

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD  
MINUTES of May 18, 2021**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 via Microsoft TEAMS

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Raymond Andrews, Jr., Esq.  
Allyson Duffy, MD  
Marie C. Eugene, DO  
Robert Green, MD  
Michele Jacklin  
William C. Kohlhepp, DHSc, PA-C  
Edward McAnaney, Esq.  
Brimal Patel, MD  
Jean Rexford  
Daniel Rissi, MD  
David Schwindt, MD  
Harold Sauer, MD  
C. Steven Wolf, MD  
Peter Zeman, MD

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson  
Shawn London, MD  
Andrew Yuan, DO  
Joseph Kaliko, Esq  
Marilyn Katz, MD

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Dr. Wolf chaired the meeting in the absence of Ms. Emmett. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

**I. MINUTES**

The draft minutes of the April 20, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Ms. Rexford made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green to approve the minutes as edited. The motion passed with all in favor.

**II. OPEN FORUM**

Jean Rexford suggested that the Board form a workgroup to include DPH staff and the Office of the Attorney General, to discuss issues related the Board's mission; functions and legislation.

Volunteers will be sought, and future meetings will be scheduled. At the present time, the workgroup will be limited to no more than 9 Board members.

**III. UPDATES**

A. Chair Updates  
None

B. Department of Public Health

Christian Andresen, Section Chief, Department of Public Health, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations addressed the Board regarding reinstatement of a lapsed license. Mr. Andresen indicated that Board can recommend conditions and practice restrictions which the licensee must comply with if reinstated.

Mr. Andresen also addressed a question regarding telemedicine oversight. Mr. Andresen indicated that complaints relating to telemedicine are investigated in the same manner as a complaint relating to treatment rendered in person.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Hossam Youssef, MD – Review of License Application

Celeste Dowdell, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a licensure application for Hossam Youssef, MD for a determination that his post-graduate training is equivalent to training in a program accredited by the American Council on Graduate Medical Education.

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Zeman, recommending that Dr. Youssef's application for licensure be approved. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Eugen and Dr. Patel who abstained.

**V. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE**

A. Gabriel Abella, MD; Petition No. 2018-699

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Dr. Abella was present with Attorney Donald Leone.

Dr. Rissi made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sauer, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand, probation for a period of one year, and a \$5000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Manoj Dhariwal, MD; Petition No. 2018-1449

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Adam Rose was present on behalf of Dr. Dhariwal.

Dr. Rissi made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sauer, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a \$5000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously.

C. James O'Halloran, MD; Petition No. 2021-282

Staff Attorney Brittany Petano, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney David Haught was present on behalf of Dr. O'Halloran.

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Rissi, to approve a modification to practice restrictions that were ordered in 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Vishal Verma, MD; Petition No. 2020-146

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter Attorney Vincent Roth was present on behalf of Dr. Verma.

Dr. Sauer made a motion, seconded by Dr. Patel, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Patel and Dr. Zeman who were opposed.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson