

**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
January 24, 2018**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on January 24, 2018, at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in Conference Room A on the second floor.

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

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:         Martin Ungar, DMD  
  Anatoliy Ravin, DDS

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Dr. Strathearn called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

**I.        MINUTES**

The minutes from the November 29, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Dr. Reiss, seconded by Dr. Katz.

**II.       CHAIR UPDATES**

None

**III.     OLD BUSINESS**

Western Regional Examining Board (WREB)

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ulrich, to add a discussion of the Western Regional examination to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

David Perkins, DMD addressed the Commission on behalf of the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments.

The Commission also reviewed the presentation made by the Western Regional Examining Board at the November 29, 2017 Commission meeting.

No further action was taken regarding this matter.

**IV.     NEW BUSINESS**

A.       Provisional License Application - *Jai-Mukund Patel, DDS*

Judith Bailey, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Jai-Mukund Patel, 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. Patel. The motion passed unanimously.

**V.       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  
April 25, 2018**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on April 25, 2018, at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in the third floor Hearing Room.

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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  
   Robert Zager

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COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:      Martin Ungar, DMD

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Dr. Strathearn called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

**I.      EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to enter executive session to discuss with Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson a written request by Dr. Strathearn for legal advice pertaining to a letter received from counsel for the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB). The Commission entered executive session from 1:04 p.m. until 1:25 p.m. No motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

Following executive session Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zager, to rescind 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 and to reinstate WREB as a regional testing agency for the dental licensure examination. The motion passed with all voting in favor except for Dr. Strathearn, Dr. Banwell and Dr. Ravin who recused themselves from voting in this matter.

Stephen Carragher, Public Health Services Manager, Department of Public Health (DPH), Office of Practitioner Licensing informed the Commission that the DPH consents to keeping the WREB examination as one of the regional examinations approved for dental licensure in Connecticut.

Going forward, Dr. Reiss, Ms. Dodenhoff and Dr. Katz will meet with representatives of WREB and DPH to discuss the administration and scoring of the WREB examination

**II.     MINUTES**

The minutes from the January 24, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Ms. Ulrich, seconded by Dr. Reiss.

**III.    NEW BUSINESS**

A.      Provisional License Application - Aurora Degollado, DDS

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

B. Provisional License Application - Flor Robles DDS

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

C. Provisional License Application - Seema Kurup BDS

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

IV. **OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE**

A. Thomas Derienzo, DMD - Petition No. 2015-982

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

Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ravin, to approve the Consent Order. Following discussion the Consent Order was rejected unanimously.

The Commission recommends an increase in the proposed civil penalty.

B. Jonathan Mason, D.M.D. Petition No. 2016-251

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

Dr. Banwell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand a requirement to notify the DPH of returning to practice in Connecticut. The motion passed with all in favor. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

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

Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges in this matter. Attorney Craig Fontaine was present on behalf of respondent.

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to grant Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

D. Paul Hanna, D.M.D. - Petition No. 2014-679

Brittany Allen, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Craig Fontaine was present on behalf of respondent.

Dr. Ravin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a \$3000.00 civil penalty and a permanent restriction prohibiting the practice of endodontics. 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 1:50 p.m.

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

**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
June 27 2018**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on June 27, 2018, at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in the Room 1-B.

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

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:           None

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

**II.     MINUTES**

The minutes from the April 25, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Ms. Ulrich, seconded by Dr. Reiss.

**II.     NEW BUSINESS**

A.     Request for Declaratory Ruling - Point of care HbA1c testing

Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Commission. The Commission reviewed a request from Keith Libou, D.M.D., Chief Clinical Officer, Delta Dental of Connecticut, Inc. asking if it is within the scope of dental practice in Connecticut for a dentist to perform point of care HbA1c testing. Dr. Libou was present for the Commission's review.

Following procedural advice from Attorney Colson, Dr. Reiss made a motion seconded by Dr. Banwell 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 Board of Examiners for Nursing, Connecticut State Dental Association and the Connecticut State Medical Society. The notice will also require that requests to participate as a party or intervenor in the Declaratory Ruling proceeding must be filed by August 15, 2018.

**III.    ADJOURN**

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

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

**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
September 5, 2018**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on September 5, 2018, at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in the Room 1-B.

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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  
   Robert Zager

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:      None

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Dr. Strathearn called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

**I.      MINUTES**

The minutes from the June 27, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Dr. Ungar, seconded by Ms. Banwell.

**II.     NEW BUSINESS**

A.      Oral Argument Proposed Memorandum of Decision  
            Amar Idlibi, DDS – Petition No. 2016-640

Respondent was present but was not represented. 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 Dr. Idlibi and Attorney Tilles regarding the proposed Memorandum of Decision.

Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dodenhoff to adopt the proposed decision as written. During discussion Dr. Ungar and Ms. Dodenhoff spoke in favor of adopting the decision. Dr. Katz spoke in opposition stating that in his opinion the care rendered by respondent was appropriate.

The motion to adopt the decision passed with all in favor except Dr. Katz and Mr. Zager who were opposed. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order which imposes a reprimand, a three year license probation with conditions and a \$10,000.00 civil penalty.

The Board heard argument from Dr. Idlibi and Attorney Tilles regarding Dr. Idlibi's request to Postpone Publication of Discipline.

Mr. Zager made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to deny Dr. Idlibi's request. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Declaratory Ruling Proceeding - Point of care HbA1c testing

Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Commission. The Commission reviewed requests asking for statue to participate in the Declaratory Ruling Proceeding.

Dr. Ungar made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ulrich, granting Party Status to Delta Dental Of Connecticut, Inc. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Banwell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Strathearn, granting Intervenor Status with the right to cross-examine to Connecticut State Medical Society. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zager, granting Intervenor Status with the right to cross-examine to Connecticut State Dental Association. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Ungar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ravin, granting Intervenor Status to:

Brenda Schmidt, CEO, Sandeep Wadhwa, MD - Solera Health Inc.

Amy Mechley, MD

Jeffrey Berkley, DDS

Terry McGeeney, MD - Care Accountability, Inc.

Mark B. Desrosiers, DMD

The motion passed unanimously.

Prefiled testimony is due on November 2, 2018 with prefiled rebuttal testimony due on November 16, 2018.

A hearing will be held beginning at 9:30 a.m. on November 28, 2018 at the Legislative Office Building.

C. Anesthesia and Conscious Sedation in Dentistry

The Commission engaged in a discussion regarding a need for revisions to the current anesthesia regulations. Kathleen Boulware, Department of Public Health reported that the proposed changes are currently in the review stage.

*Ms. Ulrich left the meeting at 2:15 pm.*

D. Thomas DeRienzo, DMD – Petition No. 2015-982

Respondent's Motion to Enforce Consent Order

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

A proposed Consent Order was previously reviewed by the Commission at its April 25, 2018 meeting. The Commission suggested changes at that time.

Attorney Tilles presented a Consent Order which was renegotiated between the Department of Public Health and respondent.

Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to adopt the renegotiated Consent Order.

The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order which imposes probation for one year, a reprimand and a \$10,000.00 civil penalty.

E. Provisional License Applications

• Provisional License Application - Ananth Sari Anupindi

Judith Bailey, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Ananth Sari Anupindi, 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. Banwell, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Anupindi. The motion passed unanimously.

- Provisional License Application - Namita Khandelwal

Judith Bailey, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Namita Khandelwal, 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 Mr. Zager, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Khandelwal. The motion passed unanimously.

- Provisional License Application - Elias Mikael Chatah

Judith Bailey, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Elias Mikael Chatah, 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 Mr. Zager, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Chatah. The motion passed unanimously.

- Provisional License Application - Victoria Barany Nunez

Judith Bailey, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Victoria Barany Nunez, 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. Ungar, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Nunez. The motion passed unanimously.

### III. ADJOURN

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

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

**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
November 28, 2018**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on November 28, 2018, at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in the Room 1-B.

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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  
   Robert Zager

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:      None

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Dr. Strathearn called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**I.      MINUTES**

The minutes from the September 5, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Dr. Ungar, seconded by Dr. Banwell.

**II.     NEW BUSINESS**

A.      Oral Argument Proposed Memorandum of Decision

Victor Chueng, DDS – Petition Nos. 2015-396; 2016-1486; 2017-879

Respondent was present with Attorney Richard Brown. 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 Brown and Attorney Tilles regarding the proposed Memorandum of Decision.

Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz to adopt the proposed decision as written. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order which revokes respondent's license.

B.      Provisional License Applications

•      Provisional License Application - Vaibhav Gandhi

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



C. Richard Delvecchio, DMD – Petition No. 2016-1122

Staff Attorney David Tilles presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was present but was not represented.

Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order which imposes probation for one year, a reprimand and a \$4,000.00 civil penalty.

*Break 9:35 a.m.-9:45 a.m.*

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

Western Regional Examining Board (WREB)

Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to add a discussion of the Western Regional examination to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present and provided an update regarding this matter.

During discussion Dr. Katz made motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to issue a declaratory ruling, without further proceedings, as to the minimum requirements to be accepted for the written and practical examinations by approved regional testing agencies under Conn. Gen. Stat. § 20-108(a). The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission will make its determination at its meeting scheduled for January 30, 2019.

**IV. ADJOURN**

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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