

**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 20, 2008**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on February 20, 2008, 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
 Lisa Liegeot
 Merrill Marks
 Steven Reiss, DDS
 Barbara Ulrich

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Robert Friedman, DDS
 Peter Katz, DMD

Dr. Strathearn called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

I. Minutes

The minutes of the December 5, 2007 meeting were reviewed and approved.

II. Chair Updates

Dr. Strathearn reported that the American Association of Dental Examiners will hold its mid-year meeting in March 2008. The issue of 5th year dental education will be discussed. Dr. Strathearn announced that a Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) site visit is scheduled for October 28-30 at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. Any Commission members interested in participating should contact the CODA office.

III. Department of Public Health Updates

Donna Brewer, Section Chief Public Health Hearing Office provided a status update on two cases for which she has been designated a Hearing Officer.

IV. Provisional License Applications

A. Provisional License Application – Felipe Ordonez-Caro, DDS

Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Dr. Ordonez-Caro to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. Following review of the application Dr. Berman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Ordonez-Caro. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Provisional License Application – Khamis A. Hassan, DDS

Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Dr. Hassan to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut school of Dental Medicine. Jonathan C. Meiers, DMD., M.S., Chair, Division of Operative Dentistry was present to answer questions concerning Dr. Hassan's credentials. Following review of the application Mr. Marks made a motion, seconded by Dr. Reiss, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Hassan upon receipt by the Department of Public Health of additional confirmed information from the Marquette University. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Legal Office Business

A. Edward Kardys, DDS – Petition No. 2008-0103-002-003

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Edward Kardys, DDS. Respondent was not or represented.

Dr. Banwell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Reiss, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the order

B. George Mantikas, DDS – Petition No. 2005-0328-002-022

Roberta Swafford, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of George Mantikas, DDS. Dr. Mantikas was present with Attorney John Maxwell.

Dr. Berman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the order.

VI. New Business

A. Proposed Memorandum of Decision

Douglas Macko, DMD – Petition No. 2002-0516-002-034

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Commission. Staff Attorney Roberta Swafford was present for the Department of Public Health (DPH).

Attorney Susan Dixon was present with Dr. Macko.

Attorney Shapiro advised the parties and the Commission of technical edits to the proposed decision.

Dr. Berman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Reiss, to enter executive session to obtain legal advice from the Assistant Attorney General. The motion passed unanimously and the Commission entered executive session from 1:43 p.m. until 1:50 p.m.

Following executive session the heard argument from Attorney Dixon and Attorney Swafford. Following oral argument Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Berman, to enter executive session to obtain legal advice from the Assistant Attorney General. The motion passed unanimously and the Commission entered executive session from 2:03 p.m. until 2:12 p.m.

Following executive session Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to add language to the proposed decision that the Commission finds the testimony of Leslie Perroti to be credible and reliable. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Banwell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ulrich, to adopt the decision as modified. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the order.

VII. ADJOURN

Dr. Reiss made motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
June 11, 2008

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on June 11, 2008, 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.

I. Minutes

The minutes of the February 20, 2008 meeting were reviewed and approved.

II. Chair Updates

Dr. Strathearn reported that Dr. Banwell, Dr. Berman, Ms. Liegeot and herself participated in an orientation program for Department of Public Health Board/Commission members on June 2, 2008 at the Legislative Office Building.

Dr. Strathearn reported that Dr. Banwell participated in the February North East Regional Board Examination at the UCONN Dental School.

Dr. Strathearn introduced Carol Dingeldey, Executive Director and Jonathan Knapp, DMD, President from the Connecticut State Dental Association (CSDA) who were present to discuss the following topics:

- Teeth whitening in salons and spas.
- Mission of Mercy – Licensure for out-of-state dentists who participate in this event.
- Licensure of retired dentists

III. Department of Public Health Updates

Health Assistance interVention Education Network for
Connecticut Health Professionals – (HAVEN)

Maureen Dinnan, Esq., Neubert, Pepe & Monteith, and Thomas Calnon, DDS, (CSDA) gave a presentation regarding the Health Assistance interVention Education Network for Connecticut Health Professionals (HAVEN). This program was developed pursuant to Public Act 07-103. Currently 4 dentists and 1 dental hygienist have signed contracts with the program, and 6 dentists and 1 dental hygienist are being evaluated for participation.

IV. Provisional License Applications

A. Provisional License Application – Emmanuel K. Amoah, DDS

Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Dr. Amoah 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. Friedman, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Amoah subsequent to the DPH receiving the results from Dr. Amoah's Western Regional dental examination. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Provisional License Application – Padma Mukherjee, BDS, PhD

Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Dr. Mukherjee to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut school of Dental Medicine. Steven Lepowsky, DDS, UCONN School of Dental Medicine was present to provide additional information to the Commission. Following review of the application Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Friedman, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Mukherjee. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Reiss suggested, and the Commission concurred that efforts be made to hold a future Commission meeting at the University of Connecticut Health Center so that students of the School of Dental Medicine can attend a Commission meeting.

V. Legal Office Business

A. Arthur Koppelman, DDS – Petition No. 2007-0619-002-046

Ellen Shanley, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Arthur Koppelman, DDS. Respondent was not or represented.

Dr. Banwell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Reiss, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the order

VI. ADJOURN

Dr. Reiss made motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
September 3, 2008

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on September 3, 2008, 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
 Peter Katz, DMD
 Steven Reiss, DDS
 Barbara Ulrich
 Martin Ungar, DMD

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Lisa Liegeot
 Merrill Marks

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

The Commission expressed its thanks to Robert Friedman, DDS for his dedicated service to the Commission the Department of Public Health, and the citizens of Connecticut since his appointment in October 1994.

Dr. Friedman's term as a Commission member ended on July 24, 2008.

Martin Ungar, DMD was welcomed to his first meeting a Commission member.

I. Minutes

The minutes of the June 11, 2008 meeting were reviewed and approved.

II. Chair Updates

None

III. Department of Public Health Updates

None

IV. New Business

Wendy Mendlinger and Norman Mendlinger, D.D.S., P.C. - Petition No. 2007-0313-000-014

Assistant Attorney General Darren Cunningham was present to provide counsel to the Commission.

The Commission reviewed a proposed ruling on a Department of Public Health m(DPH) Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges in this matter. David Tilles, Staff Attorney, DPH explained the motion to withdraw the charges.

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

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to withdraw a proposed Memorandum of Decision in this matter. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Provisional License Applications

A. Provisional License Application – Pradeepa Padmanabhan, BDS

Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Dr. Padmanabhan 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. Katz, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Padmanabhan. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Legal Office Business

A. Gregory Schmitt, DDS – Petition No. 2008-0116-002-008

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Gregory Schmitt, DDS. Respondent was not or represented.

Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the order

B. Aram Agadjanian, DDS – Petition No. 2007-0817-002-064

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

Dr. Berman made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ulrich, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the order

A. Sharon Pattendien, DDS – Petition No. 2006-0811-002-060

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Sharon Pattendien, DDS. Attorney Cynthia Cocco was present on behalf of respondent.

Dr. Berman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the order

VII. Meeting Dates 2009

The following meeting dates were scheduled for 2009: All meetings will begin at 1:00 p.m.

February 4, 2009 – University of Connecticut Health Center, Farmington, Connecticut

May 13, 2009 - Department of Public Health, Hartford, Connecticut

September 9, 2009 - Department of Public Health, Hartford, Connecticut

December 2, 2009 - Department of Public Health, Hartford, Connecticut

VIII. ADJOURN

Dr. Reiss made motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

The following minutes are draft minutes which are subject to revision and which have not yet been adopted by the Board.

**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION
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December 3, 2008**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on December 3, 2008, 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
 Peter Katz, DMD
 Lisa Liegeot
 Steven Reiss, DDS
 Barbara Ulrich
 Martin Ungar, DMD

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Merrill Marks

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

I. Minutes

The minutes of the September 3, 2008 meeting were reviewed and approved.

II. Chair Updates

Regional Board Examinations

Dr. Strathearn will give a presentation on Regional Board Examinations at the February 2009 meeting.

III. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES

• Investigations Protocol

Kathleen Boulware, RN, DPH Practitioner Investigations Unit provided an overview on the complaint investigation process. Additional information will be provided at the February 2009 meeting.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Provisional License Application

Ajay Dhingra, M.D.S.

Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Dr. Dhingra 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. Katz, recommending provisional licensure for Dr. Dhingra. The motion passed unanimously.

B. License Reinstatement Applications

- Yukari Richardson, D.D.S.

Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant, Department of Public Health presented a reinstatement license application for Dr. Richardson. Following review of the application Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ulrich, recommending approval of Dr. Richardson's reinstatement application provide that Dr. Richardson successfully completes a clinical skills evaluation and examination at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. The motion passed unanimously.

- Mel Soriano-Taylor, D.D.S.

Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant, Department of Public Health presented a reinstatement license application for Dr. Soriano-Taylor. Following review of the application Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, recommending approval of Dr. Soriano-Taylor's reinstatement application provide that Dr. Soriano-Taylor successfully completes a clinical skills evaluation and examination at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. The motion passed unanimously.

A review of reinstatement guidelines will be reviewed with the Department of Public Health at the February 2009 meeting.

VI. Legal Office Business

A. Thomas Christie, DDS – Petition No. 2007-0315-002-016

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Thomas Christie, DDS. Attorney Nicole Dorman was present on behalf of Dr. Christie.

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

B. Walter Kostrzewski, DMD – Petition No. 2005-1117-002-074

This matter will be on the agenda for the February 2009 meeting.

C. Victor Terranova, DDS – Petition No. 2006-0120-002-004

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Victor Terranova, DDS. Respondent was not present or represented.

Dr. Berman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

VIII. 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