

**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
January 26, 2022**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on January 26, 2022.

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COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Katz, DMD, Chairman  
Sarita Arteaga, DMD  
Monica Cipes, DMD  
Deborah Dodenhoff, RN  
Craig Fontaine, Esq.  
Mark Longobardi, DMD  
Anatoliy Ravin, DDS

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Barbara Ulrich

ALSO PRESENT: Olinda Morales, Hearing Office, DPH (Counsel for the Commission)  
Jeffrey Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH

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Dr. Katz called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. All participants were present via the Microsoft TEAMS application.

**I. MINUTES**

The minutes from the December 8, 2021 meeting were reviewed approved on a motion by Dr. Ravin.

**II. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE**

A. Jeffrey Cavalieri, D.D.S. - Petition No. 2019-1182  
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent and his counsel were not present.  
Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ravin, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand, a six month period of probation, and a \$500.00 civil penalty. The motion passed with all in favor except Mr. Fontaine who recused himself.

*Dr. Arteaga arrive at 1:07 p.m.*

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Declaratory Ruling  
Requirements for Use of Unattended Cardiorespiratory Portable Monitors, a/k/a Portable Monitors, to Aid in Diagnosis and Treatment of Sleep Apnea

Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present for this discussion. Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cipes, to adopt the Proposed Declaratory Ruling which determines the following:

- It is within a dentist's scope of practice to dispense portable monitors, when ordered by physicians for patients at risk for sleep apnea, and the test results are provided to the physician for interpretation and diagnosis.
- It is not within a dentist's scope of practice to order portable monitors for patients identified by the dentist as being at risk for sleep apnea and the test results are provided to the physician for interpretation and diagnosis, without a request by a physician
- It is within a dentist's scope of practice to use a portable monitor to help determine the optimal effective position of a patient's oral appliance, provided the dentist is properly trained.

- If the dentist is not appropriately trained in the use of, and does not use a portable monitor to determine optimal effective position of a patient's oral appliance, it is not within the dentist's scope of practice to order a portable monitor to verify the effectiveness of the oral appliance when the test results are provided to a physician for interpretation and therapeutic effectiveness is determined by a physician.

The motion passed with all in favor except Mr. Fontaine who abstained. The Proposed Ruling will be forwarded to the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health for review and approval.

**IV. ADJOURN**

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter Katz, DMD - Chairman  
Connecticut State Dental Commission