

CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
July 29, 2020

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting by video conference on July 29, 2020.

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

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Steven Reiss, DDS

Dr. Katz called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

I. MINUTES

The minutes from the June 10, 2020 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Zager.

II. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

A. Ralph Giuliano, D.D.S. - Petition No. 2019-695

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt was present for respondent.

Mr. Zager made a motion to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand and a \$3000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously

B. Ean James, DMD – Petition No. 2018-1227

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present for this discussion

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Jody Erdfarb was present for respondent.

Ms. Dodenhoff made a motion to approve the Consent Order which imposes a \$5000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously

III. OLD BUSINESS

Non-patient based clinical licensure examinations

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

The Commission engaged in discussion concerning requirements for clinical competency licensure examinations without the use of patients. Steven Lepowsky, DDS from the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine addressed the Commission regarding this issue.

Mr. Zager made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dodenhoff, to enter executive session to discuss confidential legal communication with Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson. The motion passed unanimously. No votes were taken, and no motions were made during executive session.

Following executive session, Katz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zager, to adopt the following:

In lieu of the one year of clinical based postdoctoral general practice or specialty dental residency program pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 20-107(a) and to protect the public health, welfare and safety, the Connecticut State Dental Commission pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 20-108(a) accepts and approves the results of clinical or practical examinations for applicants for licensure to practice dentistry (applicants) subject to the following conditions:

A passing score on each section (conjunctive scoring) of a mannequin-based examination that includes:

- a. A Class III anterior preparation and restoration of an anterior tooth;
 - b. A Class II preparation and restoration of a posterior tooth with either composite or amalgam material;
 - c. Anterior endodontic procedure on a central incisor: access and obturation;
 - d. Posterior endodontics on a molar: access only and location of canals.
 - e. A ceramic crown preparation on a central incisor;
 - f. A porcelain-fused to metal crown preparation on a bicuspid;
 - g. A full cast crown preparation-zirconia crown on a molar; and,
 - h. The porcelain-fused to metal crown preparation on the bicuspid under paragraph 1(f) above and the molar zirconia crown preparation under paragraph 1(g) above must be on the same arch and parallel to each other for a three-unit fixed bridge.
2. A passing score on each section of a written examination, including the dental skill set examination, the computer-based examination, and the diagnosis and treatment planning examination. At this time, the computer-based examination referenced herein does not include the Dental Licensure Objective Structured Clinical Examination administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examination, which examination remains under consideration.
 3. Applicants must retake any section of the mannequin-based examination that the applicant has not received a passing score on and retake the written examination if the applicant for licensure has not received a passing score on any section of that examination.
 4. Applicants must allow for remediation time before the applicant may retake the written examination and any portion of the mannequin-based examination that the applicant did not pass. Applicants may not retake the written examination or retake any portion of the mannequin-based examination on the same day that the applicant did not pass the exam.

The motion passed unanimously. This will be forwarded to the Commissioner of the DPH for approval

The Commission also recommended to the Department of Public that it accept applicants for licensure who have been only able to take a mannequin examination due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

IV. ADJOURN

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Katz, DMD
Connecticut State Dental Commission