have been referred to the Department's Legal Office for further review.

B. Continuing Education

Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigation, Department of Public Health provided the Board with draft regulations pertaining to Continuing education. The Board reviewed the draft. Suggested edits will be provided to the Department of Public Health. These regulations would be effective one year from the date noticed in the Connecticut Law Journal

Ms. Filippone also reported that legislation might be raised during the current legislative session that would increase the term for Board members from eight years to twelve years.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Board member duties and responsibilities

Governor M. Jodi Rell sent a letter to the chairs of all Department of Public Health Boards and Commissions asking that Board members be reminded of their statutory duties and responsibilities. Mr. Kardys reported that pertinent statutes have been distributed to all Board members.

Mr. Kardys reported that the Governor's office has directed all Board and Commission members to undergo ethics training. The Department of Public Health Ethics Officer will be providing this training to all DPH Boards and Commissions. Dr. Pinn requested that this presentation be made at the May 2008 meeting.

IV. ADJOURN

Dr. Berns made a motion, seconded by Ms. Simmons, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Sienko, O.D.
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists

A Meeting of the **Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists** was held on May 7, 2008 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in Conference Room F on the second floor.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Edward F. Pinn, O.D., Chairman
Neil Malkin, O.D.
John Sienko, O.D.
Patricia Henrietta Simmons
Jason Van Stone

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Joseph Pavano, OD
Henry W. Siegrist

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison
Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, DPH
Leora Berns, OD

Dr. Pinn called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

Dr. Berns was thanked for her dedicated service to the Board since January 1992. Joseph Pavano, III, OD has been appointed in Dr. Berns' position effective May 2, 2008.

I. MINUTES – February 27, 2008

The minutes of February 27, 2008 were reviewed. Ms. Simmons made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sienko, to approve the minutes as edited. The motion passed unanimously.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Department of Public Health, Practitioner Investigations Unit reported that there are five cases under investigation by the Department of Public Health. 2 additional cases have been referred to the Department's Legal Office for further review.

Mr. Griffin also reported that two incidents in which cosmetic contact lens were being sold in unlicensed establishments have been investigated. Both establishments were advised of the statutes and have voluntarily ceased selling the lenses.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Ethics Presentation

Stacy Owens, Esq., Ethics Officer, Public Health Hearing Office, Department of Public Health provided the Board with an overview of the Code of Ethics for Public Officials and State Employees.

B. License Reinstatement Request

Debbie Brown, Health Program Assistant, Department of Public Health presented a license reinstatement request of Carol Bringham, OD

Following application review, Dr. Sienko made a motion, seconded by Dr. Malkin, recommending that the Dr. Bringham's license be reinstated. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Continuing Education

The Board reviewed a request from the Connecticut Visual Health Center for approval of four one-hour continuing education lectures regarding the following topics:

- Diabetic Retinopathy
- Expanded Treatment Options for AMD Patients
- Cystoid Macular Edema in Patients with Cataract History
- Differential Diagnosis of Flashing Lights

Dr. Sienko made a motion, seconded by Dr. Malkin, recommending approval of these four courses. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

Robert Macneil, OD – Petition No. 2007-0116-003-001

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan presented a Consent Order in the matter of Robert Macneil, OD. Dr. Macneil was not present or represented.

Dr. Malkin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Van Stone, to approve the Consent Order, which places respondent's license on probation and imposes \$1000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Pinn signed the Order.

V. ADJOURN

Dr. Malkin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Simmons, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward F. Pinn, O.D., Chairman
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists

A Meeting of the **Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists** was held on September 10, 2008 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in the second floor Law Library.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Edward F. Pinn, O.D., Chairman
Neil Malkin, O.D.
Joseph Pavano, OD
Henry W. Siegrist
John Sienko, O.D.
Jason Van Stone

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Patricia Henrietta Simmons

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison
Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, DPH
Maureen Dinnan, Esq.

Dr. Pinn called the meeting to order at 9:19 a.m.

Dr. Pavano was to his first meeting as a Board member

I. MINUTES – May 7, 2008

The minutes of May 7, 2008 were reviewed. Dr. Sienko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Siegrist, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

II. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES

Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Department of Public Health, Practitioner Investigations Unit reported that there are three cases under investigation by the Department of Public Health. No cases have been referred to the Department's Legal Office for additional review.

Mr. Griffin also reported that one incident in which cosmetic contact lens were being sold in unlicensed establishment at the Danbury Fair Mall was investigated. The establishment was advised of the statutes and has voluntarily ceased selling the lenses.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Health Assistance interVention Education Network for Connecticut Health Professionals – (HAVEN)

Maureen Dinnan, Esq., Neubert, Pepe & Monteith gave a presentation regarding the Health Assistance interVention Education Network for Connecticut Health Professionals (HAVEN). This program was developed pursuant to Public Act 07-103. Attorney Dinnan gave an overview of the programs mission, services and goals. It is planned that the Connecticut Optometric Association will be contacted to provide information regarding HAVEN to Connecticut Optometrists

Currently there are no Optometrists enrolled in the program.

IV. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Continuing Education

Dr. Sienko made a motion, seconded by Dr. Malkin, to add the review of a continuing education program to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed a request for approval of lectures offered by Connecticut Optometric Association regarding Neuro-Optometry.

Dr. Pavano made a motion, seconded by Dr. Malkin, recommending approval. The motion passed unanimously.

V. ADJOURN

Dr. Sienko made a motion, seconded by Dr. Malkin, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Sienko, O.D.
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists

A Meeting of the **Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists** was held on November 12, 2008 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in conference room "F" on the second floor.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Neil Malkin, O.D., Chairman
Joseph Pavano, III, OD
Edward F. Pinn, O.D.
John Sienko, O.D.
Henry W. Siegrist
Jason Van Stone

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Patricia Henrietta Simmons

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison
Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, DPH

Dr. Malkin called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

I. MINUTES – September 10, 2008

The minutes of September 10, 2008 were reviewed. Dr. Pavano made a motion, seconded by Mr. Van Stone, to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Department of Public Health Updates

A. Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Department of Public Health, Practitioner Investigations Unit reported there are no current investigations by DPH involving Optometrists.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Meeting Dates for 2009

Following are the meeting dates scheduled for 2009.

February 25, 2009

May 13, 2009

September 16, 2009

November 18, 2009

All meetings will be scheduled for 9:15 a.m., at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

IV. ADJOURN

Dr Sienko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Siegrist, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Pavano, III, OD
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists