The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on January 23, 2013, at the Department of Public Health, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in the third floor hearing room.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
Lance Banwell, DDS
Elliot S. Berman, DDS
Peter Katz, DMD
Steven Reiss, DDS
Barbara Ulrich

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Martin Ungar, DMD

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

I. Minutes
The minutes of the December 5, 2012 meeting were reviewed and approved.

II. Chair Updates
The Commission had discussion regarding the ADEX examination as opposed to the current requirement allowing an applicant to have completed not less than one year of graduate dental training as a resident dentist in a program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CDA) to be eligible for licensure as a dentist in Connecticut. Chair Strathearn indicated there will be further discussion regarding this topic at the March 20, 2013 meeting.

III. OFFICE OF LICENSURE REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE
A. Alphonso Mack, DMD – Petition No. 2010-5534
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Robin Weismann was present on behalf of respondent. Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Reiss who was opposed. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order which imposes a reprimand; a civil penalty of $10,000.00; probation for 2 years; and orders respondent to cease and desist from the use of Propofol in his practice.

B. Michael Olkovsky, DDS – Petition No. 2012-1216
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Motion for Summary Suspension in this matter. Respondent was not present or represented. Dr. Berman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Reiss, to grant the Summary Suspension motion in that respondent represents an immediate danger to public health and safety. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order. A hearing in this matter will be scheduled for February 6, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.

IV. ADJOURN
Dr. Reiss made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
Connecticut State Dental Commission
The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on March 20, 2013, at the Department of Public Health, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in the third floor hearing room.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
Lance Banwell, DDS
Peter Katz, DMD
Martin Ungar, DMD

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Elliot S. Berman, DDS
Steven Reiss, DDS
Barbara Ulrich

Dr. Strathearn called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

I. Minutes
The minutes of the January 23, 2012 meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Dr. Banwell.

II. OFFICE OF LICENSURE REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE
Gregory A. Russo, Jr., DMD – Petition No. 2010-5263
Diane Wilan, 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. Ungar, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order which imposes probation for 1 year.

III. NEW BUSINESS
A. The Commission entertained discussion regarding eligibility for licensure as a dentist in the State of Connecticut.
David Perkins, DMD addressed the Commission regarding the practical examination administered by The North East Regional Boards (NERB). Dr. Perkins also spoke as to the disadvantages of a licensure candidate becoming eligible by completion of one year of post-graduate training (PGY-1) in lieu of a practical examination.
David Lynch, DDS addressed the Commission as to content that should be included on a practical examination.
Martin Rutt, DDS addressed the Commission indicating that a statutory change eliminating the PGY-1 provision should be pursued.
Carolyn Malon, DDS and Mark Desrosiers, DMD commented that the Connecticut State Dental Association has not taken a position as to licensure eligibility requirements.
The Commission will hear the position of the Department of Public Health at the next meeting scheduled for June 5, 2013.
B. Proposed Memorandum of Decision
   Scott Bialik, DDS - Petition No. 2009-20091482
Staff Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health. Attorney Thomas Anderson was present with respondent. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Commission. The Commission heard comments on the proposed Memorandum of Decision and their respective motions to amend the decision from Attorneys Tilles and Anderson. Dr. Katz provided a synopsis of the hearing panel’s findings and recommendation. Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Strathearn to adopt the decision as written. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the order which imposes a reprimand of Dr. Bialik’s license.

IV. ADJOURN
Dr. Banwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
Connecticut State Dental Commission
The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on May 20, 2013, at the Department of Public Health, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in the third floor hearing room.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson – via telephone
Lance Banwell, DDS – via telephone
Elliot S. Berman, DDS – via telephone
Peter Katz, DMD – via telephone
Steven Reiss, DDS – via telephone
Barbara Ulrich
Martin Ungar, DMD – via telephone

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Dr. Strathearn called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

I. OFFICE OF LICENSURE REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE

Jeffrey Cavalieri, DMD – Petition No. 2013-331

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Motion for Summary Suspension in this matter. Respondent was present with Attorney Maria Barall. Hearing Officer Olinda Morales provided counsel for the Commission. The Commission heard argument from Attorneys Tilles and Barall. Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to grant the Summary Suspension motion in that respondent represents an immediate danger to public health and safety. The motion passed unanimously. A hearing in this matter will be scheduled for May 29, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. The hearing panelists will be Dr. Strathearn, Dr. Katz and Dr. Reiss.

II. ADJOURN

Dr. Reiss made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
Connecticut State Dental Commission
The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on June 5, 2013, at the Department of Public Health, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in the third floor hearing room.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
Elliot S. Berman, DDS
Lance Banwell, DDS
Peter Katz, DMD
Martin Ungar, DMD
Barbara Ulrich

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Steven Reiss, DDS

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

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION - PENDING LITIGATION
Dr. Banwell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ungar, to enter executive session to discuss with Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro litigation pending in Federal Court in which the Commission is a defendant (LISA MARTINEZ, ET AL., Plaintiffs, v. DR. JEWEL MULLEN, ET AL., Defendants Civil Action No. 3:11-CV-01787-WWE)
The Commission entered executive session from 1:05 p.m. until 1:17 p.m. No motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

II. MINUTES
The minutes of the March 20, 2012 meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Dr. Banwell.
The minutes of the May 20, 2012 meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Dr. Ungar.

III. CHAIR UPDATES
Correspondence
Dr. Strathearn received an email from Nauman Chata, DDS in which he posed questions regarding x-rays being performed by dental assistants and issues regarding “chain dentistry.” Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, DPH addressed both questions and suggested that if Dr. Chata had information of potential practice/statute violations, those concerns should be directed to the Practitioner Investigations Unit of the Department of Public Health

IV. OLD BUSINESS
Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Office of Practitioner Licensing and Investigations also reported with respect to Post-Graduate Dental Training that a total of 222 licenses have been issued to PGY-1 requirements. Of these licensees, 7 have subsequently been the subject of practitioner complaints; four of the cases have been dismissed and three are still pending.

IV. DPH UPDATES
Ms. Filippone reported that effective October 1, 2013, the license renewal process for Dentists, Physicians and Nurse will be processed on-line.
B. Proposed Memorandum of Decision
   Michael Olkovsky, DDS - Petition No. 2012-1216
Dr. Katz provided a synopsis of the hearing panel's findings and recommendation. Dr. Berman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell to adopt the decision. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the order which imposes a $1000.00 civil penalty and a three month suspension followed by probation for three years.

IV. ADJOURN
Dr. Banwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
Connecticut State Dental Commission
The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on September 18, 2013, at the Legislative Office Building, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in hearing room 1-B.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
Lance Banwell, DDS
Peter Katz, DMD
Steven Reiss, DDS
Martin Ungar, DMD
Barbara Ulrich

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

I. MINUTES
The minutes of the June 5, 2012 meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Dr. Reiss, seconded by Dr. Ungar.

II. CHAIR UPDATES
None

III. DPH UPDATES
Kathleen Boulware, Heath Program Manager, Department of Public Health reported that effective October 1, 2013, the license renewal process for Dentists, Physicians and Nurse will be processed on-line.

IV. NEW BUSINESS
A. Proposed Memorandum of Decision
   Ralph Bozza, DDS - Petition No. 2010-5377
Dr. Katz provided a synopsis of the hearing panel’s findings and recommendation.
Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Strathearn to adopt the decision. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the order which imposes a $500.00 civil penalty and a reprimand.

B. Respondent’s Motion to lift Summary Suspension
   Jeffrey Cavalieri, DMD – Petition No. 2013-331
Respondent was present with Attorney Maria Barall. Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health. Hearing Officer Olinda Morales was present to provide counsel to the Commission.
Argument was heard from Attorney Barall and Attorney Tilles regarding respondent’s motion to lift the Summary Suspension of his license ordered on May 20, 2013.
Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Strathearn, to enter executive session to confer with legal counsel regarding a written question by Dr. Reiss. The motion passed and the Commission entered Executive Session from 1:35 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.
No motions were made and no votes were taken in Executive Session.
Following Executive Session Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to deny respondent’s request to lift the Summary Suspension. The motion passed unanimously. Respondent requested that the Commission hold a special meeting before the next scheduled meeting in December to consider a Proposed Memorandum of Decision. Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ungar, that the Commission hold a meeting as soon as possible to consider the Proposed Memorandum of Decision once it is drafted. The motion passed unanimously.

V. OFFICE OF LICENSURE REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE
A. Walter Russo, DMD – Petition No. 2010-20
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was present but not represented.
Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ungar, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order which imposes a one year probation and a civil penalty of $5,000.00.

VI. ADJOURN
Dr. Banwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
Connecticut State Dental Commission
The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on October 23, 2013, 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  
Peter Katz, DMD – via telephone  
Steven Reiss, DDS – via telephone  
Barbara Ulrich – via telephone  
Martin Ungar, DMD – via telephone

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:  
Lance Banwell, DDS

Dr. Strathearn called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS
Proposed Memorandum of Decision  
Jeffrey Cavalieri, DMD – Petition No. 2013-331  
Respondent was present with Attorney Maria Barall. Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present by telephone to provide counsel to the Commission.
Argument was heard from Attorney Barall and Attorney Tilles regarding the proposed Memorandum of Decision and the respondent's and Department of Public Health’s request to modify the decision.

Dr. Ungar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to adopt the decision with modifications proposed by respondent and the Department of Public Health. The motion passed unanimously. The decision will be modified to incorporate changes, requested by the Department, to the terms of probation. The decision will be further modified, at the request of respondent, to immediately stay the three month suspension of respondent’s license.

ADJOURN
Dr. Reiss made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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