

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD MINUTES
of February 15, 2022**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 via Microsoft TEAMS

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson
Raymond Andrews, Jr., Esq.
Allyson Duffy, MD
Marie C. Eugene, DO
Robert Green, MD
Michele Jacklin
Joseph Kaliko, Esq.
William C. Kohlhepp, DHSc, PA-C
Shawn London, MD
Edward McAnaney, Esq.
Jean Rexford
Daniel Rissi, MD
Harold Sauer, MD
David Schwindt, MD
Andrew Yuan, DO
Peter Zeman, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Marilyn Katz, MD
Brimal Patel, MD
C. Steven Wolf, MD

Ms. Emmett called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the January 18, 2022 and the February 2, 2022 meetings were reviewed and approved on a motion by Dr. Rissi, seconded by Ms. Rexford.

II. OPEN FORUM

None

III. UPDATES

A. Chair Updates

Chair Emmett gave an update of Medical Board/DPH workgroup discussions.

Department of Public Health

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Physician Sexual Misconduct

Ms. Rexford and Dr. Sauer provided an overview of the Report and Recommendations of the FSMB Workgroup on Physician Sexual Misconduct

V. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

A. Christopher Betz, M.D. - Petition No. 2019-807

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was present and was represented by Attorney Andrew Wildstein.

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. London, to approve the Consent Order for discussion. During discussion Dr. Green spoke in opposition to the Consent Order as written.

Following discussion, the Board the motion to approve the Consent Order, which imposes a reprimand and a \$5000.00 civil penalty, passed with all in favor except Dr. Duffy, Dr. Green, Ms. Jacklin, Dr. Rissi, and Ms. Emmett who were opposed.

B. Derek William Donovan, P.A. Petition No. 2022-103

Assistant to Attorney General Kerry Colson was present for this matter. Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan, Department of Public Health, presented a Motion for Summary Suspension in the matter of Derek Donovan, PA. Respondent was present but was not represented by counsel.

Attorney Sullivan provided information in support of the Motion for Summary Suspension.

Mr. Donovan also addressed the Board.

Dr. Zeman made a motion, seconded by Mr. McAnaney, to grant the motion for Summary Suspension in that respondent's continued practice as physician assistant represents a clear and immediate danger to public health and safety. The motion passed unanimously.

A hearing in this matter will be held on February 25, 2022. The hearing panelists in this matter will be Ms. Jacklin, Mr. Kohlhepp, and Dr. Zeman.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:31 p.m. on a motion by Mr. McAnaney, seconded by Mr. Kaliko.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD MINUTES
of March 15, 2022**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 via Microsoft TEAMS

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson
Raymond Andrews, Jr., Esq.
Robert Green, MD
Michele Jacklin
Joseph Kaliko, Esq.
William C. Kohlhepp, DHSc, PA-C
Shawn London, MD
Edward McAnaney, Esq.
Jean Rexford
Daniel Rissi, MD
Harold Sauer, MD
David Schwindt, MD
Andrew Yuan, DO
C. Steven Wolf, MD
Peter Zeman, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Allyson Duffy, MD
Marie C. Eugene, DO
Marilyn Katz, MD

Ms. Emmett called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the February 15, 2022 meetings were reviewed and approved on a motion by Dr. Green, seconded by Mr. McAnaney.

II. OPEN FORUM

None

III. UPDATES

B. Chair Updates

Chair Emmett gave an update of Medical Board/DPH workgroup discussions. A synopsis of the work group discussions will be discussed at the next meeting

Department of Public Health

Christian Andresen, Section Chief, Department of Public Health, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations reported that the Department submitted testimony in favor of Bill #5046 which including a statement that the Medical Board was also in support of the legislation that Connecticut joins the physician licensure compact.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Materials to be provided to the Board concerning proposed Consent Orders

Deputy Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro addressed the Board regarding the Consent Order review process and the distribution of documents to the Board. Attorney Shapiro indicated that going forward a pre-hearing review agreement will accompany Consent Orders during which documents will be reviewed.

B. Review of License Application (Post Graduate Training Review)

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

Dr. Zeman made a motion, seconded by Dr. London, recommending that Dr. Flores' application for licensure be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Physician Sexual Misconduct

Ms. Rexford and Dr. Sauer continued their presentation of the overview of the Report and Recommendations of the FSMB Workgroup on Physician Sexual Misconduct which began during the February 15, 2022.

VI. PROPOSED Memorandum of Decision

John Lynch, II, MD - Petition No. 2021-726

Deputy Associate Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board.

Respondent was not present and was not represented

Mr. Kohlhepp made a motion seconded by Mr. McAnaney to approve the Memorandum of Decision as written.

The motion to approve the decision as written passed in with all in favor except Dr. London who abstained and Dr. Zeman who was recused.

The decision imposes a revocation of Dr. Lynch's license.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m. on a motion by Dr. Wolf.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD MINUTES
of May 17, 2022**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 via Microsoft TEAMS

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson
Raymond Andrews, Jr., Esq.
Allyson Duffy, MD
Marie C. Eugene, DO
Michele Jacklin
Joseph Kaliko, Esq.
Marilyn Katz, MD
William C. Kohlhepp, DHSc, PA-C
Shawn London, MD
Edward McAnaney, Esq.
Jean Rexford
Daniel Rissi, MD
Harold Sauer, MD
David Schwindt, MD
Andrew Yuan, DO
C. Steven Wolf, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Robert Green, MD
Peter Zeman, MD

Ms. Emmett called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the February 15, 2022 meetings were reviewed and approved on a motion by Dr. Green, seconded by Mr. McAnaney.

II. OPEN FORUM

None

III. UPDATES

A. Chair Updates

Chair Emmett gave an update of Medical Board/DPH workgroup discussions. The Board reviewed a synopsis of the work group discussions.

It was suggested that small work groups of Board members and staff get together to discuss the following ideas:

1. Provide Board with more information concerning facts underlying charges/consent orders, including having a Board member participate in DPH discussion of consent orders.
2. Review and improve guidelines for penalties – in particular, review and delineate range of monetary penalties.
3. Educational presentations to CMEB at each monthly meeting (whether to include as a standing item on the agenda?) – Board members to volunteer to do 5-10 minutes on topics of interest and/or outside speakers on relevant topics.
4. Add information/requirements to the license renewal process for MDs, DOs and PAs – Suggestions include a) information about concerns in regard to and protocols for examining sensitive areas (whether to suggest use of chaperones?), b) highlighting specific limitations on delegation of duties – e.g., practitioner must sign for their own controlled medications, non-licensed personnel cannot administer medications, non-licensed staff cannot operate radiological or other equipment used to diagnose or treat patients, etc., c) adding same guidance to APRNs' renewal process.

Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) annual meeting

Harold Sauer, MD provided a report regarding the annual meeting of the Federation of State Medical Boards which was held on April 28-30, 2022.

Department of Public Health

Christian Andresen, Section Chief, Department of Public Health, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations reported that legislation that Connecticut join the physician licensure compact effective October 1, 2022 has passed. The language is included in Public Act 22-81.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review of License Reinstatement Application

Celeste Dowdell, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a licensure reinstatement application for Diana Mosteanu, MD.

Mr. McAnaney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kohlhepp, recommending that the Department of Public Health reinstate Dr. Mosteanu's license. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Review of Application to Practice within a Medical School

Celeste Dowdell, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented an application for Oliver Karam, MD to allow the practice of medicine within the confines of the Yale School of Medicine. The motion passed unanimously.

V. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

A. Usman Ramzan, MD – Partition No. 2022-318

Assistant to Attorney General Kerry Colson was present for this matter. Staff Attorney Aden Baume, Department of Public Health, presented a Motion for Summary Suspension in the matter of Usman Ramzan, MD. Respondent was present but was not represented by counsel.

Attorney Baume provided information in support of the Motion for Summary Suspension. Dr. Ramzan provided information in opposition to the Summary Suspension motion.

Ms. Jacklin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to grant the motion for Summary Suspension.

Following discussion the Board unanimously voted to deny granting the motion for Summary Suspension in that respondent's continued practice of medicine does represent a clear and immediate danger to public health and safety

A hearing regarding the Statement of Charges will be scheduled for May 24, 2022. The hearing panelists will be Dr. Katz, Ms. Jacklin and Dr. Green.

B. Marc D. Legris, M.D. - Petition No. 2021-868

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney David Haught was present on behalf of respondent.

Mr. Kaliko made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand, probation for a period of two years, and a \$10,000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Michael Krall, M.D. Petition No. 2021-158

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Stanley Peck was present on behalf of respondent.

Dr. Rissi made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand a \$2,000.00 civil penalty, a restriction that respondent shall not prescribe, dispense, or administer medications to friends, family or himself, and a requirement that respondent provide ninety-day notice to the Department of Public Health prior to returning to practice. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:46 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD MINUTES
of June 21, 2022**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 via Microsoft TEAMS

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson
Raymond Andrews, Jr., Esq.
Michele Jacklin
Joseph Kaliko, Esq.
Marilyn Katz, MD
William C. Kohlhepp, DHSc, PA-C
Shawn London, MD
Jean Rexford
Daniel Rissi, MD
Harold Sauer, MD
David Schwindt, MD
C. Steven Wolf, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Allyson Duffy, MD
Marie C. Eugene, DO
Robert Green, MD
Edward McAnaney, Esq.
Andrew Yuan, DO
Peter Zeman, MD

Ms. Emmett called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the May 17, 2022 meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Mr. Kohlhepp, seconded by Dr. Katz.

