

**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
June 16, 2021**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting by video conference on June 16, 2021.

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
Steven Reiss, DDS
Barbara Ulrich

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Dr. Katz called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. All participants were present via the Microsoft TEAMS application.

Dr. Katz welcomed Mr. Fontaine to his first meeting as a member of the Commission.

Dr. Katz reported that the Commission on Dental Competency Assessment and the Western Regional Examining Board will be merging.

Ms. Ulrich made a motion seconded by Ms. Dodenhoff to add a provisional application review for Esther Ordonez Fernandez, DDS to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

I. MINUTES

The minutes from the April 28, 2021 meeting were reviewed approved on a motion by Dr. Reiss seconded by Dr. Longobardi. The motion passed with all in favor except Mr. Fontaine who abstained.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Provisional License Application – Po-Jung Chen, DDS

Deborah Brown, Health Program Associate, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Po-Jung Chen, DDS to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut, School of Dental Medicine.

Steven Lepowsky, DDS, Dean, University of Connecticut, School of Dental Medicine addressed the Commission in support of Dr. Chen's application

Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dodenhoff, recommending approval the Dr. Chen's application for a provisional license. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Provisional License Application – Esther Ordonez Fernandez, DDS

Deborah Brown, Health Program Associate, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Esther Ordonez Fernandez, DDS to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut, School of Dental Medicine.

Steven Lepowsky, DDS, Dean, University of Connecticut, School of Dental Medicine addressed the Commission in support of Dr. Fernandez's application

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

C. License Reinstatement Application – Mary Hamill, DDS

Deborah Brown, Health Program Associate, Department of Public Health presented a license reinstatement application for Mary Hamill, DDS.

Mr. Longobardi made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ulrich, recommending reinstatement of Dr. Hamill's license. Stephen Carragher, Public Health Services Manager, Department of Public Health addressed the Commission regarding this application.

Following discussion, Dr. Longobardi rescinded his motion.

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Reiss to deny, without prejudice, making a recommendation regarding Dr. Hamill's reinstatement application. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Mandatory Continuing Education

The Commission reviewed the current mandatory continuing education courses which include Prescribing controlled substances and pain management; Record keeping/risk management; Infection control; Access to care; HIPAA compliance; Medical emergencies in the dental office (including current training in CPR); Sexual assault and domestic abuse; Cultural competence; Mental health conditions common to veterans; and Diagnostic technology.

Dr. Kat, Dr. Arteaga, and Dr. Cipes will meet to review these topics for a recommendation to the full Commission. Further discussion by the Commission will be at the October 13, 2021 meeting.

III. ADJOURN

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

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