The Board of Examiners of Electrologists held a meeting on Wednesday, May 13, 2020. The meeting was held by telephone conference due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	Alicia Zalka M.D. Arlene Romajas, LPN CPE Jeanne Scranton-Lloyd Jan O'Neil, CPE
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:	Tatiana Eirmann, Esq. Chairperson
ALSO PRESENT:	Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison Alfreda Gaither, Hearing officer, DPH Celeste Dowdell, License and Application Analyst Judith Bailey, License and Application Analyst Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor, DPH Deb Brown, Health Program Assistant

# CALL TO ORDER at 9:32 am

1. <u>MINUTES</u>

Review and approve minutes from March 11, 2020 meeting. Alicia Zalka made a motion seconded by Arlene Romajas to approve the minutes as edited. The motion passed unanimously.

# 2. <u>CHAIR UPDATES</u>

None

# 3. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES

A. Investigations Update

No ongoing investigations at this time.

B. Examination Update

No May exam given due to Covid 19 pandemic. Update will follow concerning a date for next exam.

# 4. <u>OLD BUSINESS</u>

The Board continues to wait on approval for the following:

A. Legislation change from 3 to 4 hours of continuing education units for CPR hours to coincide with American Heart Association guidelines.

B. A statutory change to allow the use of initials for each field that we are licensed by the State of Connecticut as well as "L.E." initials for Licensed electrologists. Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison, will check with Chris Andresen for an update on approval.

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

A. Arlene Romajas made a motion for Board to discuss CSEA proposal of Additional Guidelines for Connecticut Electrologists. The motion was seconded by Jeanne Scranton-Lloyd. Ms. Romajas stated that these guidelines were compiled by a few CSEA members and these members were asking the Board to discuss and maybe make suggestions for the safety of Electrologists and clients due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic. Copies of these guidelines were sent out to all present prior to the meeting. CSEA members were well aware that the Board does not have the authority to approve or disapprove of these guidelines. No discussion actually took place.

B. Mr. Kardys said he would forward guidelines to Chris Andresen to see if info should be sent to the Open Connecticut Committee

C. Jan O' Neil asked if Electrologists were going to be considered to be a part of the Strategic stockpile. Answer is unknown at this time.

D. Ms. Romajas asked if Dr. Zalka had any idea if KN95 masks would be acceptable for our type of work. Dr. Zalka stated she would try to investigate and let us know.

E. Stephen Carragher\_announced DPH is suspending CEU's for 6 months, until the end of October. CEU's are suspended for those licensees with expiration dates between now and 10/31/2020. Those with expiration dates of 11/03/2020 will have to comply when they renew.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 on a motion by Alicia Zalka which was seconded by Arlene Romajas.

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene Romajas

The Board of Examiners of Electrologists held a meeting on Wednesday, September 16,2020. The meeting was held by video conference due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	Tatiana Eirmann, Esq. Chairperson Alicia Zalka M.D. Arlene Romajas, LPN, CPE Jan O'Neil, CPE
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT	Jeanne Scranton-Lloyd
ALSO PRESENT	Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison Alfreda Gaither, Hearing Officer, DPH

Tatiana Eirmann called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.

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

The board reviewed the minutes from Wednesday, May 13,2020. Jan O'Neil made a motion, seconded by Arlene 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>

No practical examination is scheduled at this time. A hold has been placed on the practical due to Covid-19 pandemic.

#### IV. OLD BUSINESS

Board continues to wait on approval for the following:

A. Legislation change from 3 to 4 hours of continuing education units for CPR hours to coincide with the American Heart Association guidelines.

B. 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.

Jeff Kardys, Board Liaison announced that legislation is on hold due to Covid-19 pandemic.

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

A. Discussion of an update to the guidelines for the practical examination will need to be addressed when the examination date is scheduled. The Reopen CT Guidelines will be reviewed at that time.

B. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 4,2020. This meeting will be held by video conference.

## VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m. by Tatiana Eirmann and seconded by Alicia Zalka.

Respectfully submitted, Jan O'Neil, CPE Board of Examiners of Electrologists The Board of Examiners of Electrologists held a meeting on November 4, 2020. The meeting was held via Microsoft TEAMS to the COVID-19 pandemic.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	Tatiana D. Eirmann, Esq., Chairperson Alicia Zalka, MD Arlene Romajas, LPN, CPE Jan O'Neil, CPE Jeanne Scranton-Lloyd
MEMBERS ABSENT:	None
ALSO PRESENT:	Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison Stephen Carragher, Public Health Service Manager, DPH Alfreda Gaither, Hearing Officer, DPH Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant, DPH

Tatiana Eirmann called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

#### I. MINUTES

The board reviewed the minutes from the September 16, 2020 meeting. Ms. Eirmann made a motion seconded by Ms. Lloyd to approve the minutes as edited. The motion passed.

#### II. CHAIR UPDATE

A. None

## III. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES

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

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

Stephen Carragher, Public Health Service Manager, advised the board that we are waiting for guidance from the DPH regarding the scheduling of the next practical examination.

### IV. OLD BUSINESS

Board continues to wait on approval for the following:

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## V. NEW BUISNESS

A. The schedule for 2021 meeting dates are as follows:

February 17, 2021 May 19, 2021 September 22, 2021 November 17, 2021

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FEBRUARY AND MAY MEETINGS WILL BE BY VIDEO/CONFERENCE.

### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m. on a motion by Tatiana Eirmann and seconded by Arlene Romajas.

Respectfully submitted, Jeanne Scranton-Lloyd Board of Examiners of Electrologists