

AGENDA
CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 1:30 PM
Legislative Office Building
Conference Room 2-A
300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford Connecticut

CALL TO ORDER

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 16, 2019

II. OPEN FORUM

III. UPDATES

A. Chair Updates

B. DPH Updates

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Reinstatement process for individuals who have continued to practice with a lapsed license

Stephen Carragher, Public Health Services Manager, DPH

B. Review of License Reinstatement Application

Presented by Celeste Dowdell, License and Applications Analyst

- Ashel Sanchez-Mitchell, MD

- Martin Bernard, MD

V. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

A. Lyncyna Kolakowski, MD - Petition No. 2018-765

Presentation of Consent Order – Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, DPH

B. Jane Srinivasan, MD - Petition No. 2018-716

Presentation of Consent Order – Brittany Allen, Staff Attorney, DPH

C. Constance Tambakis-Odom, MD - Petition No. 2018-1380

Presentation of Consent Order – Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, DPH

D. Christine Cornachio, MD – Petition No. 2019-649

Presentation of Consent Order – David Tilles, Staff Attorney, DPH

VI 120 DAY EXTENSIONS

ADJOURN

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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 July 16, 2019**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in conference room 2-B.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson
Raymond Andrews, Jr., Esq
Allyson Duffy, MD
Carol Ekonomides, PA
Marie C. Eugene, DO
Robert Green, MD
Michele Jacklin
Marilyn Katz, MD
Edward McAnaney, Esq
Brimal Patel, MD
Daniel Rissi, MD
Harold Sauer, MD
C. Steven Wolf, MD
Andrew Yuan, DO
Peter Zeman, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jean Rexford

Ms. Emmett called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the May 21, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Mr. Andrews to approve the minutes as edited. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Duffy and Dr. Zeman, who abstained.

II. OPEN FORUM

None

III. UPDATES

A. Chair Updates

1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
2. Hearing assignments.

B. Department of Public Health

Christian Andresen, Section Chief, Department of Public Health was present to discuss issues raised by Board Member Jean Rexford at the last meeting.

Mr. Andresen reported that the DPH is reviewing the issue of Licensure Compact. The Connecticut State Medical Society has been contracted for input. The Medical Society does not have a position at this time.

Mr. Andresen indicated that criminal background checks for physicians are not required by statute. For those professions that background checks are required, the Connecticut State police is the authority required to perform this task. There is a proposal to allow private contractors to perform background checks because this process is putting a strain on State Police resources.

Civil Penalties collected from disciplinary actions are sent to the State of Connecticut General Fund. To designate the monies collected for licensure purposes would require a statutory change.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Criteria for license reinstatement/reentry to practice.

Stephen Carragher, Public Health Services Manager, Office of Practitioner Licensing and Certification reported that the Federation of State Medical Boards, Special Purpose Examination (SPEX) is used by 17 state on a case by case basis for practitioners who have been out of clinical practice from anywhere between 2 and 10 years. Other conditions required by states include current continuing education, practice monitoring upon return to practice, personal interviews, competency evaluations, and passing of Specialty Board certification examinations.

The Board would like to explore the issuance reinstatement quid lines or adoption of the Federation of State Medical Boards guidelines for physician reinstatement.

Andrew Mendenhall, MD – Review of License Reinstatement Application

Celeste Dowdell, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a license reinstatement application for Andrew Mendenhall, MD.

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Mr. McAnaney, recommending that Dr. Mendenhall's license reinstatement be approved. The motion unanimously.

V. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

A. James Bucci, MD - Petition No. 2017-1049

Staff Attorney David Tilles, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Gregory Gagne was present on behalf of respondent. A Consent Order in this matter was rejected at the May 21, 2019 meeting and revisions were suggested.

Mr. McAnaney made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to adopt this Consent Order as written.

The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Patel who abstained.

Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a reprimand, an \$8000.00 civil penalty and requires respondent not to reinstate his controlled substance registration.

B. William Guinan, MD - Petition No. 2017-1476

Staff Attorney David Tilles, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was present with Attorney Karen Noble.

Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Rissi, to adopt the Consent Order as written. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Jacklin and Mr. McAnaney who were opposed and Dr. Green who abstained. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a reprimand, a \$10,000.00 civil penalty and a period of probation with conditions.

C. Naeem Sarfraz, MD - Petition No. 2016-1394

Staff Attorney David Tilles, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was present with Attorney Michael Neubert.

Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green, to adopt the Consent Order as written. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Jacklin and Dr. Sauer who were opposed, Dr. Patel and Dr. Yuan who abstained and Dr. Rissi who was recused. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a reprimand, a \$7500.00 civil penalty and probation for a period of eighteen months

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- Paul Willette, MD - Petition No. 2016-1305
Hearing continued to February 2020.
- Ajay Ahuja, MD - Petition No. 2017-524
Hearing to be rescheduled to October 2019

Dr. Rissi made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf to grant extensions in these matters. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson