<u>Minutes</u>

A continued hearing was held remotely via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday, March 6, 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 continued hearing convened at 2:02 p.m.

Assistant Attorney General Cynthia Mahon was present to advise the Panel.

Following closing arguments, the Panel conducted fact-finding. The Panel unanimously agreed that the evidence supported charges 1 and 2a but not on 2b or 2c. The Pannel further ordered that a letter of reprimand be issued to the respondent but that no probation, remedial course work, or fine was required.

The hearing adjourned at 2:35 p.m.