

**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 1, 2017**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on February 1, 2017, at the Department of Public Health, 410 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
 Barbara Ulrich
 Martin Ungar, DMD
 Robert Zager

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Steven Reiss, DDS

Dr. Strathearn called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The minutes from the December 7, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Dr. Ungar, seconded by Dr. Katz.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

In January, Dr. Strathearn, Dr. Banwell, Dr. Ravin and Dr. Ungar attended the Commission of Dental Competency Assessments (**CDCA**) Annual Meeting in Orlando.

III. INFECTION CONTROL INSPECTIONS

Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Commission. Attorney Colson advised the Commission that if it would like to pursue potential penalties for violations found by the Department of Public Health during infection control inspections, the Commission would need to work with the Department of Public Health in the development of regulations. The Commission itself does not have the authority to promulgate regulations.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Provisional License Application - Sofia Villagran, DDS

Judith Bailey, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Sofia Villagran, 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. Katz, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Villagran. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Dental License Examination Requirements

Stephen Carragher, Public Health Services Manager, Department of Public Health addressed the Commission regarding the current requirements for dental licensing examination. Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell to reaffirm the requirements set forth in §20-108 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

IV. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

A. George Mantikas, DMD – Petition Nos. 2015-1517; 2015-1531

Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Cynthia Coccomo was present on behalf of respondent.

Dr. Ungar recused himself in this matter.

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to approve the Consent Order. Following discussion the motion to approve the Consent Order failed. It was suggested that an increased civil penalty and a provision for hands on course work be added.

VI. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

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

**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
April 26, 2017**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on April 26, 2017, at the Department of Public Health, 410 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
Steven Reiss, DDS
Barbara Ulrich
Martin Ungar, DMD – *via telephone*
Robert Zager

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Dr. Strathearn called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The minutes from the February 1, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Dr. Banwell, seconded by Dr. Reiss.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Provisional License Application - Steve Ruiz, DDS

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

B. House Bill 5756

The Commission reviewed House Bill No. 5756 which would increase the number of members of the Commission by adding a dental hygienist and fourth public member. The Commission did not express any opposition to the proposed legislation.

C. Continuing Education Credits for Commission Members participating in CDCA Exams

The Commission discussed continuing education credits earned by Commission members who participate in the offering of CDCA examinations. It was the consensus of the Commission that members earn no more than 20%.

D. Oral Argument Proposed Memorandum of Decision
Victor Chueng, DDS – Petition No. 2015-914

Respondent was present with Attorney Louis Rinaldi. Staff Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Commission.

The Board heard argument from Attorney Rinaldi and Attorney Tilles regarding the proposed Memorandum of Decision and a proposed Order offered by respondent.

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Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell to adopt the proposed decision which would revoke respondent's license. Following discussion the motion to adopt the decision failed. Ms. Dodenhoff and Dr. Strathearn were in favor of the decision as written. Dr. Katz, Dr. Banwell, Ms. Ulrich, Dr. Ravin, Dr. Reiss, Dr. Ungar and Mr. Zager were opposed. Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Reiss, to amend the proposed decision which would require that respondent's license remain suspended until he passes an infection control inspection by the Department of Public Health and he completes continuing education regarding infection control procedures; and that respondents' license is then placed on probation for a period of two years during which he would be subject to monthly infection control monitoring of his practice. The motion passed unanimously.

III. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

A. Gary Dubin, DDS – Petition No. 2016-201

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Jon Antkowiak was present on behalf of respondent.

Dr. Banwell recused himself in this matter.

Mr. Zager made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a \$2000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Reiss and Dr. Ungar who were opposed. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

B. Julia Faigel, DMD – Petition No. 2015-1326

Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present nor represented.

Mr. Zager recused himself in this matter.

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ravin, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a \$1000.00 civil penalty and a one year probation. The motion passed with all in favor. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

C. Rostislav Krasnov, DDS – Petition No. 2016-138

Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Benjamin Jensen was present on behalf of respondent.

Dr. Banwell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Reiss, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a \$5000.00 civil penalty and probation for a period of four months. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

D. Walter Kostrzewski, DMD – Petition Nos. 2014-313; 1023

Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was present but not represented by counsel.

