

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
January 15, 2008

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, January 15, 2008 at the Department of Public Health Complex, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room C, Building 470, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman
Richard Bridburg, MD
Martin Courneen
Anne Doremus
Michael Erickson
Robert Fuller, MD
David M. Goldenberg, MD
Steven Hanks, MD
Michael Lindberg, MD
Patricia Loving, PA
C. Steven Wolf, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Regina Stankaitis
George Terranova, MD
Susan Wernick

Dr. O'Neill called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the December 18, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Dr. O'Neill made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lindberg, to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Bridburg who abstained.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

The following correspondence/information was received and reviewed:

1. Letter From Governor M. Jodi Rell asking that Board members be reminded of their statutory duties and responsibilities. This letter has been sent to the chairs of all Department of Public Health Boards and Commissions.
2. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
3. Hearing assignments.
4. Federation of State Medical Boards news and annual meeting information.

III. INFORMATION UPDATES

- A. Department of Public Health Legislative Update
None
- B. Connecticut State Medical Society
None

IV. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

Mark Wasserman, MD – Petition No. 2007-0404-001-051

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Department of Public Health Legal Office, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Mark Wasserman, MD. Dr. Wasserman was present with Attorney Maureen Dinnan.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion that language be added to page 3 of the order. Respondent and the Department agreed to the suggested change. Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lindberg, that the Consent Order be approved as modified. The motion passed unanimously. The Order was signed by Dr. O'Neill.

The Board requests the Department change its Consent Order template such that in the event of a medical condition necessitating treatment with medications, respondent shall inform the prescribing health care practitioner that respondent has a history of addiction/substance abuse, and that the prescribing health care practitioner shall in turn report to the Department that he /she has been so informed.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Respondent's Motion for Reconsideration and to Vacate

Charles R. Jones, MD – Petition No. 2004-0917-001-221

Assistant Attorney General Tanya DeMattia was present to provide counsel to the Board regarding respondent's motion for reconsideration and to vacate the Memorandum of Decision the Board issued in this matter on December 18, 2007.

Staff Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health. Attorneys Michael Kurs and Christine Collyer were present on behalf of Dr. Jones.

Dr. O'Neill is recused but facilitated the discussion of this matter.

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

Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fuller, to enter executive session to obtain legal advice from the Assistant Attorney General. The motion passed unanimously and the Board entered executive session from 1:50 p.m. to 2:13 p.m.

Dr. Hanks arrived at 1:54 p.m.

Following executive session Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Erickson, to deny respondent's motion for reconsideration and to vacate. The passed with all in favor except for Dr. O'Neill who was recused. Dr. Goldenberg signed the Order on behalf of the Board. Attorney Kurs made an oral motion for a Stay of the December 18, 2007 Memorandum of Decision pending an appeal to Superior Court. The Board heard argument from Attorney Kurs and Attorney Tilles regarding this motion.

Dr. Goldenberg, Dr. Fuller and Ms. Doremus spoke in opposition to respondent's motion. They stated that the Board identified practice issues in this case that require monitoring as set forth in the Memorandum of Decision.

Dr. Hanks made a motion, seconded by Mr. Courneen, to deny respondent's motion for a Stay. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. O'Neill who was recused.

The Board discussed that the pending Statement of Charges regarding Dr. Jones (2006-0111-001-010; 2006-0401-001-069; 2006-0407-001-068) should now proceed.

Dr. Bridburg and Ms. Doremus will serve as hearing panelists. The Board Liaison was directed to coordinate the selection of a third panelist. Dr. Bridburg will chair the panel.

VI. ASSIGN HEARING PANEL

Dennis Pollock, MD - Petition No. 2006-0719-001-127

Dr. Fuller and Ms. Loving will serve as hearing panelists in this matter. The Board Liaison will coordinate the selection of a third panelist. Dr. Fuller will chair the panel.

VII. TIME EXTENSIONS

Dr. O'Neill moved and Ms. Doremus seconded to approve 120-day extensions in the following cases: The motion passed unanimously.

M. Albini (unlicensed) – Draft Memorandum of Decision returned to the hearing panel for final review.

J. Mershon (unlicensed) – Draft Memorandum of Decision returned to the hearing panel for final review.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 19, 2008

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at the Department of Public Health Complex, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room C, Building 470, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman
Richard Bridburg, MD
Michael Erickson
Robert Fuller, MD
David M. Goldenberg, MD
Steven Hanks, MD
Michael Lindberg, MD
Patricia Loving, PA
C. Steven Wolf, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Martin Courneen
Anne Doremus
Howard Sadinsky, DO
Michael Saffir, MD
Regina Stankaitis
Susan Wernick

Dr. O'Neill called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the January 15, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Dr. O'Neill made a motion, seconded by Dr. Goldenberg, to approve the minutes as edited. The motion passed with all in favor.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

The following correspondence/information was received and reviewed:

1. Dr. O'Neill announced that Michael Saffir, MD of Bethany, Connecticut has been appointed to the Board to succeed George Terranova, MD, and that Howard Sadinsky, DO of Milford, Connecticut has also been appointed as a Board member.
2. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
3. Hearing assignments.
4. DPH Quarterly Investigation update.
5. Federation of State Medical Boards news and annual meeting information.
6. Pending Appeals
 - Sushil Gupta, MD – Appeal dismissed by the Appellate Court
 - Kenneth Kurz, MD – Superior Court decision in favor of Dr. Kurz. The Assistant Attorney General has filed an appeal in the Appellate Court
 - Charles Jones, MD – Appeal filed in Superior Court on January 18, 2008.

III. INFORMATION UPDATES

- A. Department of Public Health Legislative Update
None
- B. Connecticut State Medical Society
None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

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

Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Department of Public Health, Practiotner Licensing and Investigation; Maureen Dinnan, Esq., and Christi Holmes of the Connecticut State Medical Society 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.

Currently enrolled in the program are 33 physicians, 27 nurses, 3 dentists, 3 veterinarians, 1 respiratory therapist and 1 dental hygienist.

