

Minutes

A contested case hearing was held remotely via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, before a panel of the Connecticut State Dental Commission, consisting of: Dr. Peter Katz; Dr. Mark Longobardi; and, Craig Fontaine in the matter of:

Steve R. Ruiz, DDS, Petition No. 2021-1191.

The proceedings were digitally recorded.

Respondent appeared. Attorney Robert Silva appeared representing Respondent.

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina appeared on behalf of the Department.

The hearing convened at 1:01 p.m.

At 1:47 p.m., Dr. Peter Katz moved to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing confidential medical information. Dr. Longobardi seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The Board returned to the public meeting at 2:15 p.m. No motions were made, and no votes were taken during Executive Session. The following individuals attended the executive session: all members of the Panel, Assistant Attorney General Cindy Mahon, Board Liaison Tyra Anne Peluso, Respondent Steve Ruiz, Attorney Robert Silva, Department Attorney Linda Fazzina, Department Witness Dr. Beth Goodin, and the stenographer.

Atty Silva made a motion for judgement, citing improper methodology by Department Witness. After brief discussion, the motion was denied.

At 2:28 p.m., Dr. Peter Katz moved to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing confidential medical information. Dr. Longobardi seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The Board returned to the public meeting at 3:05 p.m. No motions were made, and no votes were taken during Executive Session. The following individuals attended the executive session: all members of the Panel, Assistant Attorney General Cindy Mahon, Board Liaison Tyra Anne Peluso, Respondent Steve Ruiz, Attorney Robert Silva, Department Attorney Linda Fazzina, and the stenographer.

The hearing will be continued to a date to be determined.

The hearing adjourned at 3:15 p.m.