

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES of January 16, 2018

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in conference room 1-C.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson
Raymond Andrews, Jr., Esq.
Carol Ekonomides, PA
Marie C. Eugene, DO
Robert Green, MD
Michele Jacklin
Marilyn Katz, MD
Brimal Patel, MD
Daniel Rissi, MD
C. Steven Wolf, MD
Andrew Yuan, DO
Peter Zeman, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Allyson Duffy, MD
Joseph Kaliko, Esq.
Edward McAnaney, Esq.
Jean Rexford

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

Dr. Eugene was welcomed to her first meeting as a member of the Board.

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the November 21, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Rissi, to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor except Mr. Andrews, Ms. Ekonomides and Dr. Eugene who abstained.

II. OPEN FORUM

None

III. UPDATES

A. Chair Updates
None

Dr. Patel arrived at 1:32 p.m.

B. Department of Public Health

Christian Andresen, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations, Department of Public Health reported on the following:

- Health Care Quality & Safety Branch Chief Wendy Furniss has retired from Department of Public Health and Barbara Cass has been appointed as the new Branch Chief.
- At this time the DPH has no pending legislation for 2018 that will be of interest to the Board.
- Licensure Compact – At this time Connecticut will not be participating in the licensure compact.

- Complaint investigations have increased subsequent to the enactment of Connecticut General Statutes Section 19a-12e which requires the reporting of impaired practitioners. Investigations of impaired practitioners has increased by about 50 per year.
- There has not been notable increase in investigations relating to sexual misconduct/harassment? The numbers of complaints have been fairly consistent over the past few years.
- The _____ (HAVEN) has received funding that was earmarked pursuant the \$5.00 increase in healthcare provider licensing fees which went into effect on October 1, 2015?

IV. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Joseph Earles, MD – Review of License Application

Celeste Dowdell, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a license application of Joseph Earles, MD. The Board reviewed this application at its November 21, 2017 and December 19, 2017 meeting at which time the Board requested that additional information be submitted.

Following discussion Dr. Zeman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Yuan to table this matter to allow the DPH to communicate with Yale University and suggest that Yale apply for a residency training permit for Dr. Earles and offer an invitation to attend the next Board meeting if any questions remain. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Oral Argument - Proposed Memorandum of Decision

Mark Melendez, MD – Petition No. 2014-737

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Staff Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health. Attorney Michael Neubert was present with respondent.

Argument was heard from Attorney Neubert and Attorney Tilles regarding the proposed decision.

Dr. Green, Ms. Jacklin and Dr. Rissi, provided a synopsis of the hearing panel's findings and recommendation.

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Zeman, to adopt the Memorandum of Decision as written. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Eugene who abstained.

Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a period of probation to compete courser work.

C. Ada Jemison, MD – Review of License Application

Janine Cordero, License and Applications Specialist, Department of Public Health presented a license reinstatement application of Ada Jemison, MD. Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz recommending that Dr. Jemison's license be reinstated. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Eugene who abstained.

V. **OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE**

A. John Kaczmarek, M.D. - Petition No. 2015-1551

Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was present with Attorney James Biondo.

Dr. Yuan made a motion, seconded by Dr. Patel to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Green and Ms. Jacklin who were opposed, and Dr. Eugene who abstained. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a reprimand.

B. Joseph Guarnaccia, M.D. - Petition No. 2017-1169

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present nor represented.

Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Eugene and Dr. Yuan who abstained. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a reprimand.

VI. 120 DAY EXTENSIONS

Mohan Kaza, MD - Petition No. 2015-1108

Hearing completed – Proposed Decision being reviewed by the Assistant Attorney General.

David Parnas, MD - Petition No. 2014-413

Hearing completed – Proposed Decision being drafted.

Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Zeman, to grant a 120 day extension in these matters. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES of March 20, 2018

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at the Department of Public Health Complex, 470 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in conference room 470- A/B.

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
Marilyn Katz, MD
Edward McAnaney, Esq.
Daniel Rissi, MD
C. Steven Wolf, MD
Peter Zeman, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Joseph Kaliko, Esq.
Brimal Patel, MD
Jean Rexford
Andrew Yuan, DO

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

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the January 16, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green, to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

II. OPEN FORUM

None

III. UPDATES

A. Chair Updates

1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
2. Hearing assignments.