It was stressed that any cases involving alleged patient harm are automatically referred to the Department of Public Health for investigation.

- B. Proposed Memorandum of Decision
Jeremy August, MD – Petition No. 2007-0226-001-029

Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. Staff Attorney Roberta Swafford was present for the Department of Public Health. Attorney Richard Tynan was present on behalf of Dr. August. The Board heard oral argument from Attorneys Tynan and Swafford.

Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Mr. Erickson, to adopt the Memorandum of Decision. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order revoking Dr. August's license.

- C. Randy Hassen, MD – Request to reinstate revoked license.

Dr. Hassen was present without representation. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton was present on behalf of the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board.

The Board reviewed documentation submitted in support of by Dr. Hassen's request for reinstatement of his license. Attorney Newton stated that the Department does not have a position on Dr. Hassen's request because it has not had sufficient time to review the relevant documentation. Dr. Bridburg stated that there appears to be sufficient toxological evidence to support Dr. Hassen's substance abuse remission.

Dr. Hanks made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fuller, to table this matter to allow the Department time to review documentation. Dr. Hanks, Dr. Fuller and Ms. Loving voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Erickson, Dr. Goldenberg, Dr. Wolf, Dr. Bridburg, Dr. Lindberg and Dr. O'Neill voted in opposition. The motion to table failed.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Goldenberg, that this matter be referred to a hearing panel to further review Dr. Hassen's request for licensure reinstatement and to determine conditions for reinstatement if appropriate. The motion passed unanimously. The Board Liaison will coordinate the scheduling of a hearing.

V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

A. Ronald Zeffiro, MD – Petition No. 2006-1030-001-186

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Ronald Zeffiro, MD. Dr. Zeffiro was not present or represented.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lindberg, that the Consent Order be approved. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Fuller and Dr. Wolf who were opposed.

Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

B. Nomate Kpea, MD – Petition Nos. 2007-0129-001-016; 2007-0817-001-141

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Nomate Kpea, MD. Attorney John Costa was present on behalf of Dr. Kpea.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hanks, that the Consent Order be approved. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

C. Motion for Summary Suspension

David Ferris, DO – Petition No. 2007-0808-001-131

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public, presented a Motion for Summary Suspension in the matter of David Ferris, DO. Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board.

Attorney John Sponheimer was present on behalf of Dr. Ferris. Also in attendance was Attorney Clifford Hoyle, who is conservator of the estate for Dr. Ferris, and respondent's mother Joan Smith Torrey, who is conservator of the person for Dr. Ferris.

Attorney Sponheimer spoke in opposition to the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hanks, that based on the documents presented, there exists a threat to public health and safety which warrants the Summary Suspension of Dr. Ferris' license; therefore, the Department's motion to summarily suspend should be granted. The motion passed unanimously.

The hearing panel in this matter will be Dr. Wolf who will chair the panel, and hearing non-Board panelists Velandy Manohar, MD and Joel Goodman, DMD. The hearing is scheduled for March 7, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

VI. ASSIGN HEARING PANEL

Mary Miller, MD - Petition No. 2005-0927-001-235

Dr. Hanks will chair the hearing panel in this matter. The other panelists will be Maxine Borghesi, DVM and Denise Ward, PT. The Board Liaison will coordinate the scheduling of hearing dates.

VII. TIME EXTENSIONS

Dr. O'Neill moved and Dr. Goldenberg seconded to approve a 120-day extension in the matter of Charles R. Jones, MD - Petition Nos. 2006-0111-001-010; 2006-0407-001-068; 2006-0411-001-069: Multiple hearing dates have been scheduled for March 2008 through November 2008.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
March 18, 2008**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at the Department of Public Health Complex, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room C, Building 470, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman
Richard Bridburg, MD
Anne Doremus
Michael Erickson
David M. Goldenberg, MD
Steven Hanks, MD
Michael Lindberg, MD
Patricia Loving, PA
Howard Sadinsky, DO
Regina Stankaitis
Susan Wernick
C. Steven Wolf, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT Martin Courneen
Robert Fuller, MD
George Terranova, MD

Dr. O'Neill called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the February 19, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Dr. O'Neill made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hanks, to approve the minutes as edited. The motion passed with all in favor.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

The following correspondence/information was received and reviewed:

1. Dr. O'Neill announced that the Governor's office rescinded the appointment of Michael Saffir, MD and that George Terranova, MD will continue to serve as a Board member. Dr. O'Neill also announced that he has received a letter from the Governor's office stating that a replacement for his position as Board member is being sought and that he can continue to serve until the new member is appointed and approved by the legislature.
2. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
3. Hearing assignments.
4. Federation of State Medical Boards – correspondence and newsletters.

III. INFORMATION UPDATES

A. Department of Public Health Legislative Update

Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigation reported that proposed legislation pertaining to the license fee for retired physicians is being tracked by the Department of Public Health.

Dona Brewer, Section Chief, Public Health Hearing Office reported that an orientation program for new and existing DPH Board/Commission members is being planned for June 2008.

B. Connecticut State Medical Society

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Physical Therapy Referrals

Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigation stated that when a person seeking physical therapy treatment requiring a Grade V spinal manipulation, such treatment shall only be performed upon the oral or written referral of a person licensed in this state, or in a state having licensing requirements meeting the approval of the appropriate Connecticut examining board of the referring practitioner. The Department is seeking input from the Board as to what licensing requirements would be necessary for an out-of-state physician to make such a referral. The Board suggested that the Department seek input from the Connecticut Medical Society and/or the Connecticut Orthopedic Society.

B. Proposed Memorandum of Decision

Maryellen Albini - Petition No. 2000-0712-000-079

Joan Mershon - Petition No. 2000-1130-000-146

Dr. Hanks made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg, to adopt the Memorandum of Decision as written. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the decision ordering respondents to cease and desist from the practice of medicine.

Dr. Sadinsky arrived at 1:45 p.m.

V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

A. Alfred Cretella, MD – Petition No. 2006-1214-001-219

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Alfred Cretella, MD. Dr. Cretella was not present or represented.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Ms. Loving, that the Consent Order be approved. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

B. Jonathan Fogel, MD – Petition No. 2007-1217-001-211

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Jonathan Fogel, MD. Dr. Fogel was not present or represented.

Dr. Hanks made a motion, seconded by Mr. Erickson, that the Consent Order be approved. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

The Board suggested that the Department of Public Health consider using the language in Section 8 of the State of Rhode Island Order in future Connecticut consent orders.

C. Peter Benet, MD – Petition No. 2006-0803-001-142

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Peter Benet, MD. Attorney David Shaiken was present on behalf of Dr. Benet.

Dr. Hanks made a motion, seconded by Ms. Stankaitis, that the Consent Order be approved. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

D. Susan Levine, MD – Petition No. 2006-0929-001-167

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Susan Levine, MD. Dr. Levine was not present or represented.

Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, that the Consent Order be approved. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

VI. NEW BUSINESS cont.

C. Pending Litigation - Charles R. Jones, MD – Petition No. 2004-0917-001-221

Assistant Attorney General Tanya DeMattia was present to provide counsel to the Board. Staff Attorney David Tilles was present on behalf of the Department of Public Health and Attorneys Elliott Pollack and Christine Collyer were present representing Dr. Jones.

The Board entertained comments from Attorney Pollack and Attorney Tilles concerning a global settlement proposal by Dr. Jones regarding his appeal of the Board's December 18, 2007 Memorandum of Decision and the pending Statement of Charges which is scheduled for a hearing beginning on March 28, 2008.

Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to enter executive session to seek legal advice from the Assistant Attorney General. The motion passed unanimously. The Board entered executive session from 2:25 p.m. until 2:45 p.m.

Following executive session Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to reject respondent's settlement proposal pending further discussions between the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Public Health and respondent. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. O'Neill who was recused.

The hearing scheduled for March 28, 2008 and April 11, 2008 in Petition Nos.

2006-0111-001-010, 2006-0407-001-068, 2006-0411-001-069 will be continued to allow the Department and respondent to pursue a proposed Consent Order.

D. Charles Jones, MD

Petition Nos. 2006-0111-001-010, 2006-0407-001-068, 2006-0411-001-069

Respondent's Motion for Recusal or to Disqualify Hearing Panel Member

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Ms. Stankaitis, to deny respondent's motion for recusal or to disqualify Board member Anne Doremus from being a hearing panelist. The motion to deny passed with all in favor except Dr. O'Neill who was recused.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
April 15, 2008

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at the Department of Public Health Complex, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room C, Building 470, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman
Richard Bridburg, MD
Martin Courneen
Anne Doremus
Michael Erickson
David M. Goldenberg, MD
Steven Hanks, MD
Michael Lindberg, MD
Patricia Loving, PA
Regina Stankaitis
Susan Wernick

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT Howard Sadinsky, DO
George Terranova, MD
C. Steven Wolf, MD

Dr. O'Neill called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the March 18, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Ms. Stankaitis, to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor except Mr. Courneen who abstained.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

The following correspondence/information was received and reviewed:

1. Dr. O'Neill announced that Robert Fuller, MD's resignation as a Board member was accepted by the Governor effective April 4, 2008.
2. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
3. Hearing assignments.
4. Federation of State Medical Boards – Annual report of disciplinary actions.
5. Legislative Update from the DPH Office of Government Relations.

III. INFORMATION UPDATES

- A. Department of Public Health Legislative Update
None
- B. Connecticut State Medical Society
None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed Memorandum of Decision
Ernest Squatrito, DO - Petition No. 2005-0722-001-187

Attorney Richard Tynan was present on behalf of Dr. Squatrito. Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present on behalf of the Department of Public Health.

The Board reviewed the proposed Memorandum of Decision as well as the Department of Public Health's request for modification of the Order. Attorney Tynan stated there was no objection to the modification proposed by the Department.

Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Ms. Doremus, to modify paragraph 3 on page 10 by adding the word "quarterly" to the frequency of monitoring reports. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. O'Neill who was recused.

Dr. Hanks provided a synopsis of the hearing panel's findings and recommendation. Dr. Bridburg commented that his review of the proposed decision indicates that Dr. Squatrito has exhibited a pattern of "acting out behavior." Dr. Bridburg suggested that a psychiatric evaluation with a full psychological work-up is indicated and should be added as a condition to the proposed order. Dr. Hanks agreed with this suggestion.

Ms. Doremus made a motion, seconded by Mr. Courneen, that this matter be tabled until the May 2008 meeting to obtain opinions as to Dr. Bridburg's recommendation from the panelists who heard this case. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. O'Neill who was recused.

B. Proposed Memorandum of Decision
Preston Goldsmith, DO - Petition No. 2007-0501-023-005

Dr. O'Neill provided a synopsis of the hearing panels findings and recommendation. Dr.

Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg, to adopt the Memorandum of Decision revoking the physician assistant license of Preston Goldsmith.

The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

A. Felix A. Almentero, MD – Petition No. 2006-0428-001-083

Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Department of Public, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Felix A. Almentero, MD. Attorney Robert Hirtle was present on behalf of Dr. Almentero.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Ms. Loving, that the Consent Order be approved. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

B. Theodore Kramer, MD – Petition No. 2005-0712-001-172

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Theodore Kramer, MD. Dr. Kramer was not present or represented.

Dr. Hanks made a motion, seconded by Mr. Erickson, that the Consent Order be approved. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

C. Ben Ramaley, MD – Petition No. 2005-1129-001-273

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Ben Ramaley, MD. Attorney Eric Smith was present on behalf of Dr. Ramaley. Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hanks, that the Consent Order be approved. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

The Board recommended that the Department of Public Health conduct a review of the facility identified in the Consent Order.

