

**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
January 20, 2016**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on January 20, 2016, at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in room 1-A.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
 Peter Katz, DMD
 Steven Reiss, DDS – *via telephone*
 Barbara Ulrich
 Martin Ungar, DMD – *via telephone*

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Lance Banwell, DDS

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

I. MINUTES

The minutes of the December 2, 2015 meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Dr. Katz, seconded by Ms. Ulrich.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

NONE

III. OFFICE OF LICENSURE REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE

A. Marcus Lopez, DMD – Petition No. 2015-731

Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter.

Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ungar, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand and probation for three months. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Select Hearing Panel

James Psaras, DDS – Petition No. 2014-796

The hearing panel in the referenced matter will be Dr. Strathearn, Dr. Banwell and Dr. Katz.

VI. ADJOURN

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ulrich, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

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

**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 24, 2016**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on February 24, 2016, at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in conference room "C" on the third floor.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
 Deborah Dodenhoff, RN
 Peter Katz, DMD – *via telephone*
 Steven Reiss, DDS – *via telephone*
 Barbara Ulrich – *via telephone*

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Lance Banwell, DDS
 Martin Ungar, DMD

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

I. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

Mark S. Pollack, DDS – Petition No. 2015-734

David Tilles, Staff Attorney was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present with Attorney Peter Reynolds.

Hearing Officer Olinda Morales provided counsel for the Commission.

Attorney Tilles presented a Motion for Summary Suspension filed by the Department of Public Health.

The Commission heard comments from Attorneys, Tilles and Reynolds regarding the Department's motion for Summary Suspension and respondent's objection to the motion for Summary Suspension. Dr. Pollack also addressed the Commission.

Ms. Dodenhoff made a motion, seconded by Dr. Strathearn, to grant the Summary Suspension motion.

Dr. Katz, Ms. Ulrich and Dr. Reiss spoke in opposition to granting the motion. Dr. Strathearn and Ms. Dodenhoff spoke in favor of the motion.

Following discussion the motion to grant the Summary Suspension failed.

Although a Summary Suspension was not ordered, a hearing regarding the Statement of Charges will be held on March 11, 2016. The hearing panel will be Dr. Strathearn, Dr. Banwell and Ms. Dodenhoff.

II. ADJOURN

Dr. Katz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

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

**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
April 6, 2016**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on April 6, 2016, 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
 Lance Banwell, DDS
 Deborah Dodenhoff, RN
 Peter Katz, DMD
 Anatoliy Ravin, DDS
 Steven Reiss, DDS
 Barbara Ulrich
 Martin Ungar, DMD – via telephone
 Robert Zager

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

I. MINUTES

The minutes from the January 20, 2016 and February 24, 2016 meetings were reviewed and approved on a motion by Dr. Reiss, seconded by Dr. Katz.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

None

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Continuing Education Topics

On a motion by Dr. Reiss, seconded by Dr. Katz, the Commission recommend a list of topics for dental continuing education. The motion passed unanimously.

Topics are to include: record keeping/risk management; control substance prescribing; infection control; access to care; HIPPA compliance; medical emergencies in the dental office (including current training in CPR); sexual assault and domestic violence; cultural competence and mental health conditions common to veterans.

B. Proposed Memorandum of Decision - Rocco Carella, DDS - Petition No. 2015-735

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to adopt the Memorandum of Decision as written. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order which places Dr. Carella's license on probation for a period of 1 year.

IV. OFFICE OF LICENSURE REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE

A. Mark S. Pollack, DDS – Petition No. 2015-734

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

Mr. Zager made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a one year period of probation. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

B. James Psaras, DDS – Petition No. 2014-796

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

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

C. Ean James, DMD – Petition Nos. 2015-839 and 2015-133

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Reiss, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand, probation for one year and a \$5000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Ungar and Ms. Dodenhoff who were opposed. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

D. Asdaq Khakwani, DDS – Petition No. 2014-849

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Dr. Ungar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zager, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand and probation for one year. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Dodenhoff who was opposed. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

For the next regular meeting, scheduled for June 29, 2016, the Commission requests that Assistant Attorney General Henry Salton be invited to attend to provide an overview of the Commission's options for the review and approval of proposed consent orders.

V. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

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

**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
May 24, 2016**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on May 24, 2016, 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 telephone*
Lance Banwell, DDS – *via telephone*
Peter Katz, DMD – *via telephone*
Anatoliy Ravin, DDS – *via telephone*
Steven Reiss, DDS – *via telephone*
Barbara Ulrich – *via telephone*
Martin Ungar, DMD – *via telephone*
Robert Zager – *via telephone*

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Deborah Dodenhoff, RN

Dr. Strathearn called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

I. OFFICE OF LICENSURE REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE

A. Joseph Sciarrino, DDS – Petition No. 2013-376

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Craig Fontaine was present by telephone for respondent

Dr. Ungar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand, a \$7500.00 civil penalty and a one year period of probation. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

II. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

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

**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
June 29, 2016**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on June 29, 2016, at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in room 1-A.

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

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Steven Reiss, DDS

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

I. MINUTES

The minutes from the April 6, 2016 meeting were reviewed and edited on a motion by Dr. Katz, seconded by Ms. Ulrich.

The minutes from the May 24, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Dr. Banwell, seconded by Ms. Ulrich.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

None

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Eliminating the Use of Human Subjects in Dental Licensing Exams

Monty MacNeil, Dean, UCONN School of Dental Medicine provided an overview of a proposal for a revision to the practice act which would change the licensing examination to eliminate the use of human patients.

The proposal will be submitted to the Commission for consideration at the September 28, 2016 Commission meeting.

B. Consent Order Review Procedures

Assistant Attorney General Henry Salton was present to discuss the Commission's responsibilities regarding the review and approval of disciplinary Consent Orders

C. OSHA and Infection Control

Robert DeFrancesco, DMD gave a brief presentation regarding his services of providing OSHA and infection control monitoring.

D. Proposed Memorandum of Decision - Wilford Samson, DDS - Petition No. 2015-735

Staff Attorney David Tilles was present from the Department of Public Health. Respondent and his counsel were not present. Mr. Zager made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to adopt the Memorandum of Decision with the incorporation of a modification requested by the Department of Public Health. The motion passed. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order which places Dr. Samson's license on probation for a period of 3 year and imposes a \$10,000.00 civil penalty.

E. Provisional License Applications
Isabella Gonzalez Frigo, DDS

Judith Bailey, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Isabella Gonzalez Frigo, DDS, 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 Ms. Ulrich, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Frigo. The motion passed unanimously.

Pamela Bogue Guevara, DDS

Judith Bailey, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Isabella Pamela Bogue Guevara, DDS, to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut, School of Dental Medicine. Following review of the application Dr. Ungar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Bogue Guevara. The motion passed unanimously.

Francisco Suarez, DDS

Judith Bailey, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Francisco Suarez, DDS, 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. Suarez. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. OFFICE OF LICENSURE REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE

A. Alan Liebnick, DDS – Petition No. 2014-559

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

Mr. Zager made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a one year period of probation and a \$5000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

B. Kenneth Fink, DMD – Petition No. 2014-624

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

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a four month period of probation and a reprimand. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

C. Ralph Membrino, DMD – Petition No. 2013-373

Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Counsel for respondent was present.

Dr. Ungar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a \$3500.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

D. Gregory Wu, DMD – Petition No. 2016-194

Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present or represented.

Dr. Banwell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

V. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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

CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
September 28, 2016

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on September 28, 2016, at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in room 1-A.

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
Martin Ungar, DMD
Robert Zager

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

I. MINUTES

The minutes from the June 29, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved as edited on a motion by Dr. Banwell, seconded by Dr. Katz.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

None

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Provisional License Applications

Aniuska Tobin, DDS

Judith Bailey, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Aniuska Tobin, 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 Ms. Ulrich, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Tobin. The motion passed unanimously.

Elaine Dutra, DDS

Judith Bailey, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Isabella Elaine Dutra, DDS, to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut, School of Dental Medicine. Following review of the application Mr. Zager made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ravin, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Dutra. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Continuing Education

The Commission reviewed the list of continuing education topics it previously recommended at the April 6, 2016 meeting.

Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zager, to add diagnostic technology to the list.

The recommended continuing education topics for dentists will be: Prescribing controlled substances and pain management; record keeping/risk management; infection control; access to care; HIPPA compliance; medical emergencies in the dental office (including current training in CPR); sexual assault and domestic violence; cultural competence; mental health conditions common to veterans and diagnostic technology.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Eliminating the Use of Human Subjects in Dental Licensing Exams

The Board reviewed a response to a University of Connecticut, School of Dental Medicine proposal for a revision to the practice act which would change the licensing examination to eliminate the use of human patients.

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell to adopt a response which rejects the proposal put forth by UCONN Dental School. The motion passed unanimously.

V. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

A. Ali Modiri, DDS – Petition No. 2015-1479

Linda Fazzina, 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 Dr. Banwell, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand and a \$1000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

B. Naeem Akhtar Mian, DDS – Petition No. 2016-2

Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present or represented.

Mr. Zager made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ungar, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a one year period of probation, a reprimand and a \$1000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

C. Jesus Villegas, DDS – Petition No. 2013-437

Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present or represented.

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Reiss, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand, a \$5000.00 civil penalty and orders respondent to cease and desist from delegating procedures to unlicensed persons. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

D. Philip Feldberg, DDS – Petition No. 2014-835

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Beverly Knapp Anderson was present for respondent.

Dr. Banwell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ravin, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a probation for a period of six months and a \$5000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

E. Leonard Skope, DDS – Petition No. 2015-144

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 Mr. Zager, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand and a \$2000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

VI. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

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

**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
October 24, 2016**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on October 24, 2016, at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in conference room 3-C.

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

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Lance Banwell, DDS
 Martin Ungar, DMD

Dr. Strathearn called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

I. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

Victor Chueng, D.D.S. Petition No. 2015-914

David Tilles, Staff Attorney was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was not present or represented

Hearing Officer Olinda Morales provided counsel for the Commission.

The Commission heard comments from Attorney Tilles regarding the Department of Public Health's motion for Summary Suspension.

Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ulrich, 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 November 8, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. The hearing panelists will be Dr. Strathearn, Dr. Katz and Ms. Dodenhoff.

II. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

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

CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
December 7, 2016

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on December 7, 2016, at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in room 1-A.

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

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Anatoliy Ravin, DDS
 Martin Ungar, DMD

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

I. MINUTES

The minutes from the September 28, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Dr. Reiss, seconded by Dr. Katz.

The minutes from the October 24, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Dr. Katz, seconded by Dr. Banwell.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

None

III. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

A. Migule Davila-Marti, DMD – Petition No. 2015-1491

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

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zager, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand, a \$2000.00 civil penalty and a four month probation. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Select Hearing Panel

Walter Kostrzewski, DMD – Petition Nos. 2014-313; 2015-1023

The hearing panel in this matter will be Dr. Reiss, Ms. Dodenhoff and Dr. Ravin. A hearing will be tentatively scheduled for January 24, 2017.

V. SCHEDULE MEETING DATES FOR 2017

The following meeting dates were scheduled for 2017: All meetings will begin at 1:00 p.m.

February 1, 2017 – Department of Public Health, Hartford, Connecticut

April 26, 2017 - Department of Public Health, Hartford, Connecticut

June 28, 2017 - Legislative Office Building, Hartford, Connecticut

September 6, 2017 - Legislative Office Building, Hartford, Connecticut

December 6, 2017 - Legislative Office Building, Hartford, Connecticut

VI. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

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