

The Board of Examiners of Electrologists held a meeting on Wednesday, February 23, 2022. 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
Jeanne Scranton-Lloyd

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison
Judith Bailey, License & Application Analyst
Alfreda Gaither, Hearing Officer, DPH
Celeste Dowdell, License & Application Analyst
Shawn Rutchick, Assistant Attorney General

Tatiana Eirmann called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

I. MINUTES

The board reviewed the minutes from Wednesday, November 17, 2021.

Tatiana Eirmann made a motion to approve the minutes which were seconded by Jan O'Neil. The motion passed unanimously.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

None

III. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES

A. Investigations Update

No updates at this time

B. Examination Update

Practical examination is scheduled for May 10, 2022. Currently, three individuals will be participating, one is a retake and two new candidates. April 1st, 2022 is the deadline for applications for this practical examination.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

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 the American Heart Association guideline. Note for files, requested 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 regulations 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

Declaratory Ruling Petition to Connecticut Medical Examining Board

A preliminary draft for a Declaratory ruling request was reviewed with Assistant Attorney General Shawn Rutchick. A redraft will be submitted at next meeting.

A. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 18, 2022.

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

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Board of Examiners of Electrologists meeting, 5/18/2022

Board Members Present: Alicia Zalka M.D.

Arlene Romajas, LPN, CPE

Also Present:

Jeff Kardys

Judith Bailey

Alfreda Gaither

Celeste Dowdell

Shawn Rutchick

Steve Carragher

Deb Brown

Board Members Absent: Tatiana Eirmann

Jan O'Neil

Jeanne Scranton-Lloyd

Meeting called to order @ 9:41 a.m.

I. Minutes

Minutes reviewed. Arlene Romajas made a motion to approve. Alicia Zalka seconded.

II. Chair Updates

None

III. DPH Updates

A. Investigations

None

B. Exam Updates

Exam administered on 5/10/22

6 people took the exam

5 failed, 1 passed

IV. Old Business

The Board continues to wait on approval of 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.

Note for files, request was originally 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 the use of initials for each field that we are licensed by the State of CT as well as "L.E." initials for Licensed Electrologist. Steve Carragher will check with government regulations to pursue this option. Once in Legislation, we will notify CT State Electrolysis Association and they can contact their legislators for support.

- C. Declaratory Ruling

Discussion took place with Shawn Rutchick concerning our request for a Declaratory ruling. Mr. Rutchick said he needs to think about how to proceed now that he is aware of what the Board is requesting. Ms. Eirmann was not present to discuss the request proposed by Mr. Rutchick.

Dr. Zalka discussed her findings concerning electrologists removing hair from moles. There is no data or research to be concerning it's safety. She also discussed with several colleagues. It is felt that it should be avoided due to unknown risks.

V. New Business

Discussion took place concerning an unlicensed person in this state advertising her business as an LLC. A complaint should be filed with DPH investigations.

VI. Adjournment

Adjourned @10:03a.m. by A. Zalka, seconded by A. Romajas

Respectfully Submitted,
Arlene Romajas WPA CE
Board of Examiners of Electrologists

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 14, 2022. The meeting was held via Microsoft TEAMS.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: 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

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

Dr. Zalka called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

I. - MINUTES

The board reviewed the minutes from Wednesday, May 18,2022. Alicia made a motion to approve the minutes which were seconded by Jan O'Neil. The motion passed unanimously.

II. CHAIR UPDATE

None

III. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Examination Update

Practical examination is tentatively scheduled for November 8th. Currently, waiting on facility to confirmed date.

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 guideline. Note for files, requested was made on September 4,2016.

Stephen Carragher is working with department to prepare status update. He is aware this request was made over 6years ago and the Connecticut State Electrology Association is waiting on a reply for continuing education units.

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

regulations to pursue this option. Once in Legislation we will notify CT State Electrolysis Association and they can contact their legislators for support.

Daniel Shapiro stated Chief of health and education department needs notice of it and have a hearing on it. This is two separate declaratory rulings.

Daniel will continue researching legislation and update us at our next meeting for the CPR and Licensed Initials.

C. Declaratory Ruling/ Scope of Practice-

Discussion took place with Shawn Rutchick, Assistant Attorney General concerning declaratory ruling.

Alicia made a motion to move forward with a draft to petition scope of practice of medicine for evidence from CME for the safety to our patients concerning removal of hairs from moles, Arlene seconded. Shawn will move forward with declaratory ruling.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16,2022.

B. Request to offer electrology training by Catherine Paschetto. After discussion Steve Carragher,DPH referred her to Connecticut office of higher education.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m. by Alicia Zalka and seconded by Arlene Romajas.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan O'Neil, CPE
Board of Examiners of Electrologists

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Arlene Romajas, LPN, CPE
Jan O'Neil, CPE
Jeanne Scranton-Lloyd

ALSO PRESENT: Alfreda Gaither, Hearing Officer, DPH
Stephen Carragher, Supervisor, DPH
Shawn Rutchick, Assistant Attorney General
Celeste Dowdell, License & Application Analyst
Catherine M. Paschetto, Electrologist

Dr. Alicia Zalka called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

I. MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes from Wednesday, September 14, 2022. Dr. Alicia Zalka made a motion to approve the minutes which were seconded by Arlene Romajas. The motion passed unanimously.

ii. CHAIR UPDATES

Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison and Tatiana Eirmann, Esq, Chairperson, have both retired. Dr. Alicia Zalka was kind enough to agree to act as the temporary Chairperson until further notice.

III. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ISSUES

A. EXAMINATION UPDATE

I. Celeste Dowell, License and Application Analyst, reported that there were six (6) candidates at the November 8, 2022 practical examination. The results are as follows: one (1) no show, one (1) excused from taking the practical, one (1) failed and three (3) passed.

2, At the next board meeting to be held February 8, 2023 the Board will go into Executive Session in order to discuss practical examination issues.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Shawn Rutchick, Assistant Attorney General, referred to the Request for Declaratory Ruling letter addressed to Connecticut Medical

Examining Board regarding hair removal on a nevus (mole). He asked the Board to review the letter and take a vote if the Board approved. If approved he asked the Chairperson to sign it but if it was not approved to return the letter to Attorney Rutchick with the revisions.

B. Jan O'Niel will be emailing to Shawn Rutchick information regarding the legislation change from 3 to 4 hours of continuing education units for CPR hours to coincide with the American Heart Association guideline.

C, Catherine M. Paschetto, Licensed Electrologist (License Number 536), spoke to the Board with a request to become an instructor of Electrology. She would offer a one-on-one educational program within her business, Catherine Paschetto, LLC.

After discussing the matter with the Board Catherine Paschetto decided she needed to give the matter more thought.

V. NEW BUSINESS

The scheduled dates for the 2023 Board Meetings are as follows:

February 8, 2023 Snow date March 15, 2023

May 10, 2023

September 13, 2023

November 11, 2023

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m. by Dr. Zalka and seconded by Jan O'Niel.

Respectfully Submitted
Jeanne Scranton--Lloyd
Board of Examiners of Electrologists