

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
December 19, 2023**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON

William C. Kohlhepp, DHSc, PA-C
Harold Sauer, MD
Michele Jacklin
C. Steven Wolf, MD

BOARD MEMBERS PARTICIPATING REMOTELY VIA ZOOM:

Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson
Raymond Andrews, Jr., Esq.
Allyson Duffy, MD
Marie C. Eugene, DO
Marilyn Katz, MD
Keat Jin Lee, MD
Edward G McAnaney, Esq.
David Schwindt, MD
Peter Zeman, MD
Shawn London, MD.
Daniel Rissi, MD
Andrew Yuan, DO

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Joseph Kaliko, Esq.
Robert Green, MD

DPH STAFF PRESENT:

Joelle Newton, DPH Staff Attorney
Craig Sullivan, DPH Staff Attorney
Steve Carragher, Public Health Services Manager
Celeste Dowdell, License and Applications Analyst
Chris Andresen, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing & Investigations
Tyra Anne Peluso, Board Liaison

A regular meeting of the Connecticut Medical Examining Board was held in person on December 19, 2023, at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Room 1A, Hartford, CT 06106. Ms. Emmett announced that Dr. Steven Wolf would serve as acting chair for the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER. The meeting was called to order at 1:34pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Sauer moved to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2023, regular meeting. Mr. Kohlhepp seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

CHAIR UPDATES

The status of current hearing panels and the need for volunteers was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Review Of License Reinstatement Applications

- Steven Rigatti, MD. Michele Jacklin moved to recommend approval of reinstatement. Dr. Harold Sauer seconded the motion. A brief discussion was followed by a roll call vote. Dr. Andrew Yuan abstained. The remaining Board members voted by roll call vote to recommend approval of reinstatement.
- Daniel J. Scoppetta, MD. Dr. Daniel Rissi moved to recommend approval of the reinstatement. William Kohlhepp seconded the motion. After discussion by the Board, the motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.
- Donald J. Leone, MD. Edward McAnaney moved to recommend approval of reinstatement. William Kohlhepp seconded the motion. After discussion by the Board, the motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

B. Motion For Summary Suspension

- David K. Israel, MD, Petition No. 2023-1187. Attorney Joelle Newton appeared on behalf of the Department. Dr. Peter Zeman moved to grant the Department's motion for summary suspension. Dr. Harold Sauer seconded the motion. Dr. Keat Jin Lee abstained. The remaining Board members voted by roll call vote to grant the motion for Summary Suspension.

C. Motions To Amend Statement Of Charges

- Leah Kenney, PA, Petition No. 2022-87. Attorney Craig Sullivan appeared on behalf of the Department. The matter was continued to the January 16, 2024, board meeting.
- Robban Sica, MD, Petition No. 2021-1003. Attorney Joelle Newton appeared on behalf of the Department. Attorney Atkinson appeared for Respondent. Michele Jacklin moved to approve the Department's motion to amend the Statement of Charges as presented. Edward McAnaney seconded the motion. Dr. Peter Zeman recused himself. The remaining Board members voted by roll call vote to grant the motion to amend the Statement of Charges.

D. Report from DPH

- Open Investigation Status. Chris Andresen provided an informational update on the open investigations (attached below.) No votes were taken.
- Licensure of Foreign Graduates Chris Andresen provided an overview of the individual review performed by DPH as relates to international graduates. DPH has not verified foreign licenses but is adding to the review workflow going forward. No votes were taken.

ADJOURN

Dr. Keat Jin Lee moved to adjourn the meeting; Steven Wolf seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Dr. C. Steven Wolf
Acting Chair for 12/19/23 Meeting

PHYSICIAN CASE STATUS BY YEAR COMPLAINT RECEIVED 12/18/2023

SUMMARY



Year Received	Total # of complaints received	CLOSED	ACTIVE CASES
2023	452	272	180
2022	409	322	87
2021	350	313	37
2020	386	365	21
2019	447	441	6
2018	463	461	2



DETAIL

Year Received	Total # of complaints received	OPEN INVESTIGATIONS	PROSECUTION PHASE	CLOSED/DISMISSED	CLOSED W/DISCIPLINE
2023	452	174	6	268	4
2022	409	71	16	311	11
2021	350	28	9	295	18
2020	386	15	6	341	24
2019	447	4	2	416	25
2018	463	1	1	431	30