VI. NEW BUSINESS cont.

C. Pending Litigation - Charles R. Jones, MD

Petition No. 2004-0917-001-221

Petition Nos. 2006-0111-001-010, 2006-0407-001-068, 2006-0411-001-0

Assistant Attorney General Tanya DeMattia was present to provide counsel to the Board.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Ms. Doremus, to enter executive session to obtain advice from the Assistant Attorney General concerning an appeal pending in Superior Court in which the Board is the defendant.

The motion passed unanimously, and the Board entered executive session from 2:20 p.m. until 2:28 p.m.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Stankaitis, Chairperson

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
May 20, 2008

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 2008 at the Department of Public Health Complex, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room C, Building 470, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Regina Stankaitis, Chairperson
Richard Bridburg, MD
Martin Courneen
Anne Doremus
Michael Erickson
Robert Green, MD
Steven Hanks, MD
Michael Lindberg, MD
Patricia Loving, PA
Howard Sadinsky, DO
George Terranova, MD
Susan Wernick
C. Steven Wolf, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT David M. Goldenberg, MD

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

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

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the April 15, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hanks, to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Green and Dr. Wolf who abstained.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

The following correspondence/information was received and reviewed:

1. A letter from former Chairman Dennis O'Neill, MD was provided to the Board.
2. Department of Public Health – Quarterly Investigation Summary.
3. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
4. Hearing assignments.

III. INFORMATION UPDATES

A. Department of Public Health Legislative Update
Jennifer Filippone Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations, DPH reported that she and Dr. Hanks attended the recent annual meeting of the Federation of State Medical Boards. Continued competency issues and physician license portability were major areas of interest at the meeting.

Donna Brewer, Section Chief Public Health Hearing Office, DPH provided a reminder that an orientation program for Board members is scheduled for June 2, 2008.

- B. Connecticut State Medical Society
None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Proposed Memorandum of Decision
Ernest Squatrito, DO - Petition No. 2005-0722-001-187

Attorney Richard Tynan was present on behalf of Dr. Squatrito. Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present on behalf of the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Hugh Barber was present to provide counsel to the Board.

This matter was tabled from the April 15, 2008 meeting subsequent to a recommendation by Dr. Bridburg that a psychiatric evaluation with a full psychological work-up should be added as a condition to the proposed order. It was suggested that opinions from the panelists who heard this case be sought regarding Dr. Bridburg's recommendation.

The Board reviewed email opinions from hearing panelists Maureen Kunkel, MD and Edward Osswalt, Esq. Velandy Manohar, MD, a hearing panelist in this matter was present and provided a synopsis of the panel's findings and his opinion that a psychiatric evaluation would be prudent in this case.

The Board heard comments from Attorney Tynan and Attorney Tilles.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Erickson, to approve the Memorandum of Decision with the inclusion of provisions for a psychiatric evaluation added to the terms of probation. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Stankaitis signed the Order.

- B. Proposed Memorandum of Decision
David Ferris, DO - Petition No. 2007-0808-001-133

Dr. Wolf provided a synopsis of the hearing panels findings and recommendation. Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Courneen, to adopt the Memorandum of Decision revoking the physician license of Dr. Ferris. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Stankaitis signed the Order.

- C. Proposed Memorandum of Decision
Matthew Giles, MD - Petition No. 2006-0626-079-006

Dr. Giles was present with Attorney Michael Kurs. Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present on behalf of the Department of Public Health.

Dr. Wolf provided a synopsis of the hearing panels findings and recommendation for a \$1000.00 civil penalty. Dr. Bridburg, Ms. Doremus and Dr. Terranova stated their opinion that the proposed civil penalty was too lenient. Mr Erickson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hanks, to adopt the Memorandum of Decision. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Bridburg, Ms. Doremus and Dr. Terranova and Ms. Stankaitis who were opposed. Ms. Stankaitis signed the Order.

V. TIME EXTENSIONS

Dr. Terranova moved and Ms. Doremus seconded to approve a 120-day extension in the matter of Bernard Raxlen, MD - Petition No. 2003-1616-001-286: The hearing is scheduled to commence on July 15, 2008.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Stankaitis, Chairperson

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
June 17, 2008

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, June 17, 2008 at the Department of Public Health Complex, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room C, Building 470, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Regina Stankaitis, Chairperson
Anne Doremus
Michael Erickson
David M. Goldenberg, MD
Robert Green, MD
Steven Hanks, MD
Michael Lindberg, MD
Patricia Loving, PA
Howard Sadinsky, DO
George Terranova, MD
Susan Wernick
C. Steven Wolf, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT Richard Bridburg, MD
Martin Courneen

Ms. Stankaitis called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the May 20, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Terranova made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hanks, to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Green and Dr. Wolf who abstained.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

The following correspondence/information was received and reviewed:

1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
2. Hearing assignments.
3. Federation of State Medical Boards Publications
 - State of the States – Physician Regulation 2008
 - Medical Regulatory Authorities and the Quality of Medical Service in Canada and the United States.

III. INFORMATION UPDATES

A. Department of Public Health

Donna Brewer, Section Chief Public Health Hearing Office, reported that an orientation program for Board members was held on June 2, 2008 and was well attended.

B. Connecticut State Medical Society

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Residency Equivalency Determination

This matter will be postponed until the July 15, 2008 meeting.

B. Connecticut Board of Examiners in Podiatry Notice of Declaratory Ruling Proceeding -

The Board reviewed the Notice of Declaratory Ruling. Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Erickson, that the Board not seek participation in the proceeding at this time. The motion passed unanimously.

V. **LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

Ms. Stankaitis asked for a motion to add to the agenda the presentation of a Consent Order in the matter of Max Goldstein, MD. Mr. Erickson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Terranova, to add this matter to the agenda under legal office business. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Hunghcih Lee, MD – Petition No. 2006-1212-001-213

Stanley Peck asked that this matter be postponed until the August meeting so that respondent and respondent's attorney can attend. The request was granted.

