

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES of January 21, 2020**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in conference room 1-A.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson
Raymond Andrews, Jr., Esq.
Allyson Duffy, MD
Carol Ekonomides, PA
Robert Green, MD
Michele Jacklin
Marilyn Katz, MD
Shawn London, MD
Brimal Patel, MD – *via phone*
Jean Rexford
Daniel Rissi, MD
David Schwindt, MD
C. Steven Wolf, MD
Andrew Yuan, DO
Peter Zeman, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Marie C. Eugene, DO
Harold Sauer, MD

Ms. Emmett called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the November 19, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Mr. Andrews to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor.

II. OPEN FORUM

None

III. UPDATES

A. Chair Updates

- Dr. Sauer will attend the annual meeting of the Federation of State Medical Boards.
- Monthly tracking of pending cases.
- Hearing assignments.

B. Department of Public Health

None.

Mr. McAnaney arrive at 1:39 p.m.

IV. PRESENTATION - HEALTH ASSISTANCE INTERVENTION EDUCATION NETWORK

Maureen Dinnan, Executive provided an annual update regarding the Haven Program and the services offered to participants. Ms. Dinnan reported that referrals to HAVEN have increased by 54% from 2015 through 2019. At the end of 2019 there were 332 active participants in the program. 157 individuals were new to the program in 2019, of which 44 are physicians and 4 are physician assistants.

Dr. Schwindt arrived at 1:45 p.m.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. James Montuorri, DO – Review of License Reinstatement Application

Celeste Dowdell, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a license reinstatement application for James Montuorri, DO.

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

B. Proposed Memorandum of Decision re; License Reinstatement
John Lynch, MD

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. Dr. Lynch was present with Attorney James Biondo.

The Board reviewed the proposed Memorandum of Decision in this matter and heard comments from Attorney Tilles and Attorney Biondo.

Mr. Andrews made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ekonomides, to adopt the Memorandum of Decision as amended. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. London and Dr. Zeman who recused themselves from voting.

Ms. Emmett signed the Order which reinstates Dr. Lynch's license with conditions.

VI. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

A. Cheryl McDonald, PA - Petition No. 2017-1495

Staff Attorney Brittany Allen, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Jonathan Kocienda was present with respondent.

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

The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a \$2,500.00 civil penalty.

B. Sundaramurthy Balachandran, MD - Petition No. 2019-486

Staff Attorney Brittany Allen, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present and was not represented by counsel.

Mr. McAnaney made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ekonomides, to adopt the Consent Order as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a \$1,000.00 civil penalty.

C. David Marks, M.D. - Petition No. 2016-791

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

Dr. Zeman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green, to adopt the Consent Order as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a reprimand, a \$7,500.00 civil penalty, and probation for one year.

VII. 120 DAY EXTENSIONS

- Kakar Gyambibi, MD- Petition No. 2017-160
Hearing completed. Decision being drafted.
- Nimrod Lavi, MD- Petition No. 2016-619
Hearing continued to February 13, 2020.
- Paul Willette, MD - Petition No. 2016-1305
Hearing continued to February 18, 2020.

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

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson