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

I. Minutes
The minutes of the December 6, 2006 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Friedman made a motion seconded by Dr. Katz, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Friedman made a motion seconded by Ms. Ulrich, to enter executive session to obtain legal advice from Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson. The motion passed unanimously. The Commission entered executive session from 1:01 p.m. until 1:08 p.m.

II. New Business
A. Proposed Memorandum of Decision
   Michael Maroon, DMD – Petition No. 2002-0516-002-034
Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Commission. Staff Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health (DPH). Attorney Hillary Fisher Nelson was present with Dr. Maroon. Attorney Colson advised the parties and the Commission of corrections to two typographical errors in the proposed decision. Oral argument was heard from Attorneys Tilles and Nelson regarding the proposed decision and a DPH request for modification of the proposed order. Following argument the Commission posed questions to the parties. The proposed decision orders a one-year period of license probation with course work.
Following discussion Dr. Birmingham, a hearing panelist in this matter, provided a synopsis of his findings that respondent did not violate the standard of care and that respondent’s records were exceptional.
Dr. Birmingham made a motion, seconded by Dr. Reiss, to dismiss the charges against respondent because the DPH did not meet its burden that respondent violated the standard of care. The motion passed unanimously. The proposed decision will be redrafted for presentation at the April 2007 meeting.
III. **Old Business**

A. **Richard Shulman, DMD – Petition No. 20064-0928-002-081**

This matter was tabled at the December 6, 2006 meeting so that additional information could be presented to the Commission. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Commission.

Staff Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health. Attorney Craig Fontaine was present with Dr. Shulman.

Dr. Rutt and Dr. Reiss commented that it is their opinion that written informed consent is not required by the standard of care. They further commented that if the Commission were to adopt a Consent Order that alleges that written informed consent was not provided to a patient, the Commission would then be making a ruling that written informed consent is required by the standard of care.

Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ulrich, to reject the Consent Order in this matter. The motion passed unanimously.

B. **Chapter 379 - § 20-103a**

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Commission. Dr. Rutt read excerpts from § 20-103a of the General Statutes. Dr. Rutt stated that the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health (DPH) is not complying with § 20-103a in that the DPH is not seeing the advice and assistance of the Commission regarding the implementation of changes to the practice of Dentistry.

Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations, DPH pointed out that the statute in question requires that the DPH seek the advice and assistance of the Commission regarding the implementation of regulations pertaining to the practice of dentistry.

Ms. Filippone further explained that the DPH has not sought any changes to the regulations pertaining to dental practice, however, the Legislature has approached the Department for input regarding statutory changes to dental practice.

Karen Buckley-Bates, Director of Government Relations, Department of Public Health, commented that any legislative proposals tracked and/or known to the DPH that would affect dental practice is shared with the Commission.

The Commission requested that in the future the DPH approach the Commission for advice and assistance regarding any proposed statutory and/or regulatory changes to the practice of dentistry.

C. **Licensure Application Review**

Jennifer Filippone explained that it is the DPH position that the Commission provides input to the DPH pertaining to the examination of dental licensure applicants but that the licensing process is a function of the DPH and is not supervised by the Commission. The DPH is awaiting comment from the Office of the Attorney General on this issue.

Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor, DPH, provided an analysis of the licenses issued from 12-31-2005 through 12-31-2006. During this period twelve (12) applicants were issued licenses pursuant to the residency training provision.

Dr. Katz made a motion seconded by Dr. Friedman that the DPH limit the licenses of the twelve individuals until they submit proof of having passed the Northeast Regional Board Examination (NERB) or the Clinical Skills Examination. The motion passed unanimously.
C. **Canadian Trained Dentists**
Dr. Rutt commented that it is the Commission’s opinion that the current residency training provision precludes applicants from Canadian Dental Schools from licensure in Connecticut. Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Friedman, that the DPH seek an opinion from the Attorney General before the April 11, 2007 meeting concerning the eligibility of Canadian trained dentists for licensure in Connecticut.

D. **Residency Verification Forms**
Dr. Rutt commented that the residency training forms received by the DPH to date, all applicants for licensure have passed with 100% passing rate. Dr. Rutt stated that the form needs to be modified such that a supervisor’s evaluation of an applicant accurately reflects the applicant’s clinical competency.
Dr. Rutt also commented that the licensing statuses need to be changed such that the examination of an applicant’s clinical competency is required.
Dr. Jack Mooney, President, Connecticut State Dental Association (CSDA) commented that the issue of residency training needs to be revisited and that the CSDA is willing to work with the DPH and the Commission on correcting deficiencies in the current law.

IV. **New Business - cont.**
A. **Dental Hygiene Standards of Care /Dental Assistants “supervision and control”**
Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present for this discussion. Attorney Shapiro advised the Commission that it does not have disciplinary jurisdiction regarding dental hygienist or dental assistants. In cases involving charges of substandard care by a dental hygienist or dental assistant, a hearing officer who would make findings and a recommended decision to the Commissioner of the DPH would hear the case.
Regarding legislation that allows dental hygienists to administer local anesthesia, the Commission commented that the requirement for twenty hours of didactic training and eight hours of clinical training is not sufficient to ensure a hygienist’s competency. The Commission feels that a competency examination is necessary.
Attorney Shapiro advised the Commission that a legislative change would be necessary for implementation of an examination.

B. **Proposed Scope of Practice Legislation**
Jennifer Filippone explained that proposed changes to the dental scope of practice arose from meetings of between dental professionals and the DPH. The proposals are not moving forward at this time.

C. **Executive Session**
Dr. Rutt made motion, seconded by Dr. Reiss, to enter executive session to seek legal advice for the Assistant Attorney General. The motion passed unanimously and the Commission entered executive session from 3:35 p.m. until 3:55 p.m.
C. Proposed Legislation - NERB Examination
Dr. Rutt stated his opposition to a proposal that would preclude a member of the Commission from serving as a NERB examiner. Dr. Rutt will contact NERB for them to send a letter to the Public Health Committee concerning this issue.

D. 2007 AADE Mid-Year Meeting
Jennifer Filippone will explore whether funding is available for a member of the Commission to attend the AADE mid-year meeting.

E. Parking
The current parking structure at the DPH complex was reviewed with the Commission. Jim O’Connell, Chief Financial Office, DPH will approach management of the complex regarding the reservation of parking spaces for Commission members on meeting/hearing dates.

V. Old Business – cont.
A. Patient Protection Legislation
The Commission reviewed a letter from Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH pertaining to a legislative proposal concerning a program for health care professional, which Mr. Peck presented to the Commission at the December 2006 meeting. The Commission has also received communication from the Coalition of Health Care Professionals concerning this issue.
Dr. Rutt made a motion, seconded by Dr. Birmingham, that the Commission has a meeting within the next couple of weeks to discuss the Commissions’ support of legislation for a program for impaired practitioners. The motion passed unanimously. The Board Liaison’s office will coordinate the scheduling of a meeting.

VI New Business - cont.
Scheduling of Hearing Panels
Dr. Rutt made motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, that this item be tabled until the April 11, 2007 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Adjourn
Dr. Birmingham made motion, seconded by Ms. Ulrich, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS
Connecticut State Dental Commission
The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on February 1, 2007, at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Law Library, Second Floor, Hartford, Connecticut.

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:**
- Martin J. Rutt, DDS, Chairman – via telephone
- Gerald Birmingham, DMD, MPH – via telephone
- Robert Friedman, DDS – via telephone
- Merrill Marks – via telephone
- Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS – via telephone

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:**
- Peter Katz, DMD
- Steven Reiss, DDS
- Barbara Ulrich

Dr. Rutt called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

**Proposed Legislation**

**Department of Public Health Proposal - An Act Concerning Patient Protection and Health Care Practitioner Security Fund.**

**Coalition of Health Care Professionals Proposal - An Act Concerning Professional Assistance Program for Health Care Professionals**

Dr. Strathearn made a motion, seconded by Dr. Birmingham, to rescind the Commission’s support of the legislation proposed by the Department of Public Health (DPH) as voted at December 6, 2006 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Strathearn made a motion, seconded by Mr. Marks, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.
The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on April 11, 2007, at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room F, Second Floor, Hartford, Connecticut.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:        Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
                                      Lance Banwell, DDS
                                      Robert Friedman, DDS
                                      Peter Katz, DMD
                                      Lisa Liegeot
                                      Merrill Marks
                                      Steven Reiss, DDS
                                      Barbara Ulrich

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:           Gerald Birmingham, DMD, MPH

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

Dr. Banwell was welcomed to his first meeting as a Commission member.

I. Minutes
The minutes of the January 17, 2007 and February 1, 2007 meetings were reviewed. Mr. Marks made a motion, Dr. Friedman, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Old Business
A. Proposed Memorandum of Decision
   Michael Maroon, DMD – Petition No. 2002-0516-002-034
   Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Friedman, to adopt the Memorandum of Decision dismissing the Statement of Charges in this matter. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Decision.

B. Canadian Trained Dentists
   Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigation, Department of Public Health reported that the Assistant Attorney General has advised the Department that eligibility of Canadian trained dentists for licensure in Connecticut is not affected by the requirements for foreign trained dentists.

C. PGY-1
   Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigation, Department of Public Health reported that subsequent to discussion at the January 17, 2007 meeting, the Assistant Attorney General reviewed the statutory requirements for licensure via the PGY-1 route and determined that graduate dental training completed prior to the effective date of the legislation does not comply with the statutory requirements for licensure. Upon further review the PGY-1 licensure applications, the Department determined that 12 individuals were not eligible for licensure. Each of these Dentists has been sent a certified letter notifying them of their non-eligibility. To minimize disruption to their ability to practice and to ensure compliance with eligibility requirements, they were advise that they must successfully complete an approved regional Board Competency Examination within one year of the date of the letter. Failure to do so may result in license revocation and/or annulment.
D. **Supervision by the Connecticut State Dental Commission**
Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigation, Department of Public Health reported that the Department has received information from the Assistant Attorney General that the Connecticut General Statutes provides for the Commission to supervise the examination process but does not provide for the Commission to supervise the issuance of dental licenses by the Department.

III. **New Business**
   A. **Proposed Memorandum of Decision**
      Dr. Katz, a hearing panelist in this matter, provided a synopsis of the panel’s findings and recommendation for dismissal based on the evidence and testimony presented during the hearing. Dr. Friedman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to approve the Memorandum of Decision. The motion passed unanimously. The Memorandum of Decision was signed by Dr. Strathearn.
   
   B. **Additional Business**
      Dr. Strathearn asked for a motion that would authorize past chairman Martin Rutt, DDS to attend the June 2007 meeting of the North East Regional Board (NERB). Dr. Friedman made a motion, second by Dr. Katz, to authorize Dr. Rutt to attend the June 2007 chairmen’s meeting of NERB. The motion passed unanimously.
   
   C. **Provisional License Application – Gian Pietro Schincaglia**
      Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Dr. Schincaglia to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut Dental School. Following review of the application Dr. Banwell made a motion seconded by Dr. Reiss to approve provisional licensure for Dr. Schincaglia. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. **LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**
   Alan Miller, DDS – Petition No. 2006-0810-002-058
   Stanley Peck, Section Chief Legal Office, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Alan Miller, DDS.
   Dr. Katz made a motion seconded by Dr. Friedman to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the order.

V. **ASSIGN HEARING PANELISTS**
   A. **Douglas Macko, DMD - Petition No. 2005-0310-002-018**
      The Commission selected Dr. Birmingham to replace past chairman Martin Rutt, DDS on this panel
   
   B. **Michael Green, DDS – Petition No. 2005-1024-002-069**
      Dr. Strathearn, Dr. Katz and Mr. Marks will hear this matter.
   
      Dr. Friedman, Dr. Banwell and Ms. Ulrich will hear this matter.

VII. **ADJOURN**
   Mr. Marks made motion, seconded by Ms. Ulrich, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
Connecticut State Dental Commission
The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on September 5, 2007, at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room F, Second Floor, Hartford, Connecticut.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
Lance Banwell, DDS
Elliot S. Berman, DDS
Robert Friedman, DDS
Peter Katz, DMD
Lisa Liegeot
Merrill Marks
Steven Reiss, DDS
Barbara Ulrich

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

Dr. Berman and Ms. Liegeot were welcomed to their first meeting as Commission members.

I. Minutes
The minutes of the April 11, 2007 meeting were reviewed and approved

II. New Business
A. Provisional License Application – Naseema Maiary, DDS
Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Dr. Maiary to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut Dental School. Following review of the application Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to approve provisional licensure for Dr. Maiary. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Provisional License Application – Eric Ruiz, DDS
Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Dr. Ruiz to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut Dental School. Following review of the application Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Friedman, to approve provisional licensure for Dr. Ruiz. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Provisional License Application – Sara Ysaac, DMD
Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Dr. Ysaac to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut Dental School. Following review of the application Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to approve provisional licensure for Dr. Ysaac. The motion passed unanimously.
III. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

David Geelan, DMD – Petition No. 2006-0810-002-057
Stanley Peck, Section Chief Legal Office, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of David Geelan, DMD. Dr. Geelan was not present or represented
Dr. Friedman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the order.

Steven Stirbl, DMD – Petition No. 2006-0127-002-005
Stanley Peck, Section Chief Legal Office, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Steven Stirbl, DMD. Dr. Stirbl was not present or represented
Dr. Friedman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the order.

IV. New Business

A. Single Tooth Nesbits
Kathleen Boulware, Practitioner Licensing and Investigation, Department of Public Health inquired as to whether to the use of a single tooth Nesbit is within the dental scope of practice.

The Commission responded that a single tooth nesbit is an appliance used by dentists practicing in the State of Connecticut.

B. Commission on Dental Accreditation Site Visits
Dr. Strathearn made a motion, seconded by Dr. Friedman, to add the topic of Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) site visits to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.
Dr. Strathearn indicated she received a letter from former Commission chairman, Martin Rutt, DDS, in which he writes that “the dental commission does not participate in the accreditation process of the PGY-1 programs as required by CODA . . .” Dr. Strathearn pointed out that Dr. Rutt’s comment is not accurate. It is not a CODA requirement for the dental commission to be involved in the accreditation process, rather, the commission is invited to designate members to participate. Dr. Strathearn commented that CODA routinely sends notices to the Commission regarding site visits at dental schools and dental hygiene programs and that these notices have been forwarded to the Commission chair for review.
Dr. Strathearn encouraged Commission members to participate in these site visits when invited.
Lamont MacNeil, DDS, Dean, University of Connecticut, School of Dental Medicine was present to address the Board as to the educational programs and initiatives at the Dental School. Dr. MacNeil also encouraged members of the Commission to participate in an on-site evaluation of the Dental School that is scheduled for October 2008.

V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS cont

Paul Dengelegi, DMD – Petition No. 2007-0125-002-003
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Paul Dengelegi, DMD. Dr. Dengelegi was not present or represented
Dr. Banwell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Friedman, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the order.
Michael Greene, DDS – Petition No. 2005-1024-002-069
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Michael Greene, DDS. Dr. Greene was present with representation. Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Friedman, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the order.

VI. CHAIR UPDATES
Dr. Strathearn reported that ADEX and NERB have been informed of recent changes to the Commission membership

VII. ADJOURN
Dr. Reiss made motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
Connecticut State Dental Commission
The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on December 5, 2007, at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room F, Second Floor, Hartford, Connecticut.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
Lance Banwell, DDS
Elliot S. Berman, DDS
Robert Friedman, DDS
Peter Katz, DMD
Lisa Liegeot
Merrill Marks
Steven Reiss, DDS
Barbara Ulrich

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

I. Minutes
The minutes of the September 5, 2007 meeting were reviewed and approved

II. Legal Office Business
A. Robert Villanova, DMD - Petition No. 2006-0810-002-059
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Request to Dismiss Petition in the matter of Robert Villanova, DMD. Dr. Villanova was present with Attorney Richard Brown.
Dr. Katz made a motion recommending that the Department of Public Health dismiss Petition No. 2006-0810-002-059. The motion passed unanimously.

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges in the matter of Gary Lessin, DDS, based on Dr. Lessin’s agreement not to renew or reinstate his license. Neither Dr. Lessin nor his attorney was present.
Dr. Friedman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to grant the Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the order.

C. Marc Craig, DMD – Petition No. 2005-0509-002-037
Roberta Swafford, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Marc Craig, DMD. Dr. Craig was present but not represented.
Dr. Friedman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Reiss, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the order.
III. **Old Business**

**Foreign Trained Dentists**

Assistant Attorney General, Daniel Shapiro provided an update from a previous inquiry by the Commission. Attorney Shapiro stated that pursuant to § 20-107C of the General Statutes, the Department of Public Health may issue a license to a foreign trained dentist provided the applicant has met the requirements set forth in the statues and holds a diploma from a dental college accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). Dr. Strathearn commented that only United States and Canadian dental schools are accredited by CODA.

IV. **Department of Public Health Updates**

A. **Connecticut Mission of Mercy**

Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigation reported that The Connecticut Foundation for Dental Outreach will be holding the Connecticut Mission of Mercy at Tolland High School in April 2008. The program provides care to patients who cannot access or afford dental care. A number of out of state dentists have indicated an interest in participating in this event. The Department and the Connecticut State Dental Association are working to propose legislation that would allow out of state dentists to participate without a current Connecticut license.

B. **North East Regional Board**

Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigation reported that the Department of Public Health will recommend dental hygienists to serve as potential examiners for the Dental Hygiene Examination.

C. **Teeth Whitening/Bleaching**

Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigation reported that the Department of Public Health is reviewing a request from a vendor who wants to set up a client administered whitening service in malls. The Department will seek input from the Commission if necessary.

V. **Chair Updates**

Dr. Strathearn mentioned that the Health Assistance interVention Education Network for Connecticut Health Professionals (HAVEN) established pursuant to Public Act 07-103 is up and running. The program will provide assistance for health care professionals suffering from chemical dependency and/or impairment issues.

VI. **New Business**

**Regulations - License Renewal For Retired Dentists**

Draft regulations pertaining to retired dentists were presented by Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigation for review by the Commission. There was no comment from the Commission for or against the proposed draft.

VII. **ADJOURN**

Dr. Reiss made motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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