B. Department of Public Health

Christian Andresen, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations, Department of Public Health provided an update of the following legislation:

Senate Bill 300 - AN ACT CONCERNING COLLABORATIVE ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND PHYSICIANS

House Bill - AN ACT CONCERNING NATUROPATHS

House Bill 5214 - AN ACT ALLOWING MEDICAL ASSISTANTS TO ADMINISTER VACCINES AND NEBULIZER TREATMENTS

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Joseph Earles, MD – Review of License Application

Stephen Carragher, Public Health Services Manager, Department of Public Health Office of Licensure and Certification presented a license application of Joseph Earles, MD. The Board reviewed this application at its November 21, 2017, December 19, 2017 and January 16, 2018 meetings at which time the Board requested that additional information be submitted.

Mr. Carragher provided an explanation of the application why the DPH was asking for the Board's review in this matter.

Wendell G. Yarbrough, MD, Professor and Chief, Section of Otolaryngology, Yale University School of Medicine was present requesting approval of Dr. Earles application.

Following discussion Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green recommending approval of the application in that Dr Earles' experience and training are equivalent to at least two (2) years of progressive, post-graduate medical training as a resident physician. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Oral Argument - Proposed Memorandum of Decision

David Parnas, MD - Petition No. 2014-413

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina was present for the Department of Public Health. Dr. Parnas was present without representation.

Upon advice from counsel, Mr. Andrews made a motion seconded by Ms. Jacklin, to grant a Department motion to exclude certain documents submitted by respondent for review by the Board. The motion passed unanimously.

Comments were heard from Dr. Parnas and Attorney Fazzina regarding the proposed decision. Mr. Andrews made a motion, seconded by Mr. McAnaney, to adopt the Memorandum of Decision as written. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Green who abstained.

Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a period of suspension with a five year concurrent probation.

V. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

A. Elvin Griffith, M.D. - Petition No. 2016-1029

Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was present with Attorney Richard Tynan.

Dr. Rissi made a motion, seconded by Mr. McAnaney to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Jacklin who was opposed, and Dr. Katz who abstained. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a reprimand, a four month probation and a \$1000.00 civil penalty.

B. Craig Hecht, M.D. - Petition No. 2017-130

Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Mr. McAnaney made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Jacklin who was opposed. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a reprimand and a \$3500.00 civil penalty.

C. David Shenker, M.D. - Petition No. 2017-643

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

Mr. Andrews made a motion, seconded by Mr. McAnaney to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a reprimand.

VI. **120 DAY EXTENSIONS**

Prem Nath, MD – Petition No. 2009-20091373

Hearing continued at Respondent's requests due to illness

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Mr. McAnaney, to grant a 120 day extension in this matter. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. **ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES of April 17, 2018

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at the Department of Public Health Complex, 470 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in conference room 470- C.

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.
Jean Rexford
C. Steven Wolf, MD
Andrew Yuan, DO
Peter Zeman, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Brimal Patel, MD
Marilyn Katz, MD
Daniel Rissi, MD

Ms. Emmett called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the March 20, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green, to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Rexford who abstained.

II. OPEN FORUM

None

III. UPDATES

A. Chair Updates

1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
2. Hearing assignments.

B. Department of Public Health

Kathleen Boulware, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations, Department of Public Health provided an update of the following legislation:

House Bill 5214 - AN ACT ALLOWING MEDICAL ASSISTANTS TO ADMINISTER VACCINES AND NEBULIZER TREATMENTS

Senate Bill 306 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF PODIATRISTS TO PERFORM STANDARD ANKLE SURGICAL PROCEDURES.

Mr. McAnaney arrived at 1:43 p.m.

IV. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

A. Brian Malone, M.D. - Petition No. 2018-328

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health, presented a Motion for Summary Suspension in this matter. Respondent was present with Attorney Thomas Anderson. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Attorney Tilles provided information in support of the Motion for Summary Suspension. Attorney Anderson spoke in opposition to the Motion for Summary Suspension.

Mr. Ekonomides arrived at 1:49 p.m.

