

AGENDA
CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION

Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 1:00 PM

**Department of Public Health
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford Connecticut
Hearing Room Third Floor**

CALL TO ORDER

I. MINUTES

January 30, 2019
March 4, 2019
March 20, 2019

II. CHAIR UPDATES

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Reinstatement License Applications
• Richard Scholsohn, DMD
Presented by Judith Bailey, License and Applications Analyst, DPH

ADJOURN

The following minutes are draft minutes which are subject to revision and which have not yet been adopted by the Board.

**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
January 30, 2019**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on January 30, 2019, at the Department of Public Health, 4100 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in the third floor Hearing Room.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:	Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson Lance Banwell, DDS Deborah Dodenhoff, RN Peter Katz, DMD Anatoliy Ravin, DDS – <i>via phone</i> Steven Reiss, DDS – <i>via phone</i> Barbara Ulrich Martin Ungar, DMD – <i>via phone</i> Robert Zager
COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:	None

Dr. Strathearn called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The minutes from the November 28, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Dr. Banwell, seconded by Dr. Ungar.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Oral Argument Proposed Memorandum of Decision
Ean James, DMD – Petition No. 2016-1125

Respondent was present with Attorney Erica Amarante. Staff Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Emily Melendez was present to provide counsel to the Commission.

Dr. Ravin and Dr. Reiss joined the meeting by telephone at 1:06 p.m.

The Board heard argument from Attorney Amarante and Attorney Tilles regarding the proposed Memorandum of Decision.

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zager to adopt the proposed decision as written. The motion passed with Dr. Strathearn, Dr. Katz, Dr. Ravin, Ms. Ulrich and Dr. Ungar in favor. Dr. Banwell, Ms. Dodenhoff, Dr. Reiss and Mr. Zager were opposed. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order which imposes a two year license probation with conditions.

B. Provisional License Applications

• Provisional License Application - Vaibhav Gandhi

Judith Bailey, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Vaibhav Gandhi, to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut, School of Dental Medicine. Following review of the application Dr. Banwell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ravin, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Gandhi. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Banwell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to add two items to the agenda.

- Limited Practice
- DPH Proposed Legislation

The motion passed unanimously.

B. Limited Practice as defined in 20-106a.

The Commission discussed with Kathleen Boulware, DPH, Practitioner Investigation Unit Sec. 20-106a which states, "Designation of limited practice. No licensed and registered dentist shall designate in any manner that he has limited his practice to one of the specialty areas of dentistry expressly approved by the American Dental Association unless such dentist has completed two years of advanced or postgraduate education in the area of such specialty and has notified the Dental Commission of such limitation of practice. Nothing contained herein shall prohibit any licensed and registered dentist who has limited his practice prior to May 8, 1975, from continuing to designate such limitation".

Stephen Carragher, DPH, Office of Practitioner Licensing and Certification will discuss this matter further at the next meeting.

C. DPH Proposed Legislation

Brie Wolf and Jill Kennedy from the DPH Office of Government Relations were present to discuss proposed legislation - "An Act Concerning The Department of Public Health's Recommendations on Dental Practitioners."

The proposal would eliminate the need for a regional practical examination as a requirement for licensure if an applicant completes one year of residency training. The Commission does not take a position on this proposal.

III. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

A. Bilal Ahmed, D.D.S. Petition No. 2016-1114

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Nancy Marini was present on behalf of respondent.

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order which imposes a \$1,000.00 civil penalty.

B. Aman Syed, DDS - Petition No. 2016-687

Staff Attorney David Tilles presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Craig Fontaine was present on behalf of respondent.

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order which imposes probation for six months and a reprimand.

C. Christopher Latvis, D.D.S. Petition No. 2009-2009117

Staff Attorney David Tilles presented a Modification Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Dr. Banwell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ulrich, to adopt the Modified Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order which removes a requirement that respondent cease and desist delegating certain tasks to dental assistants.

IV. DECLARATORY RULING

Minimum accepted requirements for written and practical examinations.

Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Commission.

The Commission discussed the minimum requirements to be accepted for the written and practical examinations by approved regional testing agencies under Conn. Gen. Stat. § 20-108(a).

Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, setting the minimal standards and requirements for the written and practical examinations required under Conn. Gen. Stat. § 20-108(a), which will apply to all testing agencies and to all applicants for a Connecticut dental license. The motion passed unanimously. A written ruling will be adopted at a future meeting.

V. ADJOURN

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
Connecticut State Dental Commission

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**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
March 4, 2019**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on March 4, 2019, at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in the Conference Room C on the third floor.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:	Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson – <i>via phone</i> Lance Banwell, DDS – <i>via phone</i> Deborah Dodenhoff, RN – <i>via phone</i> Peter Katz, DMD – <i>via phone</i> Anatoliy Ravin, DDS – <i>via phone</i> Steven Reiss, DDS – <i>via phone</i> Barbara Ulrich – <i>via phone</i> Martin Ungar, DMD – <i>via phone</i> Robert Zager – <i>via phone</i>
COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:	None

Dr. Strathearn called the meeting to order at 12:18 p.m.

I. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

Ammar Idlibi, D.D.S. Petition No. 2018-1419 - Department of Public Health Motion for Summary Suspension

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present via phone, to provide counsel to the Commission David Tilles, Staff Attorney was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Attorney Shapiro explained to the Commission, that effective March 4, 2019, the Superior Court Ordered a temporary stay of the Commission's September 5, 2019 Memorandum of Decision disciplining the license of Dr. Idlibi.

The stay is effective until 2:00 p.m. on March 18, 2019 when the Court has scheduled a hearing. Therefore, the Commission cannot consider a motion for Summary Suspension at this time.

The Commission scheduled a meeting for 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 to receive an update from Attorney Shapiro. Consideration of the Department of Public Health's Motion for Summary Suspension may occur at this meeting.

II. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 12:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
Connecticut State Dental Commission

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**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
March 20, 2019**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on March 20, 2019, at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in the Conference Room C on the third floor.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:	Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson – <i>via phone</i> Lance Banwell, DDS – <i>via phone</i> Deborah Dodenhoff, RN – <i>via phone</i> Steven Reiss, DDS – <i>via phone</i> Robert Zager – <i>via phone</i>
COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:	Peter Katz, DMD Anatoliy Ravin, DDS Barbara Ulrich Martin Ungar, DMD

Dr. Strathearn called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

I. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

Ammar Idlibi, D.D.S. Petition No. 2018-1419 - Department of Public Health Motion for Summary Suspension

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present, to provide counsel to the Commission. David Tilles, Staff Attorney was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Attorney Shapiro explained, that subsequent to a hearing on March 18, 2019, the Superior Court Ordered denied a stay of the Commission's September 5, 2019 Memorandum of Decision except for payment of the civil penalty. Therefore, the Commission cannot consider a motion for Summary Suspension at this time.

The Commission reviewed the Department of Public Health's Motion for Summary Suspension and a written objection filed by respondent.

Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zager, to grant the Summary Suspension motion in that respondent's continued practice represents an immediate danger to public health and safety. The motion passed unanimously.

A hearing in this matter will be scheduled for April 10, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. The hearing panelists will be Dr. Strathearn, Dr. Reiss and Ms. Dodenhoff.

II. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
Connecticut State Dental Commission