

AGENDA
CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION

Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 1:00 PM
Department of Public Health
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford Connecticut

CALL TO ORDER

I. MINUTES

October 13, 2021 and October 27, 2021

II. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Frank Podrasky, DDS – Petition No. 2021-390
Respondent's Motion to reopen hearing
- B. Schedule 2022 meeting dates

ADJOURN

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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
October 13, 2021

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on October 13, 2021.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Katz, DMD, Chairman
Sarita Arteaga, DMD
Monica Cipes, DMD
Craig Fontaine, Esq.
Mark Longobardi, DMD
Anatoliy Ravin, DDS

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Deborah Dodenhoff, RN
Steven Reiss, DDS
Barbara Ulrich

Dr. Katz called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. All participants were present via the Microsoft TEAMS application.

I. MINUTES

The minutes from the June 16, 2021 and July 20, 2021 meetings were reviewed approved on a motion by Mr. Fontaine.

II. NEW BUSINESS

Provisional License Application – Maria Alvarado, DDS

Judith Bailey, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Maria Alvarado, DDS to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut, School of Dental Medicine.

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Longobardi, recommending approval the Dr. Alvarado's application for a provisional license. The motion passed unanimously.

Provisional License Application – Niloufar Azami, DDS

Judith Bailey, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Niloufar Azami, DDS to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut, School of Dental Medicine.

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fontaine, recommending approval the Dr. Azami's application for a provisional license. The motion passed unanimously.

Provisional License Application – Basama Essawy, DDS

Judith Bailey, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Basama, DDS to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut, School of Dental Medicine.

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fontaine, recommending approval the Dr. Essawy's application for a provisional license. The motion passed unanimously.

Provisional License Application – Rosa Pelaez-Shelton, DDS

Judith Bailey, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Rosa Pelaez-Shelton, DDS to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut, School of Dental Medicine.

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fontaine, recommending approval the Dr. Pelaez-Shelton's application for a provisional license. The motion passed unanimously.

Provisional License Application – Shivani Suvarna, BDS

Judith Bailey, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Shivani Suvarna, BDS to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut, School of Dental Medicine.

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Longobardi, recommending approval the Dr. Suvarna's application for a provisional license. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Cipes joined the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

C. License Reinstatement Application – Roxanne Demoizi, DMD

Judith Bailey, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a license reinstatement application for Roxanne Demoizi, DMD.

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Longobardi, recommending reinstatement of Dr. Demoizi's license. The motion passed unanimously.

Schedule Hearing - Stephen Wolpo, DDS – Petition No. 2019-83

Dr. Arteaga, Ms. Dodenhoff and Dr. Lombardi will be hearing panelists in this matter.

Michael Greene, DDS – Petition No. 2021-577

DPH Motion for Order for Permanent Restriction and Inclusion of Tolling Language

Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, presented a motion for an Order of permanent restriction and the inclusion of tolling language relating to a Memorandum of Decision on January 11, 2021. Dr. Greene was present for the discussion but was not represented.

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Arteaga, that the Department of Public Health's request be denied. The motion to deny passed unanimously.

III. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

A. Dennis Flanagan, DDS; Petition No. 2018-1193

Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Gretchen Randall was present on behalf of respondent.

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ravin, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand and probation for a period of six months. The motion passed with all in favor except Mr. Fontaine who abstained.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Mandatory Continuing Education

The Commission reviewed the current mandatory continuing education courses and made the following recommendations for mandatory course work:

- Professional ethics (relating to treatment of patients; Insurance/billing practices for patient services; communication with patients). HIPAA compliance can be included in this.
- Mental awareness associated with dental patients, (this can be incorporated with the current mental health conditions common to veterans).
- Tobacco use and vaping
- Prescribing controlled substances and pain management; Infection control; Access to care; Medical emergencies in the dental office (including current training in CPR); Sexual assault and domestic abuse; Record keeping/risk management; Cultural competence.

These recommendations will be provided to the Department of Public Health Office of Practitioner Licensing.

III. ADJOURN

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

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Katz, DMD - Chairman
Connecticut State Dental Commission

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**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION
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October 27, 2021**

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COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Katz, DMD, Chairman
Sarita Arteaga, DMD
Monica Cipes, DMD
Deborah Dodenhoff, RN
Craig Fontaine, Esq.
Mark Longobardi, DMD
Anatoliy Ravin, DDS

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Barbara Ulrich

Dr. Katz called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. All participants were present via the Microsoft TEAMS application.

I. LICENSE REINSTATEMENT APPLICATION

Mary Hamill, DDS

Jolanta M. Gawinski, RN, Health Program Supervisor, Department of Public Health presented a license reinstatement application for Mary Hamill, DDS.

Dr. Hamill was present and addressed the Commission.

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Longobardi, recommending reinstatement of Dr. Hamill's license without restrictions. The motion passed unanimously.

II. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

Michael Greene, DDS – Petition No. 2021-577

Department of Public Health Motion for Summary Suspension

Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present but was not represented by counsel.

The Commission reviewed the Department of Public Health's Motion for Summary Suspension and allowed comments from Dr. Greene.

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Longobardi, to deny the Summary Suspension motion.

The motion to deny passed with all in favor except Ms. Dodenhoff who was opposed.

A hearing regarding the Statement of Charges will be scheduled. The hearing panelists will be Dr. Katz, Dr. Ravin, and Mr. Fontaine.

III. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Katz, DMD, Chairman
Connecticut State Dental Commission