Dr. Banwell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ulrich, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a \$3000.00 civil penalty and probation for a period of two years. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Ungar who was opposed. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

E. George Mantikas, DMD – Petition Nos. 2015-1517; 2015-1531

Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Jon Antkowiak was present on behalf of respondent.

Dr. Ungar recused himself in this matter.

Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a \$10,000.00 civil penalty and probation for a period of two years. The motion passed with all in favor. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

F. Mehran Zamani, DDS – Petition No. 2012-559

Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was present with Attorney Hugh Keefe.

Dr. Ungar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand, a \$10,000.00 civil penalty and probation for a period of three years upon respondent's commencing practice in Connecticut. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Ulrich and Ms. Dodenhoff who were opposed. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

G. David Vito, DDS – Petition Nos. 2014-1004; 2014-1186

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Neither respondent nor his attorney were present.

Dr. Strathearn recused herself in this matter.

Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ravin, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a \$3000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed with all in favor. Dr. Katz signed the Order.

H. Bruce Patterson, DMD – Petition Nos. 2015-470, 2015-625

Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Jon Antowiak was present on behalf of respondent.

Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to approve the Consent Order which imposes probation for a period of one year. Following discussion, the motion failed unanimously. The Commission recommends a civil penalty of \$2000.00 and a requirement for course work in endodontic treatment be added to the Consent Order.

IV. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

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

**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
June 28, 2017**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on June 28, 2017, at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in Hearing Room 1-C.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
 Lance Banwell, DDS
 Deborah Dodenhoff, RN
 Peter Katz, DMD
 Steven Reiss, DDS – *via telephone*
 Barbara Ulrich
 Martin Ungar, DMD
 Robert Zager

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Anatoliy Ravin, DDS

Dr. Strathearn called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The minutes from the April 26, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Dr. Reiss, seconded by Dr. Banwell.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

Western Regional Examining Board (WREB). - David Perkins, DMD, Chairman, The Commission on Dental Competency Assessments was present and provided an overview of the current WREB policies and changes to the examination. There will be further discussion on this issue at the September 6, 2017 meeting.

Dr. Reiss left the meeting at 1:07 p.m.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. House Bill 5756

Administrative Hearing Specialist Jeffrey Kardys updated the Commission regarding House Bill 5756 (AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE DENTAL COMMISSION) which would increase the number of Commission members. This bill passed the house on May 7, 2017 but has not been voted on by the Senate.

B. Proposed Memorandum of Decision
 Victor Chueng, DDS – Petition No. 2015-914

Respondent was represented by Attorney Louis Rinaldi. Staff Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Commission.

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zager, to adopt the Proposed Memorandum of Decision with the modifications suggested at the April 26, 2017 Commission meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the decision which imposes a period of suspension followed by probation for a period of two years.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Wen Chyi Ying, DMD - Petition No.2015-1073

Hearing Panel recommendation to dismiss the Statement of Charges

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Commission. Respondent was represented by Attorney Craig Fontaine. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton and Principal Attorney were present for the Department of Public Health.

A hearing in this matter was held on June 22, 2017. Dr. Katz, Dr. Ungar and Dr. Banwell were the hearing panelists. During the hearing, on a 2 to 1 vote, the panel recommended to grant a motion to dismiss the Statement of Charges which was orally made by respondent.

Prior to discussion of the hearing panel's recommendation, Dr. Katz and Dr. Ungar disclosed they have previously performed consulting work for Attorney Fontaine. Attorney Antonetti and Attorney Fontaine commented on this issue. Following advice from Attorney Shapiro, Dr. Katz and Dr. Ungar recused themselves from further participation in this case.

The Commission reviewed a Department of Public Health request to reopen the hearing and respondent's objection to the motion and heard argument from Attorney Antonetti and Attorney Fontaine.

Following a recommendation for Attorney Shapiro, Mr. Zager made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, not to dismiss the Statement of Charges and to continue the hearing. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Katz and Dr. Ungar who were recused. Dr. Strathearn and Mr. Zager will be replacement panelists.

