# AGENDA

# STATE OF CONNECTICUT BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF ELECTROLOGISTS

Wednesday, November 17, 2021 9:30 AM

# CALL TO ORDER

## I. <u>MINUTES</u> Review and approve minutes from the September 22, 2021 meeting.

#### OLD BUSINESS Declaratory Ruling Proceeding -Treatment of moles with hair Daniel Shapiro, Deputy Associate Attorney General

## III. CHAIR UPDATES

II.

### IV. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

# This meeting will be held remotely at the following:

Board of Examiners of Electrologists via Microsoft Teams Join on your computer or mobile app Click here to join the meeting Or call in (audio only) +1 860-840-2075 - Phone Conference ID: 607 445 439# The following minutes are draft minutes which are subject to revision and which have not yet been adopted by the Board.

The Board of Examiners of Electrologists held a meeting on Wednesday, September 22, 2021

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	Alicia Zalka M.D. Arlene Romajas, LPN, CPE Jan O'Neil, CPE Jeanne Scranton-Lloyd
ABSENT	Tatiana Eirmann, Esq.
ALSO PRESENT:	Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison Alfreda Gaither, Hearing Officer, DPH Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant, DPH Judith Bailey, License & Application Analyst Daniel Shapiro, Deputy Associate Attorney General Stephen Carragher, Supervisor DPH

The meeting commenced at 9:35 a.m. All participants were present via Microsoft TEAMS.

#### I. <u>MINUTES</u>

The board reviewed the minutes from Wednesday, May 19, 2021. Ms. Lloyd made a motion, seconded by Ms. Romajas, to approve the minutes as edited. The motion passed unanimously.

#### II. CHAIR UPDATE

None

#### III. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES

A. <u>Investigations Update</u> No updates at this time.

#### B. <u>Examination Update</u>

Deborah Brown reported there are three candidates for the September 27, 2021 examination. One new candidate and two persons who are repeating the.

#### IV. OLD BUSINESS

Board continues to wait on approval for the following:

- <u>Regulations</u> Stephen Carragher reported that DPH is proposing a change to the regulations to allow for on-line continuing education. Any courses requiring hands-on will still be required to be completed face to face.
- Stephen Carragher reported that a change from 3 to 4 hours of continuing education units for CPR hours is proceeding through the review process.
- Stephen Carragher reported the DPH will not pursue a statutory change to allow for the use of initials for each field that we are licensed by the State of Connecticut as well as "L.E." initials for Licensed Electrologist. Steve Carragher suggested that Connecticut State Electrologist Association can pursue this issue.

# V. OLD BUSINESS

#### Scope of Practice

The Board discussed the process for providing advice to licensees regarding the treatment of moles with hair and electrolysis.

Deputy Associate Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present for this discussion. Dr. Zalka made a motion, seconded by Ms. Romajas that the Board issue a declaratory ruling as to whether the electrolysis of hair on a nevus (mole) is within the scope of practice of an electrologist license in the State of Connecticut. The motion passed unanimously. Attorney Shapiro indicated that Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson will be assigned to advise the Board in the matter.

The Board also discussed candidates bringing clients with metal implants to the practical examination.

The Board discussed that persons with implants often have involuntary muscle movements when current is applied. They are concerned that it can be distracting to the candidate and to the examiner if this should occur during the examination and it could impact the examination result Dr. Zalka made motion, seconded by M.s Romajas, recommending the DPH change the protocols for future practical examinations whereby candidates are instructed that the models they bring to the practical examination should not have metal implants/devices in their body. The motion passed unanimously.

## VI. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

Stephen Carragher asked about the possibility of using a national testing agency to administer the practical licensing examination. Board members indicated they have no knowledge of any organizations that offer this service.

# VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at10:44 a.m. on a motion by Dr. Zalka and seconded by Ms. Romajas.

Respectfully submitted, Arlene Romajas, LPN, CPE Board of Examiners of Electrologists