The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on February 25, 2015, 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
Peter Katz, DMD
Steven Reiss, DDS
Martin Ungar, DMD – via telephone
Barbara Ulrich

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Lance Banwell, DDS

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

I. MINUTES
The minutes of the December 17, 2014 meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Dr. Reiss, seconded by Dr. Katz.

II. CHAIR UPDATES
Dr. Strathearn announced that The North East Regional Board of Dental Examiners (NERB) is now the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA).

III. OFFICE OF LICENSURE REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE
A. Ammar Idlibi, DMD – Petition No. 2013-1090
Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present or represented.
Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a $2000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

B. Robert Katz, DMD – Petition No. 2012-593
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Thomas Anderson was present for respondent.
Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ulrich, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand and a one year period of probation. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

IV. NEW BUSINESS
License Reinstatement Application – Christopher C. Piccaro, DDS
Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to add this item to the agenda. The motion passed. Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant, Department of Public Health presented a reinstatement application for Dr. Piccaro. Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to recommend approval of Dr. Piccaro’s application. The motion passed unanimously.

V. ADJOURN
Dr. Banwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
Connecticut State Dental Commission
The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on June 24, 2015, 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 – via telephone
Peter Katz, DMD
Steven Reiss, DDS
Martin Ungar, DMD – via telephone

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:**
Barbara Ulrich

Dr. Strathearn called the meeting to order at 1:13 p.m.

I. **MINUTES**
The minutes of the February 25, 2015 meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Dr. Reiss.

II. **CHAIR UPDATES**
None

III. **NEW BUSINESS**
A. **American Association of Dental Boards**
Mina Paul, DMD, President of the American Association of Dental Boards (AADB) was present and provided an overview of the AADB’s Assessment Services Program and the Dentist Professional Review and Evaluation Program. Dr. Paul also discussed the “Buffalo Model” for patient based clinical examinations for licensure.

B. **Provisional License Applications**
Shraddha Marshall, D.D.S.
Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Shraddha Marshall, D.D.S., 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. Katz, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Marshall. The motion passed unanimously.

C. **Rashmi Patel, DDS – Petition No. 2014-153**
Department of Public Health Request for Modification of Memorandum of Decision
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. Attorney Paul Knag was present with Dr. Patel.
Dr. Reiss mad a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to enter executive session to review written legal advice from the Assistant Attorney General. The motion passed and the Commission entered executive session from 1:50 p.m. until 2:03 p.m. to discuss the legal advice with Assistant Attorney General Colson. No motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.
Following executive session the commission voted to table this matter and requested the Assistant Attorney General to request clarification from the American Association of Dental Boards (AADB) Dentist Professional Review and Evaluation Program of its March 2015 evaluation of Dr. Patel.

Dr. Ungar left the meeting at 2:04 p.m. Dr. Banwell joined the meeting at 2:05 p.m.
IV.  **OFFICE OF LICENSURE REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE**  
A.  **Michael Babinski, DMD – Petition No. 2013-550**  
Brittany Allen, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present or represented.  
Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand and a $2000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.  

B.  **Gabriel Shalmi, DDS – Petition No. 2014-894**  
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter.  
Attorney James Siewert was present on behalf of respondent.  
Dr. Banwell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Reiss, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand, a $5000.00 civil penalty and a one year period of probation. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.  

V.  **ADJOURN**  
Dr. Banwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 2:11 p.m.  

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson  
Connecticut State Dental Commission
The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on September 2, 2015, at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in conference room “C” on the third floor.

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

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:  Steven Reiss, DDS

Dr. Strathearn called the meeting to order at 11:01 p.m.

I. **OFFICE OF LICENSURE REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE**

Rocco Carella, DDS – Petition No. 2015-735

David Tilles, Staff Attorney was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present with Attorney Richard J. Pascal.

Hearing Officer Olinda Morales provided counsel for the Commission.

The Commission heard comments from Attorneys, Tilles and Fontaine regarding the Department of Public Health’s motion for Summary Suspension and respondent’s objection to the motion for Summary Suspension.

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ulrich, 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 September 18, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. The hearing panelists will be Dr. Strathearn, Dr. Banwell and Dr. Ungar.

Wilford Samson, DDS – Petition Nos. 2014-1178; 2015-856

David Tilles, Staff Attorney was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present with Attorney Robert Ricketts.

Hearing Officer Olinda Morales provided counsel for the Commission.

The Commission heard comments from Attorneys, Tilles and Ricketts regarding the Department of Public Health’s motion for Summary Suspension and respondent’s objection to the motion for Summary Suspension.

Dr. Banwell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, 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 September 21, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. The hearing panelists will be Dr. Strathearn, Dr. Katz and Ms. Ulrich.

II. **ADJOURN**

Dr. Katz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
Connecticut State Dental Commission
The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on September 30, 2015, at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in room 1-A.

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 1:01 p.m.

I. MINUTES
The minutes of the June 24, 2015 and September 2, 2015 meetings were reviewed and approved on a motion by Dr. Reiss, seconded by Dr. Banwell.

II. CHAIR UPDATES
NONE

III. NEW BUSINESS
A. Provisional License Applications
Yamini Patel, D.D.S.
Judith Bailey, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Yamini Patel, D.D.S., 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. Patel. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Rocco Carella, DDS – Petition No. 2015-735
   Respondent’s Motion to Lift Summary Suspension
Attorney Richard Pascal was present with respondent. Staff Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health. Hearing Officer Olinda Morales provided counsel to the Commission.
Argument was heard from Attorney Pascal and Attorney Tilles regarding respondent’s motion to lift the Summary Suspension ordered on September 2, 2015.
Dr. Ungar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, that effective immediately, the Summary Suspension of respondent’s license be lifted with conditions. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. OFFICE OF LICENSURE REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE
A. Michael Crawford, DDS – Petition No. 2014-1175
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Paul Knag was present on behalf of respondent.
Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand, probation for one year and a $1000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.
B. **James Koputsoukos, DMD – Petition No. 2014-896**  
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was present without representation.  
Dr. Banwell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ulrich, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand and probation for four months. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

C. **Bill Markantonakis, DMD – Petition No. 2014-1021**  
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 made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to approve the Consent Order which imposes probation for one year and a $5000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

D. **Joohyun Kim, DDS – Petition No. 2012-1058**  
Brittany Allen, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Kevin Coles was present on behalf of respondent.  
Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand, probation for six months and a $1000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

E. **David Sandak, DDS – Petition No. 2012-527**  
Brittany Allen, 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 Dr. Banwell, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand, probation for six months. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

V. **ADJOURN**  
Dr. Katz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson  
Connecticut State Dental Commission
The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on November 13, 2015, 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 – via telephone
                                 Lance Banwell, DDS – via telephone
                                 Peter Katz, DMD – via telephone
                                 Steven Reiss, DDS – via telephone
                                 Martin Ungar, DMD – via telephone
                                 Barbara Ulrich – via telephone

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Dr. Strathearn called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

I. OFFICE OF LICENSURE REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE
   Wilford Samson, DDS – Petition Nos. 2014-1178; 2015-856
   David Tilles, Staff Attorney was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present with Attorney Robert Ricketts.
   Hearing Officer Olinda Morales provided counsel for the Commission.
   The Commission heard comments from Attorneys, Tilles and Ricketts regarding Respondent’s Motion to Adopt Minutes and Immediately Reinstate Dr. Samson. Attorney Matthew Antonetti of the Department of Public Health also addressed the Commission
   Dr. Strathearn made a motion, seconded by Dr. Reiss, to grant respondent's motion. Following discussion the motion failed. All Commission members voted against granting the Respondent’s Motion to Adopt Minutes and Immediately Reinstate Dr. Samson

II. Carlos Henriquez, DDS – Petition No. 2015-1050
    David Tilles, Staff Attorney was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present with Attorney Mark Kelly.
    Hearing Officer Olinda Morales provided counsel for the Commission.
    The Commission heard comments from Attorneys, Tilles and Kelly regarding the Department of Public Health’s motion for Summary Suspension and respondent’s objection to the motion for Summary Suspension.
    Dr. Strathearn 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 with all in favor except Dr. Reiss who abstained. A hearing in this matter will be scheduled for December 2, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. The hearing panelists will be Dr. Katz, Dr. Banwell, and Ms. Ulrich.

III. ADJOURN
    Dr. Katz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
Connecticut State Dental Commission
The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on December 2, 2015, at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in room 1-A.

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

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:  Martin Ungar, DMD

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

I.  MINUTES
The minutes of the September 30, 2015 and November 13, 2015 meetings were reviewed and approved on a motion by Dr. Reiss, seconded by Dr. Banwell.

II.  CHAIR UPDATES
NONE

III.  NEW BUSINESS
A.  Provisional License Applications
Yamini Patel, D.D.S.
Judith Bailey, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Maria Sofia Arauz Pizzurno, D.D.S., 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. Reiss, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Patel. The motion passed unanimously.

B.  Health Care Associated Infections
Richard Melchreit, MD of the Department of Public Health provided an overview of the Department’s Healthcare Associated Infections Program.

   Respondent’s Motion to Lift Summary Suspension
Attorney Robert Ricketts was present with respondent. Staff Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health. Hearing Officer Olinda Morales provided counsel to the Commission.
Argument was heard from Attorney Ricketts and Attorney Tilles regarding respondent’s motion to lift the Summary Suspension ordered on September 2, 2015.
Dr. Strathearn made a motion, seconded by Dr. Reiss, that the Summary Suspension of respondent’s license be lifted with conditions that include requirements for infection control and practice monitoring, continuing education and infection control training. The motion passed unanimously.
IV. **OFFICE OF LICENSURE REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE**

A. **Donald Gardner, DMD – Petition No. 2014-1217**
   Joelle Newton, 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, probation for six months and a permanent prescribing restriction. The motion passed with all in favor, except Dr. Reiss who abstained. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

B. **Walter Kostrzewski, DMD – Petition No. 2014-816**
   Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Craig Fontaine was present on behalf of respondent. Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ulrich, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand, probation for six months and a $4500.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

C. **Carlos A. Henriquez, DDS – Petition No. 2015-1050**
   David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Mark Kelly was present on behalf of respondent. Dr. Banwell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand, probation for one year and a $1000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

V. **SCHEDULE MEETING DATES FOR 2016**
   The following meeting dates were scheduled for 2016: All meetings will begin at 1:00 p.m.
   - January 20, 2016 – Legislative Office Building, Hartford, Connecticut
   - January 27, 2016 – Legislative Office Building, Hartford, Connecticut (Snow Date)
   - April 6, 2016 - Department of Public Health, Hartford, Connecticut
   - June 29, 2016 - Legislative Office Building, Hartford, Connecticut
   - September 28, 2016 - Legislative Office Building, Hartford, Connecticut
   - December 7, 2016 - Legislative Office Building, Hartford, Connecticut

VI. **ADJOURN**
   Dr. Katz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

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