II. OPEN FORUM

None

III. UPDATES

B. Chair Updates

Chair Emmett reported that subsequent to discussion with the Office of the Attorney General, the topics identified for potential work groups will be discussed from time to time at monthly Board meetings instead of in a workgroup setting.

C. DPH Updates

Christian Andresen, Section Chief, Department of Public Health, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations reported that Connecticut's participation in the physician licensure compact becomes effective on October 1, 2022.

IV. CONSENT ORDER DISCUSSION

Daniel Shapiro, Deputy Associate Attorney General discussed the Consent Order/Pre Hearing Review process.

V. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLAINEE

A. Jeffrey Stern, MD – Partition No. 2022-384

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton, Department of Public Health, presented a Motion for Summary Suspension as well as a Motion to Amend Statement of Charges in the matter of Jeffrey Stern, MD. Attorney Darius Marzec was present on behalf of Dr. Stern. Deputy Associate Attorney Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board.

Mr. Kohlhepp made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to grant the DPH motion to amend the Statement of Charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Rissi, to grant the motion for Summary Suspension.

Attorney Newton presented argument in support of the motion for Summary Suspension. Attorney Marzec spoke in opposition.

Following discussion the motion to summarily suspend Dr. Stern's license passed unanimously.

At the request of Attorney Marzec a hearing in this matter will be scheduled for a date after August 15, 2022. The hearing panelists will be Dr. Wolf, Ms. Jacklin and Dr. London.

B. Derek William Donovan, P.A. Petition No. 2022-103

Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Matthew Carole was present on behalf of respondent.

Mr. Kohlhepp made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand and probation for a period of five years. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson

The following minutes are draft minutes which are subject to revision, and which have not yet been adopted by the Board.

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD MINUTES
of August 16, 2022**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 via Microsoft TEAMS

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson
Raymond Andrews, Jr., Esq.
Allyson Duffy, MD
Marie C. Eugene, DO
Robert Green, MD
Michele Jacklin
Joseph Kaliko, Esq.
Marilyn Katz, MD
William C. Kohlhepp, DHSc, PA-C
Shawn London, MD
Edward McAnaney, Esq.
Daniel Rissi, MD
Harold Sauer, MD
David Schwindt, MD
C. Steven Wolf, MD
Peter Zeman, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Andrew Yuan, DO

Ms. Emmett called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the June 21, 2022 meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Dr. Rissi, seconded by Dr. Wolf. The motion passed with all in favor except, Dr. Duffy, Dr. Eugene, Dr. Green and Dr. Zeman who abstained.

II. OPEN FORUM

None

III. UPDATES

D. Chair Updates

Chair Emmett reported that Jean Rexford has moved out of state and has resigned from the Board. The Board expressed its thanks to Jean for her dedicated service to the Board and the citizens of Connecticut.

Board members indicated that the addition of investigation reports with Consent Orders that are to be reviewed is extremely helpful.

E. DPH Updates

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Memorandum Of Decision - Nimrod Lavi, MD - Petition No. 2016-619

Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jacklin, to approve the Memorandum of Decision which dismisses the charges in this matter in that the allegations were not proven by a preponderance of evidence. The motion to approved passed with all in favor except Dr. Sauer who abstained.

V. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLAINT

A. Farhaad R. Riyaz, M.D. Petition No. 2022-206

Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan, Department of Public Health withdrew motion for Summary Suspension in this matter in that respondent and the DPH have entered into an Interim Consent Order by which respondent has agreed to refrain from practice.

B. Paul Aiello, M.D. Petition No. 2020-383

Staff Attorney Aden Baume, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Kevin Budge was present on behalf of respondent.

Mr. Kaliko made a motion, seconded by Dr. Rissi, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand and a \$5,000.00 civil penalty. The motion to approve passed with all in favor except dr. Green and Ms. Jackling who were opposed and Mr. McAnaney who abstained.

C. Patrick F. Albergo, M.D. Petition No. 2021-1011

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Mr. McAnaney, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand and a \$15,000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously,

D. Gary Blick, M.D. - Petition No. 2018-256

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Phyllis Pari was present on behalf of respondent.