2. Martin Perlin, MD – Petition No. 2007-0320-001-042

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Martin Perlin, MD. Attorney Elliott Pollack was present on behalf of Dr. Perlin.

Dr. Hanks made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lindberg, that the Consent Order be approved. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Goldenberg who was opposed. Ms. Stankaitis signed the Order.

3. Patricia Whitcombe, MD – Petition No. 2006-0928-001-166

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Patricia Whitcombe, MD. Attorney Frank Silvestri, Jr. was present on behalf of Dr. Whitcombe.

Dr. Hanks made a motion, seconded by Ms. Loving, that the Consent Order be approved. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Terranova who was opposed and Dr. Goldenberg who abstained. Ms. Stankaitis signed the Order.

4. James Gallagher, MD – Petition No. 2008-0521-001-084

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public, presented an Interim Consent Order in the matter of James Gallagher, MD. Neither respondent nor his attorney was present.

Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hanks, that the Interim Consent Order be approved. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Stankaitis signed the Order.

5. Robert Sterling, MD – Petition No. 2008-0513-001-080

Assistant Attorney General Jane Comerford was present to provide counsel to the Board.

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public, presented a Motion for Summary Suspension in the matter of Robert Sterling, MD. Attorney James Biondo was present with Dr. Sterling.

Dr. Terranova made a motion, seconded by Mr. Erickson, to enter executive session to review confidential medical records included in the Department of Public Health's motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Goldenberg, Dr. Hanks, Ms. Loving and Ms. Doremus who were opposed.

The Board entered executive session from 2:05 p.m. until 2:49 p.m. Present during executive session were Boards members; Assistant Attorney General Comerford, Attorneys Antonetti and Biondo; respondent and his wife and Board Liaison Jeffrey Kardys. No motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

Following executive session Dr. Terranova made a motion, seconded by Dr. Goldenberg, that the motion for Summary Suspension be granted in that respondent represents a clear and immediate danger to the public health and safety if he is allowed to continue to practice. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Lindberg and Ms. Stankaitis who were opposed and Dr. Wolf who abstained. Ms. Stankaitis signed the Summary Suspension Order. A hearing will be scheduled for July 9, 2008. The hearing panel will be chaired by Dr, Terranova. The other panelists will be Ms. Loving and Elliott Alter, OD

6. Mark Hagedorn, MD – Petition No. 2007-1129-001-205

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, Department of Public, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Mark Hagedorn, MD. Respondent was not present or represented.

Dr. Terranova made a motion, seconded by Dr. Goldenberg that the Consent Order be approved. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Wolf who recused himself.

Ms. Stankaitis signed the Order.

7. Max Goldstein, MD – Petition No. 2008-0521-079-003

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Max Goldstein, MD. Attorney Bonnie Patten was present with Dr. Goldstein.

Dr. Hanks made a motion, seconded by Mr. Erickson, that the Consent Order be approved with modifications to language pertaining to the prescribing and access to controlled substances. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Stankaitis signed the Order.

VI. ASSIGN HEARING PANEL

Peter Benet, MD – Petition No.2007-0517-001-091

Ms. Stankaitis will chair the hearing panel in this matter. The other panelists will be Velandy Manohar, MD and Harold Hebb. The Board Liaison will coordinate the scheduling of hearing dates.

VII. TIME EXTENSIONS

Dr. Hanks moved and Ms. Loving seconded to approve a 120-day extension in the matter of Charles Jones, MD - Petition Nos. 2006-0111-001-010, 2006-0407-001-068, 2006-0411-001-069: Multiple hearing dates are scheduled through November 2008.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Regina Stankaitis, Chairperson

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
July 15, 2008

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, July 15, 2008 at the Department of Public Health Complex, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room C, Building 470, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Regina Stankaitis, Chairperson
Richard Bridburg, MD
Martin Courneen
Anne Doremus
Michael Erickson
David M. Goldenberg, MD
Robert Green, MD
Steven Hanks, MD
Michael Lindberg, MD
Patricia Loving, PA
Howard Sadinsky, DO
George Terranova, MD
C. Steven Wolf, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT Susan Wernick

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

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the June 17, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Hanks made a motion, seconded by Mr. Erickson, to approve the minutes as edited. The motion passed unanimously.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

The following correspondence/information was received and reviewed:

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

III. INFORMATION UPDATES

A. Department of Public Health

Wendy Furniss reported that the Connecticut Appellate Court recently issued a decision in a matter involving the Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine. The Court ruled that actual injury is not necessary for a Board to make a finding of negligence.

- B. Connecticut State Medical Society
None

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dr. Terranova made a motion seconded by Dr. Hanks to enter executive session to confer with Assistant Attorney General Jane Rosenberg and Assistant Attorney General Henry Salton regarding the matter of Kenneth Kurz, MD v. Connecticut Medical Examining Board. The motion passed unanimously and the Board entered executive session from 1:35 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. The Board provided Attorney Rosenberg with suggestions regarding a possible settlement of this matter in the Appellate Court. No motions were made or voted on during the executive session.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Residency Equivalency Determination – Daniela Hoch, MD

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented information for the Board to review to determine if Dr. Hoch's education and training are equivalent to 2 years of ACGME accredited residency training.

Dr. Terranova made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg, to accept Dr. Hoch's education and training as being equivalent to the two year ACGME accredited training requirement and to recommend Dr. Hoch for licensure. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Hanks, Ms. Doremus and Mr. Courneen who were opposed.

B. Sushil Gupta, MD – Request to reinstate revoked license.

Dr. Gupta was present with Attorney Hugh Keefe. Staff Attorney David Tilles was present on behalf of the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Henry Salton was present to provide counsel to the Board.

The Board heard comments from Attorney Keefe in support of Dr. Gupta's request and from Attorney Tilles in opposition.

Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Courneen, that Dr. Gupta be provided a hearing regarding his request for reinstatement of his license. Following discussion Dr. Goldenberg and Mr. Erickson voted in favor of the motion to provided Dr. Gupta with a hearing. All other Board members voted in opposition to the motion. The motion failed.

VI. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

1. Anthony Lendino, MD – Petition No. 2006-0503-001-088

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Anthony Lendino, MD. Attorney Carl Porto was present on behalf of Dr. Lendino.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Erickson, to approve for discussion.

Following discussion the Board unanimously voted to oppose the Consent Order as written. The Board suggested that continuing medical education relating to prescribing practices be included in the Consent Order and that the monitoring of respondent's prescribing practices also be included.

2. Robert Zikaras, MD – Petition No. 2006-1107-001-192

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Robert Zikaras, MD. Attorney Thomas Bucci was present on behalf of Dr. Zikaras. Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Courneen, that the Consent Order be approved. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Stankaitis signed the Order.

3. Andrew Nelson, MD – Petition No. 2007-0503-001-088

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, Department of Public, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Andrew Nelson, MD. Neither respondent nor his attorney was present. Mr. Courneen made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green, that the Consent Order be approved. The motion passed with all in favor except Mr. Erickson who was opposed. Ms. Stankaitis signed the Order.

VII. TIME EXTENSIONS

Dr. Hanks moved and Mr. Erickson seconded to approve a 120-day extension in the matter of Mary Miller, MD - Petition No. 2005-0927-001-235: A hearing is scheduled for July 21, 2008.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Stankaitis, Chairperson

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
August 19, 2008

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, August 19, 2008 at the Department of Public Health Complex, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room C, Building 470, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Regina Stankaitis, Chairperson
Martin Courneen
Anne Doremus
Michael Erickson
Douglas Fellows, MD
David M. Goldenberg, MD
Robert Green, MD
Steven Hanks, MD
Henry Jacobs, MD
Michael Lindberg, MD
Howard Sadinsky, DO
Susan Wernick

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT Richard Bridburg, MD
Patricia Loving, PA
C. Steven Wolf, MD

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

Dr. Fellows and Dr. Jacobs were welcomed to their first meeting as Board members.

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the July 15, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Courneen made a motion, seconded by Dr. Goldenberg, to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Wernick who abstained.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

The following correspondence/information was received and reviewed:

1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
2. Hearing assignments.
3. Quarterly Investigations Summary

III. INFORMATION UPDATES

- A. Department of Public Health
None
- B. Connecticut State Medical Society
None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Residency Equivalency Determination – Cicero Silva, MD

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented information for the Board to review to determine if Dr. Silva's education and training are equivalent to 2 years of ACGME accredited residency training.

James Brink, MD, Yale University, was present to provide information regarding Dr. Silva's training and plan for practice at Yale.

Mr. Courneen made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lindberg, to accept Dr. Silva's education and training as being equivalent to the two year ACGME accredited training requirement and to recommend Dr. Silva for licensure. The motion passed with all in favor.

V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

A. Kenneth Cohen, MD – Petition No. 2006-0621-001-118

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Kenneth Cohen, MD. Dr. Cohen was present with Attorney Mason.

Dr. Hanks made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fellows, that the Consent Order be approved. The motion passed with all in favor, except Dr. Goldenberg who recused himself. Ms. Stankaitis signed the Order.

Dr. Sadinsky arrived at 1:50 p.m.

B. Efraim Gomez-Zapata, MD – Petition No. 2007-0817-001-146

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Efraim Gomez-Zapata, MD. Attorney John Evans was present with Dr. Zapata.

Dr. Goldenberg and Dr. Green spoke in opposition to the Consent Order. Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green, that the Consent Order be rejected. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Jacobs who abstained. The Board recommended that this matter be brought to a hearing before a panel of the Board.

C. Malcolm Clive Robinson, MD – Petition No. 2007-0608-001-102

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Malcolm Clive Robinson, MD. Respondent was present without representation.

Dr. Hanks made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sadinsky, that the Consent Order be rejected. The motion passed unanimously. The Board commented that a hearing before a panel of the Board might be necessary in this matter.

D. Ramon Mabassa, MD – Petition No. 2007-0511-001-083

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Ramon Mabassa. Neither respondent nor his attorney was present.

Dr. Hanks made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sadinsky, that the Consent Order be rejected. The Board requests additional information as to the type of office surgeries respondent plans on performing.

E. Anthony Lendino, MD – Petition No. 2006-0503-001-088

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Anthony Lendino, MD. Neither respondent nor his attorney was present. The Board reviewed this matter at the July 2008 meeting and recommended a modification to the proposed Consent Order.

Dr. Hanks made a motion, seconded by Dr. Goldenberg, that the Consent Order be approved. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Stankaitis signed the Order.

F. Robert Sterling, MD – Petition No. 2008-0513-001-080

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Robert Sterling, MD. Dr. Sterling was present with Attorney James Biondi.

Dr. Hanks made a motion, seconded by Mr. Courneen, that the Consent Order be approved. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Stankaitis signed the Order.

VI. TIME EXTENSIONS

Mr. Courneen moved and Mr. Erickson seconded to approve a 120-day extension in the following matters:

Mary Miller, MD - Petition No. 2005-0927-001-235: A hearing is scheduled for September 15, 2008.

Randy Hassen, MD. A hearing is scheduled for October 10, 2008.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Board meetings for the remainder of 2008 will be scheduled at the Legislative Office Building, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Stankaitis, Chairperson

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
October 21, 2008**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, October 21, 2008 at the Legislative Office Building, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in Conference Room 1-A.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Regina Stankaitis, Chairperson
Richard Bridburg, MD
Martin Courneen
Anne Doremus
Michael Erickson
Douglas Fellows, MD
David M. Goldenberg, MD
Steven Hanks, MD
Henry Jacobs, MD
Michael Lindberg, MD
Patricia Loving, PA
Susan Wernick
C. Steven Wolf, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT Robert Green, MD
Howard Sadinsky, DO

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

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the August 19, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Courneen made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fellows, to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Bridburg, Ms. Loving and Dr. Wolf who abstained.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

The following correspondence/information was received and reviewed:

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

III. INFORMATION UPDATES

A. Department of Public Health

Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Department of Public Health Office of Practitioner Licensing and Investigations reported she would attend the November 18, 2008 meeting to discuss the Department's 2009 legislative proposals.

B. Connecticut State Medical Society

None

IV. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

A. Hunghcih Lee, MD – Petition No. 2006-1212-001-213

Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Department of Public and Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Hunghcih Lee, MD. Dr. Lee was present with Attorney Bernard Gaffney.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hanks, that the Consent Order be rejected.

Dr. Bridburg, Dr. Hanks, Dr. Wolf and Mr. Erickson spoke in favor of rejecting the Consent Order as proposed.

The motion to reject the Consent Order passed unanimously.

B. David Danzer, MD – Petition No. 2008-0409-001-057

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, Department of Public, presented a Consent Order in the matter of David Danzer, MD. Neither Dr. Danzer nor his attorney was present.

Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Erickson, that the Consent Order be approved.

The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Stankaitis signed the Order.

C. Mitchell Moffat, MD – Petition No. 2008-0723-001-137

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public, presented a modification to a Consent Order in the matter of Mitchell Moffat, MD that was adopted by the Board on November 20, 2007. Respondent was not present.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, that the Consent Order approved. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Doremus who was opposed. Ms. Stankaitis signed the Order.

D. Mark Anderson, MD – Petition No. 2008-0721-001-132

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Mark Anderson, MD. Dr. Anderson was not present or represented.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, that the Consent Order be approved. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Stankaitis signed the Order.

E. Ramon Mabassa, MD – Petition No. 2007-0511-001-083

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Ramon Mabassa, MD. Attorney Peter Sachner was present on behalf of Dr. Mabassa.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, that the Consent Order be rejected.

Dr. Bridburg suggested, that a physical/metal health evaluation of respondent might be necessary in this case.

The motion to reject the Consent Order passed. Mr. Erickson and Dr. Goldenberg opposed rejection of the Consent Order and Dr. Jacobs abstained.

Following the vote there was discussion regarding Dr. Bridburg's suggestion for an evaluation. Dr. Goldenberg explained his reasons for not supporting a rejection of the Consent Order.

Attorney Tilles explained why the Department did not pursue physical/mental health evaluation in this matter.

F. Arthur Ostrowitz, MD – Petition No. 2008-0125-001-016

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Arthur Ostrowitz, MD. Neither Dr. Ostrowitz nor his attorney was present.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Erickson, that the Consent Order be approved. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Stankaitis signed the Order.

G. Robert Dudek, MD – Petition No. 2008-0916-001-166

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public, presented an Interim Consent Order in the matter of Robert Dudek, MD. Dr. Dudek was present without representation.

It was suggested to Dr. Dudek that he consider seeking legal representation.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hanks, that the Interim Consent Order be approved. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Stankaitis signed the Order.

V. HEARING PANEL ASSIGNMENTS

Gary Bykoff, MD – Petition No. 2006-1115-001-196

Dr. Wolf will chair the hearing panel in this matter. The other panelists will be Mr. Erickson and Dr. Lindberg. The Board Liaison will coordinate the scheduling of hearing dates.

Anthony Santomauro, MD – Petition No. 2007-0220-001-028

Dr. Goldenberg will chair the hearing panel in this matter. The other panelists will be Dr. Jacobs and Mr. Courneen. A hearing has been scheduled to begin on November 21, 2008.

M. Clive Robinson, MD – Petition No. 2007-0608-001-102

Dr. Wolf will chair the hearing panel in this matter. The other panelists will be Dr. Fellows and panelist Elliott Alter, OD. The Board Liaison will coordinate the scheduling of hearing dates.

Gregory Azia, MD – Petition No. 2007-0712-001-121

Ms. Stankaitis will chair the hearing panel in this matter. The other panelists will be Dr. Green and panelist Donald Grayson, MD. The Board Liaison will coordinate the scheduling of hearing dates.

Patrick Rocco, MD – Petition No. 2006-0425-001-079

Ms. Doremus will chair the hearing panel in this matter. The other panelists will be Ms. Loving and Dr. Sadinsky. The Board Liaison will coordinate the scheduling of hearing dates.

VI. TIME EXTENSIONS

Dr. Bridburg moved and Dr. Wolf seconded to approve a 120-day extension in the following matters: Charles Jones, MD – Petition No. 2006-0111-001-010: A hearing is scheduled for October 28.

Dennis Pollock, MD – Petition No. 20060719-001-127: The outcome of a pre-hearing review is pending.

Bernard Raxlen, MD – Petition No. 2003-1216-001-286: Hearings are scheduled for January 2009.

VII. ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, that a request be made to the office of the Attorney General asking that an Assistant Attorney General be assigned to attend future Board meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Stankaitis, Chairperson

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
November 18, 2008

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at the Legislative Office Building, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in Conference Room 1-A.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Regina Stankaitis, Chairperson
Richard Bridburg, MD
Martin Courneen
Anne Doremus
Michael Erickson
Douglas Fellows, MD
David M. Goldenberg, MD
Robert Green, MD
Steven Hanks, MD
Henry Jacobs, MD
Michael Lindberg, MD
Patricia Loving, PA
Howard Sadinsky, DO
Susan Wernick
C. Steven Wolf, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT None

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

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the October 21, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Ms. Loving, to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

The following correspondence/information was received and reviewed:

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

III. INFORMATION UPDATES

A. Department of Public Health

Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Department of Public Health Office of Practitioner Licensing and Investigations reported that J. Robert Galvin, MD, Commissioner, DPH has written a commentary regarding delegation to medical assistants. The commentary appears in the November/December 2008 issue of Connecticut Medicine that is published by the Connecticut State Medical Society.

