

AGENDA
CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 1:30 PM
Legislative Office Building
Conference Room 1-A
300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford Connecticut

CALL TO ORDER

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 17, 2019

II. OPEN FORUM

III. UPDATES

A. Chair Updates

B. DPH Updates

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Use of Web-based monitoring system: Changes in screening panels and observed screens and revision to the consent order language

Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager, DPH

V. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

A. Richard Kravits, MD - Petition No. 2018-909

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

B. Laurence Kirwan, MD - Petition No. 2017-497

Presentation of Consent Order – Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, DPH

C. Cheryl McDonald, PA - Petition No. 2017-1495

Presentation of Consent Order – Brittany Allen, Staff Attorney, DPH

D. Cornelia Gallo, MD - Petition No. 2018-1213

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

E. Ajay Ahuja, MD - Petition No. 2017-524

Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges– David Tilles, Staff Attorney, DPH

F. Prem Nath, MD - Petition No. 2009-20091373

Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges– David Tilles, Staff Attorney, DPH

VI 120 DAY EXTENSIONS

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.

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES of September 17, 2019**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in conference room 1-A.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson
Raymond Andrews, Jr., Esq
Allyson Duffy, MD
Carol Ekonomides, PA
Marie C. Eugene, DO
Robert Green, MD
Michele Jacklin
Edward McAnaney, Esq
Brimal Patel, MD
Jean Rexford
Daniel Rissi, MD
Harold Sauer, MD
C. Steven Wolf, MD
Andrew Yuan, DO

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Marilyn Katz, MD
Peter Zeman, MD

Ms. Emmett called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the July 16, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sauer to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor.

II. OPEN FORUM

Ms. Rexford reported that she recently read an article concerning a Yale University physician who has been banned from the Yale campus due to allegations of sexual assault. Ms. Rexford inquired in Yale has reported the matter to the Department of Public Health.

The Board was informed that pursuant to Section 20-13e of the Connecticut General Statutes, investigations of complaints against a physician shall be confidential unless the physician requests that such investigation and disclosure be open or if formal charges have been filed by the Department. Therefore it cannot be acknowledged if such a complaint was reported.

III. UPDATES

A. Chair Updates

1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
2. Hearing assignments.
3. Representatives from the Office of the State Auditors will be discussing the Connecticut Prescription Monitoring Program with physician members of the Board after the meeting.

B. Department of Public Health

None.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Reinstatement after practicing with a lapsed license

Stephen Carragher, Public Health Services Manager, DPH Practitioner Licensing Unit explained the current policy regarding practitioners who have continued to practice after their license has expired and are seeking reinstatement. The current policy requires a reinstatement consent order which imposes a reprimand and a civil penalty which is calculated based on the time period the practitioner has continued to practice.

Dr. Sauer made a Motion, seconded by Dr. Yuan to endorse DPH's current policy/
The motion passed unanimously.

B. Ashel Sanchez-Mitchell, MD – Review of License Reinstatement Application

Celeste Dowdell, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a license reinstatement application for Ashel Sanchez-Mitchell, MD.

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Eugene, recommending that Dr. Sanchez-Mitchell's license reinstatement be approved. The motion unanimously.

C. Martin Bernard, MD – Review of License Reinstatement Application

Celeste Dowdell, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a license reinstatement application for Martin Bernard, MD.

Dr. Sauer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Andrews, recommending that Dr. Bernard's license reinstatement be approved. The motion unanimously.

V. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

A. Lycyna Kolakowski, MD - Petition No. 2018-765

Principal Attorney Matthew Antonetti, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney John Barberi was present with respondent.

Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Patel, to adopt this Consent Order as written.
The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a reprimand, probation for seven months, and a \$5000.00 civil penalty.

B. Jane Srinivasan, MD - Petition No. 2018-716

Staff Attorney Brittany Allen, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent and her attorney were not present.

Dr. Rissi made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ekonomides, to adopt the Consent Order as written. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Jacklin who was opposed and Dr. Green who recused himself from voting. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a practice restriction prohibiting respondent from performing surgery.

C. Constance Tambakis-Odom, MD - Petition No. 2018-1380

Principal Attorney Matthew Antonetti, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present and was not represented by counsel.

Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Patel, to adopt the Consent Order as written. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a reprimand.

D. Christine Cornachio, MD – Petition No. 2019-649

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present and was not represented by counsel.

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sauer, to adopt the Consent Order as written. The motion passed except Dr. Duffy who was abstained. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes probation for a period of five years.

V. 120 DAY EXTENSIONS

- Prem Nath, MD - Petition No. 2009-2009-1373
Hearing to be rescheduled to September 25, 2020.
- Nimrod Lavi, MD - Petition No. 2016-619
Hearing is scheduled for October 31, 2019
- Kakar Gyambibi, MD - Petition No. 2017-160
Hearing is scheduled for December 3, 2019

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jacklin to grant extensions in these matters. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson