

**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**April 8, 2020**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on April 8, 2020, at the Department of Public Health Complex, 470 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in the Room 470-A/B.

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COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Katz, DMD, Chairman – via telephone  
Sarita Arteaga, DMD - via telephone  
Monica Cipes, DMD – via telephone  
Deborah Dodenhoff, RN – via telephone  
Mark Longobardi, DMD – via telephone  
Anatoliy Ravin, DDS – via telephone  
Steven Reiss, DDS – via telephone  
Barbara Ulrich – via telephone  
Robert Zager – via telephone

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COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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Dr. Katz called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. All participants were present by telephone conference.

Dr. Arteaga was welcomed to her first meeting as a member of the Commission.

**I. MINUTES**

The minutes from the January 8, 2020 meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Dr. Longobardi, seconded by Ms. Ulrich. Dr. Arteaga abstained.

**II. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Provisional License Application – Rawan Sarsour, DDS**

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

Mr. Zager made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ravin, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Sarsour. The motion passed unanimously.

**B. American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine Request for Declaratory Ruling  
Treatment of Sleep Apnea with Oral Appliance Therapy**

Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present for this discussion and to provide counsel to the Commission.

The Commission reviewed a request from Nancy Abby, DDS, President, American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine. asking the following:

1. Is it within a dentist's scope of practice to dispense portable monitors when ordered by physicians for patients at risk for sleep apnea? The test results are provided to a physician for interpretation and diagnosis.
2. Is it within a dentist's scope of practice to order portable monitors for patients identified by the dentist as being at risk for sleep apnea? The test results are provided to a physician for interpretation and diagnosis.
3. Is it within a dentist's scope of practice to use a portable monitor to help determine the optimal effective position of a patient's oral appliance?
4. If a dentist does not use a portable monitor to determine the optimal effective position, is it within a dentist's scope of practice to order a portable monitor to verify the effectiveness of an oral appliance? The test results are provided to physicians for interpretation and therapeutic effectiveness is determined by physicians.

Following procedural advice from Attorney Colson, Dr. Reiss made a motion seconded by Dr. Ravin that the Commission proceed with the process for issuing a Declaratory Ruling. The motion passed unanimously.

A notice of the Commission's intent to issue a Declaratory Ruling will be published in the Connecticut Law Journal and will be sent to the Connecticut Medical Examining Board, Connecticut State Dental Association, Connecticut State Medical Society, American Dental Association and the Connecticut Thoracic Society

The notice will also require that requests to participate as a party or intervenor in the Declaratory Ruling proceeding must be filed by June 1, 2020.

C. Oral Argument – Proposed Amend Memorandum of Decision  
Ammar Idlibi, DMD – No. 2016-640

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present for this discussion and to provide counsel to the Commission.

Dr. Idlibi was present without representation. Staff Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health. Dr. Idlibi and Attorney were provided the opportunity to address the Commission.

Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dodenhoff to adopt the proposed amended Memorandum of Decision.

Following discussion, Dr. Reiss voted to approve the amended decision as written, which indicates respondent violated the standard of care in the placement of crowns. Ms. Dodenhoff and Dr. Ravin abstained. Dr. Katz, Dr. Cipes, Dr. Longobardi, Ms. Ulrich and Mr. Zager were opposed. The motion to adopt the amended decision as written failed. Finding of fact 26 of the decision will be changed to indicate that the standard of care was not violated with the respect to the placement of crowns. Dr. Arteaga recused herself in this matter.

D. Proposed Memorandum of Decision  
Ean James, DMD – Petition No. 2019-653

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present for this discussion and to provide counsel to the Commission.

Dr. James was present without representation. Staff Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health. Dr. James and Attorney were provided the opportunity to address the Commission.

Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dodenhoff to adopt the proposed Memorandum of Decision. The motion passed unanimously. The Memorandum of Decision imposes probation of respondent's license until June 1, 2021.

E. Commission on Dental Competency Assessments

David Perkins, DMD, Senior Advisor, Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) provided an update regarding the ADEX non-patient examination.

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

Public Act 19-72 – An Act Concerning Dental Practitioners

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

Brie Wolf, Legislative Liaison, Department of Public Health, Office of Government Relations provided an overview of the background which prompted this legislation. The Commission offered suggestions for technical revisions.

Regarding the provision that eliminates patient-based restorative practical examinations effective July 1, 2021, or upon the Commission's approval of a non-patient-based examination.

The Commission will invite the various testing agencies and American Dental Association to present information regarding the specifics of non-patient based examinations they may offer.

**IV. ADJOURN**

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter Katz, DMD  
Connecticut State Dental Commission