Ms. Filippone stated that DPH proposals for the 2009 legislative session will be forwarded to the Board for review and comment at the December 2008 meeting.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Mr. Erickson to enter executive session to confer with Assistant Attorney General Henry Salton regarding the matter of Mary Ellen Albini, Joan Mershon v. Connecticut Medical Examining Board – CV-08-4018329-S

The motion passed unanimously and the Board entered executive session from 1:40 p.m. until 2:10 p.m.

The Board provided Attorney Salton with suggestions regarding a potential resolution in this case. Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Erickson, for a voluntary remand of the March 18, 2008 Memorandum of Decision this matter back to the Board. The motion passed unanimously. Attorney Salton also provided legal advice to the Board regarding a proposed Consent Order in the matter of Ramon Mabassa, MD. No motions were made or votes taken in executive session regarding the proposed Consent Order pertaining to Dr. Mabassa.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Francisco Carbone, MD – Petition No. 2008-1022-001-201 - Petition for License Reinstatement

Dr. Carbone was present with Attorney William Sweeney. Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office was present on behalf of the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board.

The Board heard comments from Attorney Sweeney in support of Dr. Carbone's petition and from Attorney Peck in opposition.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Ms. Doremus, that Dr. Carbone's petition for relicensure be rejected and that the Department of Public Health's motion to sustain its objection to Dr. Carbone's petition be granted. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Jacobs who was opposed and Dr. Lindberg who abstained. Ms. Stankaitis signed the order sustaining the Department's objection.

VI. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

A. Ramon Mabassa, MD – Petition No. 2007-0511-001-083

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Ramon Mabassa, MD. Attorney Peter Sachner was present on behalf of Dr. Mabassa.

The Board heard comments from Attorney Tilles and Attorney Sachner. Dr. Bridburg spoke in opposition to the Consent Order as proposed.

Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Erickson that the Consent Order be approved. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Bridburg who was opposed and Dr. Wolf who abstained. Ms. Stankaitis signed the Order.

B. Lorelei Davidson, M.D. - Petition No. 2007-0427-001-074

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Lorelei Davidson, M.D. Attorney Patrick Monahan was present with Dr. Davidson.

Dr. Hanks made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg, that the Consent Order be approved. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Stankaitis signed the Order.

C. Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges subsequent to pre-hearing conference
Dennis Pollock, MD – Petition No. 2006-0719-001-127.

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges subsequent to a pre-hearing conference. Neither Dr. Pollock nor his attorney was present.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hanks, to grant the Department's motion. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Wolf who was recused from voting.

Ms. Stankaitis signed the Order withdrawing the Statement of Charges.

D. Igal Staw, MD – Petition No. 2007-1221-001-223

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Igal Staw, MD. Neither Dr. Staw nor his attorney was present.

Dr. Hanks made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, that the Consent Order be approved. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Jacobs who abstained. Ms. Stankaitis signed the Order.

E. Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges

Kenneth Kurz, MD – Petition No. 2003-1216-001-283.

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, Department of Public Health presented a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges. This motion is a result of a settlement in the matter of Kenneth Kurz, MD v. Connecticut Medical Examining Board.

Neither Dr. Kurz nor his attorney was present.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hanks, to grant the Department's motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Stankaitis signed the Order withdrawing the Statement of Charges.

F. Kimberly A. Meyer, PA - Petition No. 2008-1010-023-007

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public, presented a Motion for Summary Suspension in the matter of Kimberly A. Meyer, PA. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Meyer was not present or represented.

Dr. Hanks made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, that based on the documents presented, there exists a threat to public health and safety which warrants the Summary Suspension of Mr. Meyer's license; therefore, the Department's motion to summarily suspend should be granted. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Stankaitis signed the Summary Suspension Order.

The hearing panel in this matter will be Dr. Bridburg, who will chair the panel, Ms. Doremus and Dr. Jacobs. The hearing is scheduled for December 2, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

G. Hunghcih Lee, MD – Petition No. 2006-1212-001-213

Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Department of Public presented a Consent Order in the matter of Hunghcih Lee, MD. Attorney Bernard Gaffney was present on behalf of Dr. Lee. A proposed Consent Order in this matter was reviewed and rejected at the September 16, 2008 meeting.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Courneen, that the Consent Order be approved. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Stankaitis signed the Order.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Stankaitis, Chairperson

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
December 16, 2008**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, December 16, 2008 at the Legislative Office Building, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in Conference Room 1-A.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Regina Stankaitis, Chairperson
Richard Bridburg, MD
Martin Courneen
Anne Doremus
Michael Erickson
Douglas Fellows, MD
Robert Green, MD
Steven Hanks, MD
Henry Jacobs, MD
Michael Lindberg, MD
Patricia Loving, PA
Howard Sadinsky, DO
Susan Wernick
C. Steven Wolf, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT David M. Goldenberg, MD

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

I. CHAIR UPDATES

The following correspondence/information was received and reviewed:

1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
2. Hearing assignments.
3. Ms. Stankaitis announce that Dr. Jacobs will represent the Board at the 2009 annual meeting of the Federation of State Medical Boards.
4. The Department of Public Health legislative proposals for 2009 will be presented at the January 2009 meeting.

II. INFORMATION UPDATES

- A. Department of Public Health
None

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.

IV. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the November 18, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hanks, to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

A. Mark Hagedorn, MD – Petition No. 2007-1129-001-205

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, Department of Public, presented a modification of Consent Order in the matter of Mark Hagedorn, MD. Respondent was not present.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fellows that the modification of Consent Order be approved. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Wolf and Dr. Hanks who recused themselves from discussion and voting. Ms. Stankaitis signed the Order.

B. James P. Gallagher, M.D. – Petition No. 2008-0521-001-084

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public, presented a Consent Order in the matter of James P. Gallagher, M.D. Attorney Reese Norris was present on behalf of Dr. Gallagher.

Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg, that the Consent Order be approved. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Stankaitis signed the Order.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Stankaitis, Chairperson