B. American Dental Association – Proposed national objective structured clinical exam

David Perkins, DMD, Chairman, The Commission on Dental Competency Assessments was present to discuss a proposal by the American Dental Association to develop a non-patient based national dental licensing examination. Dr. Perkins offered an opposing view point to this examination.

V. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

A. Moin Ahmed, DDS – Petition No. 2015-60

Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present nor represented.

Dr. Banwell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a one year period of probation. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

B. Alicia Mickles, DDS – Petition No. 2017-372

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present nor represented.

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ungar, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

C. Muneet Nanda, DMD – Petition No. 2016-296

Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present nor represented.

Dr. Ungar made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ulrich, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand and a \$5000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

D. Bruce Patterson, DMD – Petition Nos. 2015-470, 2015-625

Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Cynthia Coccomo was present on behalf of respondent.

Dr. Ungar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to approve the Consent Order which imposes probation for a period of one year and a \$2000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

E. Yutdhasak Kjornrattanawanich, D.D.S. - Petition No. 2016-753

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present nor represented.

Mr. Zager made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ulrich, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a \$3000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

VI. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

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

**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
September 6, 2017**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on September 6, 2017, at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in Conference Room 3-C.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson – *via telephone*
Lance Banwell, DDS – *via telephone*
Deborah Dodenhoff, RN – *via telephone*
Peter Katz, DMD – *via telephone*
Anatoliy Ravin, DDS – *via telephone*
Steven Reiss, DDS – *via telephone*
Barbara Ulrich – *via telephone*
Martin Ungar, DMD – *via telephone*
Robert Zager – *via telephone*

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Dr. Strathearn called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The minutes from the April 26, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Dr. Reiss, seconded by Dr. Banwell.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

None

III. OLD BUSINESS

Western Regional Examining Board (WREB)

The commission discussed the changes to the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) examination which are to be effective in January 2018. Chris Andresen, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigation Section and Stephen Carragher, Public Health Services Manager, Office of Practitioner Licensing and Certification were present of this discussion. Dr. Ungar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ravin, that the WREB examination no longer be accepted towards licensure in Connecticut for applicants who take the examination after it changes in January 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. ADJOURN

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:19 p.m.

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

**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
November 29, 2017**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on November 29, 2017, at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in Room 1-C.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
 Lance Banwell, DDS
 Deborah Dodenhoff, RN
 Peter Katz, DMD
 Anatoliy Ravin, DDS
 Steven Reiss, DDS
 Barbara Ulrich

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Martin Ungar, DMD
 Robert Zager

Dr. Strathearn called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The minutes from the September 6, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Dr. Banwell, seconded by Dr. Katz.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

None

III. OLD BUSINESS

Western Regional Examining Board (WREB)

The commission heard a presentation from Dr. Bruce Horn, Dr. Mark Christensen and Sharon Osborn-Popp, PhD on behalf of the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB). The presentation provided an overview of the WREB examination and the changes that will be taking effect in January 2018. The Commission also heard comments from Peter Arsenault D.M.D. from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine and from David Perkins, DMD on behalf of the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA).

No further action was taken regarding the Commission's September 6, 2017 decision that the WREB examination will not be accepted for licensure for applicants who take the examination after January 1, 2018.

IV. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Reiss, to add the review of Consent Orders in the matters of Elke Cheung, DDS and Steven Stirbl, DMD to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

A. Abbas Mohammadi, DDS – Petition Nos. 2016-18; 2016-621

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Beverly Knapp Anderson was present on behalf of respondent.

Dr. Banwell recused himself in this matter.

Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a \$3000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed with all in favor. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

Dr. Ravin and Ms. Ulrich left the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

B. Elke Cheung, DDS – Petition No. 2017-392

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present nor represented.

Dr. Banwell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Reiss, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a \$2500.00 civil penalty. The motion passed with all in favor. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

C. Steven Stirbl, DMD – Petition No. 2015-1279

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Cynthia Coccoma was present on behalf of respondent.

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Reiss, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand a probation for a period of six months. The motion passed with all in favor. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

V. **ADJOURN**

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

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