The Board voted to deny the motion for Summary Suspension. Dr. Duffy, Ms. Ekonomides and Dr. Wolf abstained.

A hearing regarding the Statement of Charges will be scheduled for April 30, 2016. The hearing panelists in this matter will be Mr. McAnaney, Dr. Wolf and Velandy Manohar, MD.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Memorandum of Decision -Mohan Kaza, MD - Petition No. 2015-1108

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board.

Mr. McAnaney made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green, to adopt the Memorandum of Decision as written. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Eugene and Dr. Zeman who abstained.

Ms. Emmett signed the Order which revokes respondent's license.

VI. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE cont.

B. Thomas D'Amato, M.D. - Petition No. 2017-1109

Brittany Allen, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health, presented a Modification of Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Mr. McAnaney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Andrews, to adopt the Consent Order modification. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which removes a requirement that respondent notify the Department of Public Health prior to resuming practice.

C. Joel Zaretsky, M.D. - Petition No. 2017-316

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Richard Brown was present on behalf of respondent.

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Mr. McAnaney, to adopt the Consent Order as written. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes an eighteen month probation, a \$5000.00 civil penalty and a restriction regarding the prescribing of Restriction against prescribing Schedule II and III controlled substances.

D. Naimetulla Syed, M.D. - Petition No. 2017-716

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent and his attorney were not present.

Mr. McAnaney made a motion, seconded by Dr. Yuan, to adopt the Consent Order as written. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Wolf who was recused. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a reprimand, a one year probation, a \$15000.00 civil penalty.

VII. 120 DAY EXTENSIONS

Anthony Quinn, MD – Petition No. 2012-518

A proposed Consent Order will be presented at the May meeting.

Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Zeman, to grant a 120 day extension in this matter. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES of May 15, 2018

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in conference room 1- B.

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
Jean Rexford
Daniel Rissi, MD
C. Steven Wolf, MD
Andrew Yuan, DO

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Brimal Patel, MD
Marilyn Katz, MD
Edward McAnaney, Esq.
Peter Zeman, MD

Ms. Emmett called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the April 17, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Mr. Andrews to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

II. OPEN FORUM

None

III. UPDATES

A. Chair Updates

1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
2. Hearing assignments.

B. Department of Public Health

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Ayyaz Ali, MD – Review of License Application

Celeste Dowdell, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a license reinstatement application of Ayyaz Ali, MD. Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green recommending that Dr. Ali's license application be approved. The motion passed.

B. Assaf Kadar, MD – Review of License Application

Celeste Dowdell, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a license reinstatement application of Assaf Kadar. Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Duffy recommending that Dr. Kadar's license application be approved. The motion passed.

V. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE cont.

A. Akiva Bronstein, P.A. - Petition No. 2017-1191

Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was present but was not represented.

Dr. Eugene arrived at 1:44 p.m.

Dr. Yuan made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to adopt the Consent Order as written. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Eugene who abstained. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a one year probation.

B. Anthony Quinn, MD – Petition No. 2012-518

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Thomas Boyce was present on behalf of respondent. Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green, to adopt the Consent Order as written. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Rissi who abstained. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a reprimand, a one year probation, and a \$3500.00 civil penalty.

C. James Tak, M.D. - Petition No. 2017-1347

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present and was not represented. Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Rissi, to adopt the Consent Order as written. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a five year probation.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES of August 21, 2018

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in conference room 1- B.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson
Raymond Andrews, Jr., Esq.
Carol Ekonomides, PA
Marie C. Eugene, DO
Robert Green, MD
Marilyn Katz, MD
Edward McAnaney, Esq.
Brimal Patel, MD
Lisabeth Shlansky, MD
Andrew Yuan, DO
Peter Zeman, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Allyson Duffy, MD
Michele Jacklin
Jean Rexford
Daniel Rissi, MD
C. Steven Wolf, MD

Ms. Emmett called the meeting to order at 1:41 p.m.

Dr. Shlansky was welcomed to her first meeting as a Board member.

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the May 15, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Andrews made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Ekonomides; Dr. Patel and Dr. Shlansky who abstained.

II. OPEN FORUM

None

III. UPDATES

A. Chair Updates

1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
2. Hearing assignments.

B. Department of Public Health

Christian Andresen, Section Chief, Office of Practitioner Licensing and Investigation indicated that the DPH investigations unit was in need of Rheumatology consultant and that a Psychiatrist consultant to perform Commissioner ordered evaluations was also need. He asked for recommendations from Board members.

IV. PRESENTATION - HEALTH ASSISTANCE INTERVENTION EDUCATION NETWORK

Maureen Dinnan, Executive Director and Katherine Grieco, DO, Medical Director provided an annual update regarding the Haven Program and the services offered to participants. Ms. Dinnan reported there are 316 active participants in the program, of which 94 are physicians. So far during 2018, 105 healthcare practitioners have been referred to Haven for information and/or evaluation. This is a 35% increase from 2017. Not all referrals result in an individual becoming an active participant.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Shahla Mosenion, MD – Review of License Application

Celeste Dowdell, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a license reinstatement application of Shahla Mosenion, MD. Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz recommending that Dr. Mosenion's license application be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Rebecca Trotman, MD – Review of License Application

Celeste Dowdell, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a license reinstatement application of Rebecca Trotman, MD. Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Patel recommending that Dr. Kadar's license application be approved. The motion unanimously.

C. Carlos Wambier, MD – Review of License Application

Celeste Dowdell, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a licensure application for Carlos Wambier, MD for a determination that his post-graduate training is equivalent to training in a program accredited by the American Council on Graduate Medical Education.

Dr. Zeman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Patel, recommending that Dr. Wambier 's application for licensure be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

A. Brian Malone, M.D. - Petition No. 2018-328

Staff Attorney David Tilles, Department of Public Health, presented a motion to withdraw the Statement of Charges in this matter based on respondent's voluntary surrender of his license. Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Mr. McAnaney, to adopt the Department's motion to withdraw the charges. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Emmett signed the Order.

B. Kim Zeh, M.D. – Petition No. 2017-942

Staff Attorney Brittany Allen, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was present with Attorney Richard Brown. Mr. McAnaney made a motion, seconded by Dr. Yuan, to adopt the Consent Order as written. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes reprimand and a \$7500.00 civil penalty.

C. Harry Brown, M.D. - Petition No. 2017-780

Staff Attorney David Tilles, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was present by telephone. Mr. McAnaney made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green, to adopt the Consent Order as written. Following discussion the motion to approve the Consent Order failed unanimously. The Board recommends that this matter be scheduled for a hearing.

D. Kim Zeh, M.D. – Petition No. 2017-942

Staff Attorney David Tilles, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was present with Attorney Hillary Fisher Nelson.

Dr. Patel made a motion, seconded by Dr. Zeman, to adopt the Consent Order as written. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes reprimand and a \$7500.00 civil penalty...

E. Stephen Harris, M.D. - Petition No. 2018-43

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

Dr. Green 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 and a six month suspension...

VII. 120 DAY EXTENSIONS

Andrew Whyte, MD - Petition No. 2016-1235 – Hearing scheduled for November 13 and 20, 2018.

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green, to grant a 120 day extensions in this matter. The motion passed unanimously

Prem Nath, MD – Petition No. 2009-20091373 - Continuance requested by respondent due to ongoing illness. Hearing scheduled for December 7, 2018.

Mr. Andrews made a motion, seconded by Mr. McAnaney, to grant a 120 day extensions in this matter. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson

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 October 16, 2018**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in conference room 1- B.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson
Allyson Duffy, MD
Carol Ekonomides, PA
Marie C. Eugene, DO
Robert Green, MD
Michele Jacklin
Jean Rexford
Daniel Rissi, MD
Lisabeth Shlansky, MD
C. Steven Wolf, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Raymond Andrews, Jr., Esq.
Marilyn Katz, MD
Edward McAnaney, Esq.
Brimal Patel, MD
Andrew Yuan, DO
Peter Zeman, MD

Ms. Emmett called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the August 21, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ekonomides to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Jacklin, Ms. Rexford, Dr. Rissi and Dr. Wolf who abstained.

II. OPEN FORUM

1. Ms. Rexford commented that the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) will be hosting an invitational summit on artificial intelligence in health care to be held in Washington, DC on November 14, 2018. The FSMB will reimburse expenses for one Board member to attend.
2. Ms. Rexford inquired as to the role in of the Department of Public Health and the Board as it relates to cases involving sexual misconduct on the part of a physician. She inquired if the Board should take pro-active role in informing the public where such complaints can be made. At a future meeting the Board would like to discuss with the DPH and the Office of the Attorney General the issue of sexual misconduct allegations
3. Ms. Rexford commented that approximately 24 States are participating in the Interstate Licensure Compact. She asked that that there be discussion with the DPH as to whether Connecticut will be participating.

III. UPDATES

A. Chair Updates

1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
2. Hearing assignments.
3. The November 20, 2018 will be cancelled due to the meetings proximity to Thanksgiving.

B. Department of Public Health

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Antonio Omuro, MD – Review of License Application

Celeste Dowdell, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a licensure application for Antonio Omuro, MD for a determination that his post-graduate training is equivalent to training in a program accredited by the American Council on Graduate Medical Education.

Dr. Rissi made a motion, seconded by Dr. Eugene, recommending that Dr. Omuro 's application for licensure be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Adaya Snir, MD – Review of License Application

Celeste Dowdell, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a licensure application for Adaya Snir, MD for a determination that his post-graduate training is equivalent to training in a program accredited by the American Council on Graduate Medical Education.

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Rissi, recommending that Dr. Snir 's application for licensure be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Amit Singla, MD – Review of License Application

Celeste Dowdell, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a licensure application for Amit Singla, MD for a determination that his post-graduate training is equivalent to training in a program accredited by the American Council on Graduate Medical Education.

Dr. Rissi made a motion, seconded by Dr. Eugene, recommending that Dr. Singla 's application for licensure be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Lisa Barnett, MD – Review of License Application

Celeste Dowdell, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a license reinstatement application of Lisa Barnett, MD. Ms. Jacklin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ekonomides recommending that Dr. Barnett's license application be approved. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Green who abstained and Dr. Rissi who was opposed.

At a future meeting the Board would like to review with licensing staff the criteria that would require reinstatement applicants to take the SPEX examination that is offered by the Federation of State Medical Boards.

E. Humberto Bauta, MD – Review of License Application

Celeste Dowdell, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a license reinstatement application of Humberto Bauta, MD. Dr. Bauta was present and addressed the Board. Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Eugene recommending that Dr. Bauta's license application be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Ryan Crawford, MD – Review of License Application

Celeste Dowdell, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a license reinstatement application of Ryan Crawford, MD. Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Shlansky recommending that Dr. Crawford's license application be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

G. Lars Blond, MD - Application for Medical School Permit

Stephen Carragher, Public Health Services Manager, Department of Public Health presented information to the Board of Dr. Blond's application to practice exclusively within the University of Connecticut, School of Medicine. Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ekonomides, recommending that Dr. Blond's application be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

V. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

A. Zaadia Arzu; Petition No. 2018-357

Staff Attorney David Tilles, Department of Public Health, presented a Cease and Desist Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Greg Gagne was present on behalf of respondent. Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Duffy to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Emmett signed the Order.

B. Harris E. Foster, Jr., M.D.; Petition No. 2018-622

Staff Attorney David Tilles, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Hilary Fisher Nelson was present on behalf of respondent. Dr. Rissi made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to adopt the Consent Order as written. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes probation for a period of five years.

C. Lauren Stone; Petition No. 2016-867

Staff Attorney David Tilles, Department of Public Health, presented a Cease and Desist Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Mariella LaRosa was present on behalf of respondent. Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ekonomides, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Emmett signed the Order.

D. Harry Brown, M.D. - Petition No. 2017-780

Staff Attorney David Tilles, Department of Public Health, presented a motion to withdraw the Statement of Charges in this matter based on respondent's voluntary surrender of his license. Respondent was not present nor represented. Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Eugene, to adopt the Department's motion to withdraw the charges. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Emmett signed the Order.

VI. 120 DAY EXTENSIONS

Nimrod Lavi, MD - Petition No. 2016-619 – Continuance requested by counsel for respondent. A new hearing date has not yet been determined

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Rissi, to grant a 120 day extensions in this matter. The motion passed unanimously

VII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson