

**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
January 30, 2019**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on January 30, 2019, at the Department of Public Health, 4100 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in the third floor Hearing Room.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
 Lance Banwell, DDS
 Deborah Dodenhoff, RN
 Peter Katz, DMD
 Anatoliy Ravin, DDS – *via phone*
 Steven Reiss, DDS – *via phone*
 Barbara Ulrich
 Martin Ungar, DMD – *via phone*
 Robert Zager

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

I. MINUTES

The minutes from the November 28, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Dr. Banwell, seconded by Dr. Ungar.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Oral Argument Proposed Memorandum of Decision
 Ean James, DMD – Petition No. 2016-1125

Respondent was present with Attorney Erica Amarante. Staff Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Emily Melendez was present to provide counsel to the Commission.

Dr. Ravin and Dr. Reiss joined the meeting by telephone at 1:06 p.m.

The Board heard argument from Attorney Amarante and Attorney Tilles regarding the proposed Memorandum of Decision.

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zager to adopt the proposed decision as written.

The motion passed with Dr. Strathearn, Dr. Katz, Dr. Ravin, Ms. Ulrich and Dr. Ungar in favor.

Dr. Banwell, Ms. Dodenhoff, Dr. Reiss and Mr. Zager were opposed.

Dr. Strathearn signed the Order which imposes a two year license probation with conditions.

B. Provisional License Applications

• Provisional License Application - Vaibhav Gandhi

Judith Bailey, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Vaibhav Gandhi, 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. Ravin, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Gandhi. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Banwell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to add two items to the agenda.

- Limited Practice
- DPH Proposed Legislation

The motion passed unanimously.

B. Limited Practice as defined in 20-106a.

The Commission discussed with Kathleen Boulware, DPH, Practitioner Investigation Unit Sec. 20-106a which states, "Designation of limited practice. No licensed and registered dentist shall designate in any manner that he has limited his practice to one of the specialty areas of dentistry expressly approved by the American Dental Association unless such dentist has completed two years of advanced or postgraduate education in the area of such specialty and has notified the Dental Commission of such limitation of practice. Nothing contained herein shall prohibit any licensed and registered dentist who has limited his practice prior to May 8, 1975, from continuing to designate such limitation".

Stephen Carragher, DPH, Office of Practitioner Licensing and Certification will discuss this matter further at the next meeting.

C. DPH Proposed Legislation

Brie Wolf and Jill Kennedy from the DPH Office of Government Relations were present to discuss proposed legislation - "An Act Concerning The Department of Public Health's Recommendations on Dental Practitioners."

The proposal would eliminate the need for a regional practical examination as a requirement for licensure if an applicant completes one year of residency training. The Commission does not take a position on this proposal.

III. **OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE**

A. Bilal Ahmed, D.D.S. Petition No. 2016-1114

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Nancy Marini was present on behalf of respondent.

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order which imposes a \$1,000.00 civil penalty.

B. Aman Syed, DDS - Petition No. 2016-687

Staff Attorney David Tilles presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Craig Fontaine was present on behalf of respondent.

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order which imposes probation for six months and a reprimand.

C. Christopher Latvis, D.D.S. Petition No. 2009-2009117

Staff Attorney David Tilles presented a Modification Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Dr. Banwell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ulrich, to adopt the Modified Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order which removes a requirement that respondent cease and desist delegating certain tasks to dental assistants.

IV. DECLARATORY RULING

Minimum accepted requirements for written and practical examinations.

Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Commission. The Commission discussed the minimum requirements to be accepted for the written and practical examinations by approved regional testing agencies under Conn. Gen. Stat. § 20-108(a).

Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, setting the minimal standards and requirements for the written and practical examinations required under Conn. Gen. Stat. § 20-108(a), which will apply to all testing agencies and to all applicants for a Connecticut dental license. The motion passed unanimously. A written ruling will be adopted at a future meeting.

V. ADJOURN

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

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

**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
March 4, 2019**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on March 4, 2019, at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in the Conference Room C on the third floor.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson – *via phone*
Lance Banwell, DDS – *via phone*
Deborah Dodenhoff, RN – *via phone*
Peter Katz, DMD – *via phone*
Anatoliy Ravin, DDS – *via phone*
Steven Reiss, DDS – *via phone*
Barbara Ulrich – *via phone*
Martin Ungar, DMD – *via phone*
Robert Zager – *via phone*

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Dr. Strathearn called the meeting to order at 12:18 p.m.

I. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

Ammar Idlibi, D.D.S. Petition No. 2018-1419 - Department of Public Health Motion for Summary Suspension

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present via phone, to provide counsel to the Commission David Tilles, Staff Attorney was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Attorney Shapiro explained to the Commission, that effective March 4, 2019, the Superior Court Ordered a temporary stay of the Commission's September 5, 2019 Memorandum of Decision disciplining the license of Dr. Idlibi.

The stay is effective until 2:00 p.m. on March 18, 2019 when the Court has scheduled a hearing. Therefore, the Commission cannot consider a motion for Summary Suspension at this time.

The Commission scheduled a meeting for 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 to receive an update from Attorney Shapiro. Consideration of the Department of Public Health's Motion for Summary Suspension may occur at this meeting.

II. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 12:39 p.m.

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

**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
March 20, 2019**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on March 20, 2019, at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in the Conference Room C on the third floor.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson – *via phone*
Lance Banwell, DDS – *via phone*
Deborah Dodenhoff, RN – *via phone*
Steven Reiss, DDS – *via phone*
Robert Zager – *via phone*

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Peter Katz, DMD
Anatoliy Ravin, DDS
Barbara Ulrich
Martin Ungar, DMD

Dr. Strathearn called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

I. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

Ammar Idlibi, D.D.S. Petition No. 2018-1419 - Department of Public Health Motion for Summary Suspension

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present, to provide counsel to the Commission David Tilles, Staff Attorney was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Attorney Shapiro explained, that subsequent to a hearing on March 18, 2019, the Superior Court Ordered denied a stay of the Commission's September 5, 2019 Memorandum of Decision except for payment of the civil penalty. Therefore, the Commission cannot consider a motion for Summary Suspension at this time.

The Commission reviewed the Department of Public Health's Motion for Summary Suspension and a written objection filed by respondent.

Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zager, to grant the Summary Suspension motion in that respondent's continued practice represents an immediate danger to public health and safety. The motion passed unanimously.

A hearing in this matter will be scheduled for April 10, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. The hearing panelists will be Dr. Strathearn, Dr. Reiss and Ms. Dodenhoff.

II. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

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

**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
April 10, 2019**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on April 10, 2019, 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 phone*
Lance Banwell, DDS – *via phone*
Deborah Dodenhoff, RN – *via phone*
Peter Katz, DMD – *via phone*
Anatoliy Ravin, DDS – *via phone*
Steven Reiss, DDS – *via phone*
Barbara Ulrich – *via phone*
Robert Zager – *via phone*

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Martin Ungar, DMD

Dr. Strathearn called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The minutes from the January 30, 2019; March 4, 2019 and March 20, 2019 meetings were reviewed and approved on a motion by Dr. Banwell, seconded by Dr. Reiss.

II. NEW BUSINESS

Reinstatement License Applications

- Richard Scholsohn, DMD

Judith Bailey, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health reported that Dr. Scholsohn has withdrawn his application at this time. No action needed.

- Daniel Segal, DMD

Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to add Dr. Segal's application to the agenda for review. The motion passed unanimously.

Judith Bailey, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented the reinstatement application for Dr. Segal.

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ulrich, to recommend approval for license reinstatement. The motion passed unanimously.

III. ADJOURN

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

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

**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
June 12, 2019**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on June 12, 2019, at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in the Room 1-B.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
 Lance Banwell, DDS
 Deborah Dodenhoff, RN
 Peter Katz, DMD
 Anatoliy Ravin, DDS
 Steven Reiss, DDS
 Barbara Ulrich
 Robert Zager

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

It was announced that Martin Ungar, DMD resigned from the Commission effective June 5, 2019.

I. MINUTES

The minutes from the April 10, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Dr. Katz, seconded by Dr. Reiss.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Reinstatement License Applications

- Richard Risinger, DDS

Judith Bailey, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a reinstatement application for Dr. Risinger.

Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to recommend approval for license reinstatement. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Proposed Declaratory Ruling – HbA1C Testing

This matter is tabled to the September 4, 2019 meeting. It was noted that HbA1c testing has been addressed in House Bill No. 7307 which is awaiting signature by the Governor

C. Western Regional Examining Board

Mr. Zager made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to enter executive session to discuss confidential legal communication from the Office of the Attorney General. The motion passed unanimously and the Commission entered executive session with Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson from 1:10 p.m. until 1:45 p.m.

No motion were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

Following Executive session Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Reiss, that the Commission seek advice from the Office of State Ethics Officer regarding the relationship between the Commission and the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA). The motion passed unanimously. This request will be made through the Department of Public Health Ethics Officer.

D. Declaratory Ruling - Dental Licensing Examination Requirements

Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present for this matter.

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Reiss, to adopt the Declaratory ruling which sets minimum standards and requirements for the written and practical licensure examinations. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

E. Selection of Hearing Panels

- Anthony Colandrea, DMD – Petition No. 2014-811
Dr. Katz, Dr. Reiss and Ms. Dodenhoff will be the hearing panel for this matter.
- Michael Greene, DDS – Petition No. 2017-1126
Dr. Reiss, Dr. Ravin and Mr. Zager will be the hearing panel for this matter.

III. **OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE**

Ean James, DMD – Petition No. 2019-653

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, DPH presented a Motion for Summary Suspension in this matter.

Dr. James was present but was not represented by counsel.

Following review Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zager to deny the motion for Summary Suspension but to expedite the scheduling of a hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

The hearing will be held on June 24, 2019. The hearing panel will be Dr. Katz, Ms. Dodenhoff and Dr. Ravin.

IV. **ADJOURN**

Prior to adjournment, Dr. Strathearn announced that due to relocating to another State she will be resigning from the Commission effective June 13, 2019. Dr. Strathearn was thanked for her many years of service to the Commission.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Katz, DMDS
Connecticut State Dental Commission

**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
July 9, 2019**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on July 9, 2019, at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in the Room 1-B.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Deborah Dodenhoff, RN – *via telephone*
Peter Katz, DMD – *via telephone*
Anatoliy Ravin, DDS – *via telephone*
Steven Reiss, DDS – *via telephone*
Barbara Ulrich – *via telephone*

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Robert Zager

Dr. Katz called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

I. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

A. Wendell Urling, D.D.S. Petition No. 2016-1320

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges in this matter. Dr. Urling and his attorney were not present. Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ulrich, to grant Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges. The motion passed unanimously. .

B. Ean James, D.D.S. Petition No. 2018-1320

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Motion for Expedited hearing in this matter. Dr. James was present via telephone but was not represented. Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dodenhoff, to grant the Department's request for an expedited hearing. The passed unanimously. The hearing will be held on July 24, 2019. The hearing panel will be Dr. Katz, Ms. Dodenhoff and Ms. Ulrich.

II. ADJOURN

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Katz, DMD
Connecticut State Dental Commission

**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
September 4, 2019**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on September 4, 2019, at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in the Room 1-B.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Deborah Dodenhoff, RN
 Peter Katz, DMD
 Anatoliy Ravin, DDS
 Steven Reiss, DDS
 Barbara Ulrich
 Robert Zager

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Dr. Katz called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The minutes from the June 12, 2019 and July 9, 2019 meetings were reviewed, edited, and unanimously approved on a motion by Dr. Reiss, seconded by Ms. Ulrich.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed Declaratory Ruling – HbA1C Testing

Assistant Attorney General, Daniel Shapiro was present for this matter. The Board reviewed a Motion to Withdraw Declaratory Ruling Request filed by the petitioner, Delta Dental of Connecticut. Petitioner's withdrawal is based on Public Act 19-72 which was signed by the Governor Lamont on July 8, 2019. Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zager, to grant the withdrawal request.

B. CDCA/ADEX Examinations

David Perkins, DMD, Commission on Dental Competency Assessments provided an overview of the current examinations and non-patient based clinical examinations.

**C. Proposed Memorandum of Decision
Amar Idlibi, DDS – Petition No. 2018-1419**

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Commission. Staff Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health.

Respondent was not present and was not represented by counsel. Board Liaison Jeffrey Kardys indicated that as of 1:52 p.m., no communication had been received from respondent regarding his attendance at this meeting. Attorney Shapiro also indicated that he has not received any communication from respondent.

The commission reviewed the proposed Memorandum of Decision, a Department of Public Health request to modify the decision and respondent's Motion for an Extension of Time.

Mr. Zager made a motion, seconded by Dr. Reiss to adopt the proposed decision with revisions.

The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Katz signed the Order which imposed a reprimand.

Dr. Ravin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ulrich, to deny respondent's motion for an extension of time. The motion to deny passed unanimously.

III. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

A. Scott Cohen, DDS - Petition No. 2019-551

Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Ryan O'Neill was present on behalf of respondent...

Dr. Ravin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dodenhoff, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand, a \$2000.00 civil penalty, and probation for a period of one year. The motion passed with all in favor. Dr. Katz signed the Order.

IV. ADJOURN

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Katz, DMD
Connecticut State Dental Commission

**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2019**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on November 13, 2019, at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in the Room 1-B.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Katz, DMD – Chairman
Monica Cipes, DMD
Deborah Dodenhoff, RN
Mark Longobardi, DMD
Steven Reiss, DDS
Barbara Ulrich
Robert Zager

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Anatoliy Ravin, DDS

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

Dr. Cipes and Dr. Longobardi were welcomed to their first meeting as members of the Commission.

I. MINUTES

The minutes from the September 4, 2019 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved on a motion by Dr. Reiss, seconded by Ms. Ulrich.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Reinstatement after practicing with a lapsed license

Stephen Carragher, Public Health Services Manager, DPH Practitioner Licensing Unit explained the current policy regarding practitioners who have continued to practice after their license has expired and are seeking reinstatement. The current policy requires a reinstatement consent order which imposes a reprimand and a civil penalty which is calculated based on the time period the practitioner has continued to practice.

Mr. Zager made a Motion, seconded by Dr. Reiss to endorse DPH's current policy. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Provisional License Application - Patricia Arcos Villalva, DDS

Judith Bailey, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Patricia Arcos Villalva, DDS, 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 Mr. Zager, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Villalva . The motion passed unanimously.

III. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

A. Yelena taran, DDS - Petition No. 2017-1403

David Tilles, 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 Ms. Ulrich, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand and a \$5000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Katz signed the Order.

IV. MEETING DATES FOR 2020

The following meeting dates were scheduled for 2020: All meetings will begin at 1:00 p.m.

January 8, 2020 – Department of Public Health, Hartford, Connecticut

April 8, 2020 - Department of Public Health, Hartford, Connecticut

June 10, 2020 - Legislative Office Building

September 16, 2020 - Legislative Office Building

December 16, 2020 - Legislative Office Building

V. ADJOURN

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Katz, DMD
Connecticut State Dental Commission