

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES of March 18, 2014

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at the Department of Public Health, 470 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in conference room A/B.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson
Queenie Collins
Allyson Duffy, MD
Douglas Fellows, MD
Rabbi Dov Greer
Eric Hodgson, MD
Patricia Loving, PA
Edward McAnaney, Esq.
Edward Monico, MD, JD
Jean Rexford
Daniel Rissi, MD
Howard Sadinsky, DO
Joel Sorosky, MD
C. Steven Wolf, MD
Peter Zeman, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT Raymond Andrews, Jr., Esq.
Anne Doremus
Jeffrey A. Gordon, MD
Robert Green, MD
Andrew Salner, MD

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

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the November 19, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Ms. Rexford made a motion, seconded by Ms. Collins to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Rissi who abstained.

II. UPDATES

A. Chair Updates

1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
2. Hearing assignments.
3. Ms. Rexford is running for a public member position on Board of Directors of the Federation of State Medical Boards.

B. Department of Public Health

Jenifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section, Department of Public Health provided an update on pending legislation.

Dr. Sorosky arrived at 1:40 p.m.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Residency Equivalency Determinations

i. Miguel A. Materin, MD

Jan Cordero, Licensing and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented information for the Board to review to determine if Dr. Materin 's education and training are equivalent to 2 years of ACGME accredited residency training. Following discussion Dr. Sadinsky made a motion, seconded by Rabbi Greer to approve the acceptance of Dr. Materin's education and training as being equivalent to the two year ACGME accredited training requirement. The motion passed unanimously.

Reinstatement Applications

ii. Mark Trentalange, MD

Jan Cordero, Licensing and Applications Specialist, Department of Public Health, presented a license reinstatement application of Mark Trentalange, MD. Dr. Rissi made a motion, seconded by Ms. Loving recommending the reinstatement of Dr. Trentalange's license. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Proposed Memorandum of Decision

Vernon Atreidis, MD – Petition No. 2011-721

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Respondent was not present or represented.

Dr. Sadinsky made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fellows, to adopt the proposed decision. The motion passed unanimously

Ms. Emmett signed the Order revoking Dr. Atreidis' license.

C. Proposed Memorandum of Decision

Mary Jane Brackett, MD – Petition Nos. 2011-924; 2013-6

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Respondent was not present or represented.

Dr. Fellows made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hodgson, to adopt the proposed decision. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a reprimand and revocation of Dr. Brackett's license.

D. Proposed Memorandum of Decision

April Mott, MD – Petition No. 2011-207

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Respondent was not present or represented. Attorney Davis Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health and presented a motion to modify the proposed Memorandum of Decision. Dr. Fellows made a motion, seconded by Ms. Loving, to amend the proposed decision with the language proposed by the Department of Public Health. The motion passed unanimously

Dr. Sadinsky made a motion, seconded by Ms. Collins, to adopt the proposed decision as modified

Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a reprimand and a one year probation of Dr. Mott's license.

E. Proposed Declaratory Ruling – RE: Colonic Irrigation
Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Collins made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rexford, to adopt the declaratory ruling which states that Colonic irrigation constitutes the practice of medicine and cannot be performed by an unlicensed individual except as authorized by the Connecticut General Statutes. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Emmett signed the Ruling.

Mr. McAnaney arrived at 1:58 p.m.

IV. OFFICE OF LICENSURE REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE

A. Suzanne Klekotka, MD – Petition No. 2010-344

Staff Attorney David Tilles, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was represented by Jennifer Mullen, Esq. Dr. Sadinsky made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fellows, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Rissi who recused himself. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a reprimand and a one year period of probation.

B. Andrew Metzger, MD – Petition No. 2010-344

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was represented by Karen Noble, Esq. Respondent was present. Dr. Zeman made a motion, seconded by Ms. Loving, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Hodgson who recused himself. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a reprimand and a \$3,500.00 civil penalty.

C. RavJett Singh, PA – Petition No. 2013-314

Principal Attorney Mathew Antonetti, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was represented by John Maxwell. Respondent was present. Dr. Hodgson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Rissi, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a reprimand and a \$4,500.00 civil penalty.

D. Jehangir Durrani, MD – Petition No. 2013-314

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan, Department of Public Health presented a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges subsequent to a pre-hearing conference in this matter. Neither respondent nor his attorney was present. Dr. Sadinsky made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fellows, to grant the motion to withdraw the Statement of Charges. The motion passed with all in favor. Dr. Wolf was recused in this matter. Ms. Emmett signed the Order.

E. Sandra Congdon, MD – Petition No. 2013-625

Principal Attorney Mathew Antonetti, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Neither respondent nor her attorney was present. Dr. Rissi made a motion, seconded by Dr. Zeman, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Rexford who was opposed and MS. Emmett and Rabbi Greer who recused themselves. Dr. Wolf signed the Order which imposed a reprimand and a \$7,500.00 civil penalty.

F. Jonathan Oppenheimer, MD – Petition No. 2013-991

Staff Attorney David Tilles, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present or represented. Dr. Zeman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fellows, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a reprimand..

F. Lisa Noyes-Duguay, MD – Petition No. 2013-1026

Principal Attorney Mathew Antonetti, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was presented with Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt.

Dr. Fellows 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.

V. **120 DAY EXTENSIONS**

Prem Nath, MD – Continuance requested by respondent due to ongoing illness. Hearing scheduled for June 6, 2014

Tory Westbrook, MD – Multiple continuances requested by respondent's attorney. Hearing scheduled for March 25, 2014.

Dr. Hodgson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Loving, to grant a 120 day extensions in these matters. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. **LEAN UPDATE**

Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Department of Public Health Office of Practitioner Licensing and Investigation provided an overview of the steps being taken by the Department of Public Health to streamline the process of investigating physician complaints.

VII. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES of May 20, 2014**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in conference room 1-A.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson
Raymond Andrews, Jr., Esq.
Queenie Collins
Anne Doremus
Douglas Fellows, MD
Jeffrey A. Gordon, MD
Robert Green, MD
Rabbi Dov Greer
Eric Hodgson, MD
Patricia Loving, PA
Edward McAnaney, Esq.
Edward Monico, MD, JD
Daniel Rissi, MD
Howard Sadinsky, DO
Andrew Salner, MD
Joel Sorosky, MD
C. Steven Wolf, MD
Peter Zeman, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT Allyson Duffy, MD
Jean Rexford

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

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the March 18, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Zeman to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor except Mr. Andrews and Ms. Doremus who abstained.

II. UPDATES

A. Chair Updates

1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
2. Hearing assignments.
3. Ms. Rexford has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Federation of State Medical Boards.

Dr. Sadinsky arrived at 1:35 p.m.

Mr. McAnaney arrived at 1:37 p.m.

B. Department of Public Health

Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigation, DPH reported that a grant has been applied for from the Federation of State Medical Boards to provide an education program regarding long acting and extended release analgesics. If approved the State Medical Society will be a partner in this endeavor.

Ms. Filippone also reported that the online license renewal system is now capable of sending emails to physician licensees.

III. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Residency Equivalency Determinations

i. Matthias Lechner, MD

Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant, Department of Public Health presented information for the Board to review to determine if Dr. Lechner's education and training are equivalent to 2 years of ACGME accredited residency training. Following discussion Dr. Gordon made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sadinsky to approve the acceptance of Dr. Lechner's education and training as being equivalent to the two year ACGME accredited training requirement. The motion passed unanimously.

Reinstatement Applications

ii. Brian P. Murray, MD

Jan Cordero, Licensing and Applications Specialist, Department of Public Health, presented a license reinstatement application of Brian P. Murray, MD. Dr. Gordon made a motion, seconded by Ms. Loving recommending the reinstatement of Dr. Murray's license. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Zeman who was opposed and Dr. Monico and Dr. Sorosky who abstained.

B. Connecticut State Board of Chiropractic Examiners

Declaratory Ruling concerning commercial motor vehicle medical examinations by chiropractors

Assistant Attorney General Henry Salton was present to provide counsel to the Board. Attorney Salton provided an overview of Connecticut State Board of Chiropractic Examiners issuance of the declaratory ruling and the process followed by the Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

Dr. Gordon expressed his concerns regarding the ability of chiropractors to perform medical examinations to medically qualify persons for a commercial driver's license.

The Board also expressed its concern that it may have opted to offer comments had it received notice from the Board of Chiropractic Examiners concerning this matter.

Attorney Salton advised that the Board that it had no standing to challenge the Declaratory Ruling, but could pursue the issue of medical examinations by chiropractors with the legislature.

The Board requests that going forward, it receive notice of any other Boards or Commissions intent to issue a declaratory ruling.

IV. **OFFICE OF LICENSURE REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE**

A. Thomas Cocco, MD – Petition No. 2012-404

Principal Attorney Mathew Antonetti, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent and his attorney were present.

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Ms. Loving, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Mr. McAnaney, Ms. Doremus, Dr. Hodgson, Dr. Fellows and Dr. Wolf who were opposed. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a \$3000.00 civil penalty and a practice restriction.

B. Helar Campos, MD – Petition No. 2012-730

Staff Attorney David Tilles, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was represented by Jennifer Mullen, Esq.

Dr. Sorosky made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fellows, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Rissi and Dr. Gordon who recused themselves. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a one year probation and a \$5,000.00 civil penalty.

C. Tory Westbrook, MD – Petition No. 2012-187

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan, Department of Public Health presented a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges subsequent to respondent's surrender of his license. Neither respondent nor his attorney was present.

Ms. Loving made a motion, seconded by Mr. McAnaney, to grant the motion to withdraw the Statement of Charges. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Emmett signed the Order.

D. Harvey Weitzman, MD – Petition No. 2011-540

Staff Attorney David Tilles, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present or represented.

Mr. McAnaney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Andrews, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Zeman, Rabbi Greer and Dr. Gordon who were opposed. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a \$5,000.00 civil penalty and a reprimand.

V. **120 DAY EXTENSIONS**

Olakunle Oluwole, MD – Continuance requested by respondent due to ongoing hospitalization. Hearing to be scheduled.

Alkesh Patel, MD – Hearing completed. Proposed Memorandum of Decision being drafted.

Pamela Borselle (unlicensed) - Hearing completed. Proposed Memorandum of Decision being drafted.

Iyad Shaham (unlicensed) - Hearing completed. Proposed Memorandum of Decision being drafted.

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

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES of July 15, 2014

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, July 15, 2014 at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in conference room 1-A.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson
Raymond Andrews, Jr., Esq.
Allyson Duffy, MD
Douglas Fellows, MD
Jeffrey A. Gordon, MD
Robert Green, MD
Rabbi Dov Greer
Eric Hodgson, MD
Edward McAnaney, Esq.
Jean Rexford
Daniel Rissi, MD
Howard Sadinsky, DO
Andrew Salner, MD
Joel Sorosky, MD
C. Steven Wolf, MD
Peter Zeman, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Queenie Collins
Anne Doremus
Edward Monico, MD, JD

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

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the May 20, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Fellows made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green, to approve the minutes. The motion passed with those present voting in favor.

II. UPDATES

A. Chair Updates

1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
2. Hearing assignments.
3. Ms. Emmett announced that Patricia Loving P.A. has resigned her position on the Board.

B. Department of Public Health

Christian Andresen, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigation, DPH reported that a \$10,000 grant has been awarded from the Federation of State Medical Boards to provide an education program regarding long acting and extended release analgesics. The State Medical Society will be a partner and will administer the CME program which is scheduled to be completed by mid-December.

Dr. Salner arrived at 1:38 p.m.

C. Public Health Hearing Office

Marianne Horn, Legal Director, DPH reported that the Public Health Hearing Office is in the process of implementing a system whereby agenda packets will be available electronically to Board members and that mailing of agenda packets will be eliminated.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Department of Consumer Protection – Drug Control Division

John Gadea, Director, Department of Consumer Protection, Drug Control Division provided an overview of the Drug Control Division's operations and responsibilities.

Mr. Gadea also explained the Connecticut Prescription Monitoring Program and answered questions from the Board.

Mr. McAnaney arrived at 2:00 p.m.

B. Reinstatement Applications

Laura Anissian, MD

Janine Cordero, Licensing and Applications Specialist, Department of Public Health, presented a license reinstatement application of Laura Anissian, MD. Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Rissi recommending the reinstatement of Dr. Anissian's license. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. OFFICE OF LICENSURE REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE

A. Rudy Andriani, MD – Petition No. 2013-1246

Staff Attorney David Tilles, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present or represented.

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Salner, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a reprimand.

B. Erum Shahab, MD – Petition No. 2012-336

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

Dr. Hodgson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gordon, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a reprimand.

C. Lora Ann Stephens, DO – Petition No. 2013-1085

Principal Attorney Matthew Antonetti, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Neither respondent nor her attorney was present.

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a \$4000.00 civil penalty.

V. 120 DAY EXTENSIONS

Joel Singer, MD – Petition No. 2012-547

Hearing completed, closing briefs due July 21, 2014. Fact-finding to be scheduled.

Prem Nath, MD – Petition No. 2009-20091373

Continuance requested by respondent due to ongoing illness. Hearing scheduled for December 5, 2014.

Dr. Gordon made a motion, seconded by Rabbi Greer, to grant a 120 day extensions in these matters. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Zeman who abstained.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Rexford commented that the Board should consider allowing members of the public the opportunity to address the Board.

Beginning with the next meeting, an open forum will be added to the beginning of the monthly agendas. The Board will not discuss pending cases or matters that could eventually be referred to the Board for adjudication during open forum.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES of September 16, 2014

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in conference room 1-A.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson
Raymond Andrews, Jr., Esq.
Queenie Collins
Allyson Duffy, MD
Robert Green, MD
Rabbi Dov Greer
Eric Hodgson, MD
Marilyn Katz, MD
Edward Monico, MD, JD
Jean Rexford
Daniel Rissi, MD
Howard Sadinsky, DO
C. Steven Wolf, MD
Peter Zeman, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Anne Doremus
Douglas Fellows, MD
Edward McAnaney, Esq.
Andrew Salner, MD
Joel Sorosky, MD

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

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the July 15, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Ms. Rexford made a motion, seconded by Mr. Andrews, to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

II. UPDATES

A. Chair Updates

1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
2. Hearing assignments.
3. Ms. Emmett announced that Jeffrey Gordon, MD has resigned his position on the Board effective September 12, 2014 and that Joel Sorosky, MD will be resigning effective September 30, 2014.
Ms. Emmett welcomed Marilyn Katz, MD to her first meeting as a Board member.
4. Ms. Emmett announced that the Federation of the State Medical Boards will be visiting at the October 21, 2014 meeting and will be discussing various topics.

B. Department of Public Health

None

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed Memorandum of Decision

Iyad Shaham (a/k/a Edward Shaham) – Petition No. 2012-530

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

Neither respondent nor his attorney was present.

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Rabbi Greer, to adopt the proposed decision.

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Emmett signed the Order which dismisses the charges against Mr. Shaham.

B. Proposed Memorandum of Decision

Pamela Borselle – Petition No. 2013-66

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

Neither respondent nor her attorney was present.

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hodgson, to adopt the proposed decision.

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Emmett signed the Decision which orders respondent to cease and desist activities that require licensure as a physician.

C. Reinstatement Applications

Katarzyna Machlarz, MD

Janine Cordero, Licensing and Applications Specialist, Department of Public Health, presented a license reinstatement application of Katarzyna Machlarz, MD.

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Monico recommending that Dr. Machlarz pass the SPEX examination before her license is reinstated. The motion passed unanimously.

Jiyong Ahn, MD

Janine Cordero, Licensing and Applications Specialist, Department of Public Health, presented a license reinstatement application of Jiyong Ahn, MD.

Dr. Hodgson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf recommending reinstatement of Dr. Ahn's license. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Connecticut State Board of Chiropractic Examiners

Declaratory Ruling concerning commercial motor vehicle medical examinations by chiropractors

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. The Connecticut State Board of Chiropractic Examiners has scheduled a public hearing regarding this matter for October 2, 2014.

Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sadinsky, that the Board not seek status in this matter. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Rexford who abstained.

The Board commented that the issue of who is qualified in Connecticut to perform physical examinations for commercial driver's licenses should be dealt with by the legislature.

IV. OFFICE OF LICENSURE REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE

A. Donald Austrian, MD – Petition No. 2011-357

Staff Attorney David Tilles, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present or represented.

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Mr. Andrews, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a practice restriction.

B. Richard Casden, MD – Petition No. 2014-350

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

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rexford, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a \$5000.00 civil penalty.

C. Linda Martinez (unlicensed) – Petition No. 2014-118

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

Ms. Collins made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Emmett signed the Order requires respondent to cease and desist activities that require licensure as a physician.

D. Christine Frey (unlicensed) – Petition No. 2013-750

Principal Attorney Matthew Antonetti, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney James Biondo was present on behalf of respondent.

Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Emmett signed the Order requires respondent to cease and desist activities that require licensure as a physician.

V. **120 DAY EXTENSIONS**

Olakunle Oluwole, MD – Petition No. 2012-357

Continuances requested by respondent due to ongoing rehabilitation from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident. Hearing scheduled for November 4, 2014.

Alkesh Patel, MD – Petition No. 2012-861

Oral Argument on proposed Memorandum of Decision scheduled for October 21, 2014

Hal Wasserman, MD – Petition No. 2012-333

First hearing date held on August 5, 2014. Second hearing date to be scheduled.

Ms. Collins made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to grant a 120 day extensions in these matters. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES of October 21, 2014

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in conference room 1-A.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson
Douglas Fellows, MD
Allyson Duffy, MD
Robert Green, MD
Rabbi Dov Greer
Eric Hodgson, MD
Michele Jacklin
Marilyn Katz, MD
Edward McAnaney, Esq.
Edward Monico, MD, JD
Jean Rexford
Daniel Rissi, MD
Howard Sadinsky, DO
C. Steven Wolf, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT Raymond Andrews, Jr., Esq.
Queenie Collins
Andrew Salner, MD
Peter Zeman, MD

Ms. Emmett called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

Ms. Jacklin was welcomed to her first meeting as a member of the Board.

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the September 16, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Fellows and Ms. Jacklin who abstained.

II. OPEN FORUM

None

III. PRESENTATION - FEDERATION OF STATE MEDICAL BOARDS

Lisa A. Robin, MLA, Chief Advocacy Officer for the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) presented an overview of the activities and services offered by the FSMB. Ms. Robbins also discussed the Interstate Licensing Compact; Telemedicine; Physician Re-entry to Practice and Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs.

Mr. McAnaney arrived at 1:50 p.m.

Dr. Hodgson arrived at 1:55 p.m.

IV. UPDATES

A. Chair Updates

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

B. Department of Public Health

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed Memorandum of Decision - Alkesh Patel, MD - Petition No. 2012-861
Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board.
Attorney Richard Brown was present with respondent. Staff Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health.
Argument was heard from Attorney Brown and Attorney Tilles.
Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to table this matter to the November 18, 2014 Board meeting so that Attorney Brown's and Attorney Tilles' written comments concerning the Proposed Memorandum of Decision can be provided to the Board.
The motion passed unanimously.

B. Request for License Reinstatement Hearing
Clifford Berken, MD

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board.
Attorney Diana Carlino was present with Dr. Berken. Principal Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present for the Department of Public Health.
Argument was heard from Attorney Carlino and Attorney Antonetti regarding Dr. Berken's request for a hearing to determine if he is eligible for reinstatement of his license.
Following advice from Attorney Shapiro, Dr. Hodgson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rexford, to deny Dr. Berken's request for a hearing to determine recommendations for license reinstatement. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. OFFICE OF LICENSURE REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE

A. David Yeager, MD – Petition No. 2014-16

Staff Attorney David Tilles, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present or represented.
Mr. McAnaney made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fellows, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a reprimand and requires respondent to provide the Department of Public Health with 90 days notice of his intent to resume practice in Connecticut.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES of December 16, 2014

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in conference room 1-A.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson
Raymond Andrews, Jr., Esq.
Allyson Duffy, MD
Rabbi Dov Greer
Michele Jacklin
Marilyn Katz, MD
Jean Rexford
Howard Sadinsky, DO
Andrew Salner, MD
Peter Zeman, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT Douglas Fellows, MD
Queenie Collins
Robert Green, MD
Eric Hodgson, MD
Edward McAnaney, Esq.
Edward Monico, MD, JD
Daniel Rissi, MD
C. Steven Wolf, MD

Ms. Emmett called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the October 21, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Ms. Rexford made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sadinsky, to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Salner and Dr. Zeman who abstained.

II. OPEN FORUM

Maureen Dinnan, Esq., Executive Director, Health Assistance InterVention Education Network (HAVEN) reported on the most recent symposium held by HAVEN. The topic of the symposium was the "aging physician." Ms. Dinnan also discussed issues related to physicians use of medical marijuana.

III. UPDATES

- A. Chair Updates
1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
 2. Hearing assignments.
- B. Department of Public Health
- None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed Memorandum of Decision - Alkesh Patel, MD - Petition No. 2012-861
Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. Attorney Richard Brown was present with respondent. Staff Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health.

Argument was heard from Attorney Brown and Attorney Tilles.

Ms. Rexford made a motion, seconded by Dr. Salner, to deny respondent's request to modify the Proposed Memorandum of Decision and to adopt the decision as written.

The motion passed with all in favor except Rabbi Greer and Ms. Emmett who were opposed.

The Order was signed by Ms. Emmett which imposes probation for a period of one year and a \$5000.00 civil penalty.

V. OFFICE OF LICENSURE REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE

A. Jeffrey Simpson, MD – Petition No. 2013-432

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

Dr. Sadinsky made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a reprimand and a \$5000.00 civil penalty.

B. Olakunle Oluwole, MD – Petition No. 2012-961

Principal Attorney Matthew Antonetti, Department of Public Health presented a motion to withdraw the Statement of Charges based on respondent's voluntary agreement not to renew or reinstate his license. Respondent is unable to practice due to injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident. Neither respondent nor his attorney was present.

Rabbi Greer made a motion, seconded by Dr. Zeman, to adopt the Department's motion to withdraw the charges. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Emmett signed the Order.

VI. 120 DAY EXTENSIONS

Prem Nath, MD – Petition No. 2009-20091373

Continued due to respondent's illness. Hearing scheduled for June 5, 2015.

Joel Singer, MD – Petition No. 2012-547

Proposed Memorandum of Decision – January 20, 2015.

Dr. Sadinsky made a motion, seconded by Dr. Duffy, to grant a 120 day extensions in these matters. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION

There was discussion of forming a workgroup with DPH to discuss issues related to privacy of patient information, medical marijuana, use of consultants, adverse events in facilities.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson