

**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday December 10, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Peter Katz, DMD, Chairperson
Deborah Dodenhoff, RN
Craig Fontaine, Esq.
Mark Longobardi, DMD
Sarita Arteaga, DMD

BOARD MEMBER NOT PRESENT:

Leslie Bumpus, DDS, MPH, MA
Monica Cipes, DMD
Ross J. Sanfilippo, DMD

DPH / AAG STAFF PRESENT:

Kevin Hansted, DPH Staff Attorney
Linda Fazzina, DPH Staff Attorney
Judith Bailey, DPH, Licensing Applications Analyst
Nathaniel Gordon, Paralegal/Board Liaison

CALL TO ORDER.

Chairperson Dr. Peter Katz called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Dr. Peter Katz. raised proposed changes to the minutes.

- **Changes to September 10, 2025, Meeting Minutes**
 - o Chairman Dr. Peter Katz proposed the removal of “and/or Hygienist.”

Attorney Craig Fontaine moved to accept the minutes of September 10, 2025, with the proposed change made. Dr. Mark Longobardi, DMD, seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

CHAIR UPDATES

A. Status update regarding Dental Assistants/X-Rays changes in statute

Dr. Peter Katz, D.M.D., updated the Board on the status regarding Dental Assistants/X-Rays changes to the statute. Dr. Katz has been in contact with the CSDA related to legislation. The Board discussed their position on whether the CSDA could expand the Mandatory Continuing Education Program requirements to include “Human Trafficking & Awareness & Response” and their position on certain statutory changes impacting Dental Assistants/X-Rays.

B. The Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations [dental practice analysis

Dr. Peter Katz, D.M.D., presented to the Board the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations was sent to all the dentists on the Dental Commission. Dr. Peter Katz, D.M.D., reminded the Dental Commission that if they have not yet taken the survey to remember to take the survey. The Board briefly discussed the matter.

NEW BUSINESS

A. 2026 Proposed Regular Board Meeting Calendar

| BOARD/COMMISSIONS | MEETING DATES | LOCATION |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| Connecticut State Dental Commission | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• January 7, 2026• March 18, 2026• June 17, 2026• September 9, 2026• December 9, 2026 All meetings begin at 1:00 p.m. | Department of Public Health 410 Capitol Avenue Hartford, Connecticut Board Meetings are held by the Department of Public Health via Microsoft Teams, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Meetings are open to the public. |

Dr. Peter Katz, D.M.D., moved to approve the 2026 regular meeting calendar. Attorney Craig Fontaine seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

REINSTATEMENT LICENSURE

Dr. Avinash Prakash Patel, D.D.S.,

Judith Bailey, License and Application Analyst Practitioner
Licensing and Investigation

Judith Bailey presented the application of Dr. Avinash Prakash Patel, D.D.S. The Board inquired as to courses obtained, status of current licenses, the areas of practice interested in practicing, and future private practice plan. Dr. Sarita Arteaga, DMD., moved to accept the application for Reinstatement of Licensure of Dr. Avinash Prakash Patel, D.D.S. Dr. Mark Longobardi, DMD, seconded the motion. The Consent Order was approved unanimously by the members present.

CONSENT ORDER

A. Dr. Paul F. Czarzasty, D.M.D., Petition No. 2025-1067

Julienne Cutaia, Staff Attorney
Beverly Knapp Anderson, Esq.
Respondent’s Counsel

Dr. Peter Katz, D.M.D., moved to amend the agenda and add the Consent Order of Dr. Paul F. Czarzasty, D.M.D. Dr. Sarita Arteaga, DMD, seconded the motion. The Amended change was approved unanimously by the members present.

Attorney Craig Fontaine raises concern regarding a possible conflict. The Board discussed the possible conflict, and the possible conflict was quashed without objection from the Department of Public Health.

Staff Attorney Julienne Cutaia appeared on behalf of the Department. Attorney Beverly Knapp Anderson appeared on behalf of Respondent. The Respondent was present. Staff Attorney Julienne Cutaia presented the proposed Consent Order to the Board.

Dr. Peter Katz, D.M.D., moved to approve the proposed Consent Order. Dr. Mark Longobardi, DMD, seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote of four (4) Yea & one (1) Nay. The Consent Order was approved by the members present.

| BOARD MEMBER | YEA | NAY | ABSTAIN | RECUSED |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|----------------|----------------|
| Peter Katz, DMD, Chairperson | X | | | |
| Deborah Doderhoff, RN | | X | | |
| Craig Fontaine, Esq. | X | | | |
| Mark Longobardi, DMD | X | | | |
| Sarita Arteaga, DMD | X | | | |

ADJOURNMENT

Attorney Craig Fontaine moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Sarita Arteaga, DMD., seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

Dr. Peter Katz, DMD,
Chairperson