Dr. Rissi made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jacqueline, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand, a \$10,000.00 civil penalty, and orders respondent to cease and desist from delegating to unlicensed persons. The motion passed unanimously,

E. Desiree A. Clarke, M.D. - Petition No. 2020-292

Staff Attorney Aden Baume, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order for a reprimand, a \$2,500.00 civil penalty, and probation for one year. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Mr. McAnaney made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green, to approve the Consent Order. Following discussion, the motion failed. Dr. Duffy, Dr. Green, MS. Jacklin, Mr. Kaliko, Mr. Kohlhepp, Dr. London, Mr. McAnaney, Dr. Rissi, Dr. Wolf, and Dr. Zeman were opposed to approval. Mr. Andrews, Dr. Eugene, Dr. Katz, Dr. Sauer, Dr, Schwindt and Ms. Emmet were in favor of approval

F. Andrew Gewirtz, M.D. - Petition No. 2020-805

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Dr. Zeman made a motion, seconded by Mr. McAnaney, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand, a \$5,000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously,

G. Usman Ramzan, MD – Partition No. 2022-318

Staff Attorney Aden Baume, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was present but was not represented.

Dr. Rissi made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green, to approve the Consent Order which modifies the terms of probation set forth in a previous Consent Order . The motion passed unanimously,

VI. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:3s p.m. on motion by Dr. Green, seconded by Dr. Wolf.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson

The following minutes are draft minutes which are subject to revision, and which have not yet been adopted by the Board.

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD MINUTES
of September 20, 2022**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, September 20, 2022 via Microsoft TEAMS

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson
Raymond Andrews, Jr., Esq.
Allyson Duffy, MD
Marie C. Eugene, DO
Robert Green, MD
Marilyn Katz, MD
William C. Kohlhepp, DHSc, PA-C
Shawn London, MD
Edward McAnaney, Esq.
Daniel Rissi, MD
Harold Sauer, MD
David Schwindt, MD
C. Steven Wolf, MD
Andrew Yuan, DO
Peter Zeman, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Michele Jacklin
Joseph Kaliko, Esq.

Ms. Emmett called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

I. OPEN FORUM

Manisha Juthani, MD, Commissioner, Department of Public Health addressed the Board and thanked Board members for their service.

II. UPDATES

F. Chair Updates

Chair Emmett reported that the Freedom Information Commission has issued a proposed decision regarding a recent FOI complaint against the Board. The decision is favorable to the Board.

G. DPH Updates

Christian Andresen, Section Chief, Department of Public Health, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations reported that working on implementing the physician licensure compact which becomes effective on October 1, 2022.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion regarding Civil Penalties

Deputy Associate Attorney General Daniel Shapiro provided advice regarding the imposition of civil penalties in license disciplinary matters. Also discussed were consent order negotiations and the implementation of license probationary terms.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Memorandum Of Decision – Ryan Smith, MD - Petition No. 2016-619

Dr. Zeman made a motion, seconded by Mr. McAnaney to approve the Memorandum of Decision which imposes probation for a period of two (2) years. The motion to approved passed with all in favor except Dr. Wolf who recused himself from voting.

V. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLAINT

A. Sushil Gupta, MD – Partition No. 2022-337

Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan, Department of Public Health a motion for Summary Suspension in this matter. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Attorney Sullivan provided information in support of the Motion for Summary Suspension Mr. Kohlhepp made a motion, seconded by Mr. Andrews, to grant the motion for Summary Suspension in that respondent's continued practice of medicine represents a clear and immediate danger to public health and safety.

The motion to grant the Summary Suspension passed unanimously.

A hearing in this matter will be held on September 30, 2022. The hearing panelists in this matter will be Mr. Andrews, Dr. Green, and Dr. Sauer.

B. Jeffrey Stern, MD – Partition No. 2022-384

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton, Department of Public Health, presented a motion to withdraw the Statement of Charges in this matter. Respondent was represented by Attorney Darius Marzec.

Mr. McAnaney made a motion, seconded by Dr. Rissi, to grant the Department of Public Health's motion to withdraw the Statement of Charges in that in that respondent has surrendered his license to practice in Connecticut. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Wolf who recused himself from voting.

C. Duane F. Austin, M.D. - Petition No. 2021-1012

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Zeman, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand, and a \$40,000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Wolf who recused himself from voting.

VI. 120 DAY EXTENSIONS

- Michael Smith, MD- Petition No. 2021-101
Fact-finding completed, Decision being drafted
- Wayne Franco, MD- Petition No. 2018-1345
Fact-finding completed, Decision being drafted
- Paul Willette, MD - Petition No. 2016-1305
Hearing continued to December 6, 2022.
- Michael Kessler, MD - Petition No. 2021-681
Hearing to be held November 2022.
- Sheikh Ahmed, MD - Petition Nos. 2017-184; 2018-133
Hearing to be held November 2022.
- Prabhakar Reddy, MD - Petition No. 2019-384
Hearing to be held November 2022.
- Anatoly Braylovsky, MD - Petition No. 2021-239
Hearing to be held November 7, 2022.

Dr. Zeman made a motion, seconded by Mr. McAnaney to grant extensions in these matters. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Wolf who recused himself from voting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:273 p.m. on motion by Mr. McAnaney.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson