

AGENDA
CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 1:30 PM
Department of Public Health Complex – 470 A/B
410-470 Capitol Avenue, Hartford Connecticut

CALL TO ORDER

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 16, 2018

II. OPEN FORUM

III. UPDATES

- A. Chair Updates
- B. DPH Updates

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Joseph Earles, MD – Review of License Application
Presented by Stephen Carragher, Public Health Services Manager
- B. Oral Argument - Proposed Memorandum of Decision
David Parnas, MD - Petition No. 2014-413

V. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

- A. Elvin Griffith, M.D. - Petition No. 2016-1029
Presentation of Consent Order – Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, DPH
- B. Craig Hecht, M.D. - Petition No. 2017-130
Presentation of Consent Order – Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, DPH
- C. David Shenker, M.D. - Petition No. 2017-643
Presentation of Consent Order – Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, DPH

VI. 120 DAY EXTENSIONS

Prem Nath, MD – Petition No. 2009-20091373

ADJOURN

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

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES of January 16, 2018**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in conference room 1-C.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson
Raymond Andrews, Jr., Esq.
Carol Ekonomides, PA
Marie C. Eugene, DO
Robert Green, MD
Michele Jacklin
Marilyn Katz, MD
Brimal Patel, MD
Daniel Rissi, MD
C. Steven Wolf, MD
Andrew Yuan, DO
Peter Zeman, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Allyson Duffy, MD
Joseph Kaliko, Esq.
Edward McAnaney, Esq.
Jean Rexford

Ms. Emmett called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Dr. Eugene was welcomed to her first meeting as a member of the Board.

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the November 21, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Rissi, to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor except Mr. Andrews, Ms. Ekonomides and Dr. Eugene who abstained.

II. OPEN FORUM

None

III. UPDATES

A. Chair Updates
None

Dr. Patel arrived at 1:32 p.m.

B. Department of Public Health

Christian Andresen, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations, Department of Public Health reported on the following:

- Health Care Quality & Safety Branch Chief Wendy Furniss has retired from Department of Public Health and Barbara Cass has been appointed as the new Branch Chief.
- At this time the DPH has no pending legislation for 2018 that will be of interest to the Board.
- Licensure Compact – At this time Connecticut will not be participating in the licensure compact.

- Complaint investigations have increased subsequent to the enactment of Connecticut General Statutes Section 19a-12e which requires the reporting of impaired practitioners. Investigations of impaired practitioners has increased by about 50 per year.
- There has not been notable increase in investigations relating to sexual misconduct/harassment? The numbers of complaints have been fairly consistent over the past few years.
- The Health Assistance InterVention Education Network (HAVEN) has received funding that was earmarked pursuant the \$5.00 increase in healthcare provider licensing fees which went into effect on October 1, 2015?

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Joseph Earles, MD – Review of License Application

Celeste Dowdell, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a license application of Joseph Earles, MD. The Board reviewed this application at its November 21, 2017 and December 19, 2017 meeting at which time the Board requested that additional information be submitted.

Following discussion Dr. Zeman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Yuan to table this matter to allow the DPH to communicate with Yale University and suggest that Yale apply for a residency training permit for Dr. Earles and offer an invitation to attend the next Board meeting if any questions remain. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Oral Argument - Proposed Memorandum of Decision

Mark Melendez, MD – Petition No. 2014-737

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Staff Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health. Attorney Michael Neubert was present with respondent.

Argument was heard from Attorney Neubert and Attorney Tilles regarding the proposed decision.

Dr. Green, Ms. Jacklin and Dr. Rissi, provided a synopsis of the hearing panel's findings and recommendation.

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Zeman, to adopt the Memorandum of Decision as written. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Eugen who abstained.

Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a period of probation to complete courser work.

C. Ada Jemison, MD – Review of License Application

Janine Cordero, License and Applications Specialist, Department of Public Health presented a license reinstatement application of Ada Jemison, MD. Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz recommending that Dr. Jemison's license be reinstated. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Eugen who abstained.

V. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

A. John Kaczmarek, M.D. - Petition No. 2015-1551

Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was present with Attorney James Biondo.

Dr. Yuan made a motion, seconded by Dr. Patel to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Green and Ms. Jacklin who were opposed, and Dr. Eugen who abstained. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a reprimand.

B. Joseph Guarnaccia, M.D. - Petition No. 2017-1169

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present nor represented.

Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Eugene and Dr. Yuan who abstained. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a reprimand.

VI. 120 DAY EXTENSIONS

Mohan Kaza, MD - Petition No. 2015-1108

Hearing completed – Proposed Decision being reviewed by the Assistant Attorney General.

David Parnas, MD - Petition No. 2014-413

Hearing completed – Proposed Decision being drafted.

Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Zeman, to grant a 120 day extension in these matters. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson