

The Board of Examiners of Electrologists held a meeting on March 3, 2021. The meeting was held via Microsoft TEAMS.

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

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Tatiana Eirmann called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**I. MINUTES**

The board reviewed the minutes of the Wednesday, 11/4/2020 meeting. Tatiana Eirmann made a motion seconded by Jeanne Scranton Lloyd to approve the minutes as edited. The motion passed unanimously.

**II. CHAIR UPDATE**

A. None

**III. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES**

A. Investigations Update

No ongoing investigations at this time.

B. Examination Update

Deb Brown advised the board that we are waiting for guidance from the DPH regarding the scheduling of the next practical exam.

**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.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

None

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

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 a.m. on a motion by Tatiana Eirmann and seconded by Jan O'Neil.

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

The Board of Examiners of Electrologists held a meeting on Wednesday, May 19,2021

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:     Tatiana Eirmann, Esq. Chairperson  
  Alicia Zalka M.D.  
  Arlene Romajas, LPN, CPE  
  Jan O'Neil, CPE  
  Jeanne Scranton-Lloyd

ALSO PRESENT:                     Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison  
  Alfreda Gaither, Hearing Officer, DPH  
  Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant, DPH  
  Celeste Dowdell, License & Application Analyst  
  Judith Bailey, License & Application Analyst  
  Daniel Shapiro, Deputy Associate Attorney General  
  Stephen Carragher, Supervisor DPH

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Tatiana Eirmann called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. All participants were present via Microsoft TEAMS.

**I.     MINUTES**

The board reviewed the minutes from Wednesday, March 3,2021. Tatiana Eirmann made a motion to approve the minutes which were seconded by Jeanne Scranton Lloyd. The motion passed unanimously.

**II.    CHAIR UPDATE**

None

**III.   DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES**

**A.     Investigations Update**

No updates at this time

**B.     Examination Update**

No practical examination is scheduled at this time. A hold has been placed on the practical due to Covid-19 pandemic. Stephen Carragher is working with Occupational health for a venue at this time.

**IV.   OLD BUSINESS**

Board continues to wait on approval for the following:

A.     Legislative change from 3 to 4 hours of continuing education units for CPR hours to coincide with the American Heart Association guideline. Note for files, request was made on September 4,2016. Stephen Carragher is working with department to prepare status update for our next meeting.

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. Steve Carragher will check with government relations to pursue this option. Once in Legislation we will notify CT State Electrolysis Association and they can contact their legislators for support.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

Scope of Practice

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

Ms. Romajas mentioned that in 2008 there was discussion regarding candidates bringing clients with metal implants to the practical examination. The Department of Public Health checked into this and found data inconclusive. At that to time the Board recommended that clients of candidates to the practical examination should not have metal implants.

Board members also expressed concern there needs to be clarity whether the electrolysis for the treatment of moles is allowed.

Daniel Shapiro, Deputy Associate Attorney General, was present for this discussion. Attorney Shapiro provided information regarding the declaratory ruling process.

The Board will have additional discussions regarding these two issues at the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 22, 2021.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jan O'Neil, CPE

Board of Examiners of Electrologists

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

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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  
Celeste Dowdell, License & Application Analyst

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

I. **MINUTES**

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. **Investigations Update**

No updates at this time.

B. **Examination Update**

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

IV. **OLD BUSINESS**

Board continues to wait on approval for the following:

- **Regulations** 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 licensed 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 this 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 Ms. 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. NEW BUSINESS**

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 at 10:44 a.m. on a motion by Dr. Zalka and seconded by Ms. Romajas.

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

The Board of Examiners of Electrologists held a meeting on Wednesday, November 17, 2021. The meeting was held via Microsoft TEAMS.

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:      Tatiana Eirmann, Esq.  
   Alicia Zalka, M.D.  
   Arlene Romajas, LPN,CPE  
   Jan O'Neil, CPE  
   Jeanne Scranton-Lloyd

ALSO PRESENT:                      Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison  
   Alfreda Gaither, Hearing Officer, DPH  
   Celeste Dowdell, License & Application Analyst  
   Daniel Shapiro, Deputy Associate Attorney General  
   Stephen Carragher, Supervisor, DPH

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The meeting commenced at 9:31 a.m. All participants were present via Microsoft TEAMS.

**I.        MINUTES**

The board reviewed the minutes from Wednesday, September 22, 2021. Arlene Romajas made a motion, seconded by Alicia Zalka, to approve the minutes as edited. The motion passed unanimously.

**II.       OLD BUSINESS**

Daniel Shapiro, Deputy Associate Attorney General, advised it would be best if the Medical Board handle the Declaratory Ruling Proceeding regarding the treatment of a hair in a nevus (mole) as they constitute the role of what is in the scope of practice.

Stephen Carragher, Supervisor, DPH, reported that a change from 3 to 4 hours of continuing education units for CPR hours is proceeding through the review process.

**III.      CHAIR UPDATES**

The schedule for 2022 meeting dates is as follows:

February 23, 2022  
May 18, 2022  
September 14,2022  
November 16,2022

**IV.      DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES**

A.       Investigations Update

No updates at this time.

B.       Examination Update

Celeste Dowdell, License & Application Analyst, reported the examination results as follows:

Three candidates were scheduled for the September 27, 2021 examination. One (1) candidate did not show. Two (2) candidates showed but they both failed.

**V.       ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 a.m. on a motion by Jeanne Scranton-Lloyd and seconded by Jan O'Neil.

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