

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Peter Katz, DMD, Chairperson
Leslie Bumpus, DDS, MPH, MA
Monica Cipes, DMD
Deborah Dodenhoff, RN
Craig Fontaine, Esq.
Mark Longobardi, DMD
Ross J. Sanfilippo, DMD

BOARD MEMBER NOT PRESENT:

Sarita Arteaga, DMD

DPH / AAG STAFF PRESENT:

Kevin Hansted, DPH Legal Counsel to the Board
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 1:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ross J. Sanfilippo, DMD, moved to approve June 11, 2025, minutes. Deborah Dodenhoff, RN seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

CHAIR UPDATES

A. Discussion of whether Dental Assistants should be permitted to take Patient's X-Ray without the doctor being Present and/or Out of Office.

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL

A. Ardita Topalli	Petition No. 2023-670	Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney Ardita Topalli, Respondent's Counsel.
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Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, informed the Board that the Department filed the Notice to Withdraw which closed the petition by disciplining the Hygienist License. Nathaniel Gordon, Paralegal / Board Liaison, clarified for the Board that the matter was added to the agenda only to notify the Board the matter is closed.

REQUESTS FOR PROVISIONAL LICENSE

A. Ignacia J. Velasquez-Schepeler, D.D.S., Judith Bailey, Licensing Applications Analyst

Peter Katz, DMD, Chairperson, called for a Motion to accept the provisional licensure for Ignacia J. Velasquez-Schepeler, D.D.S., Dr. Mark Longobardi, DMD, moved to accept the provisional licensure for Ignacia J. Velasquez-Schepeler, D.D.S., Leslie Bumpus, DDS, MPH, MA, second the Motion. The motion was accepted unanimously by acclamation.

B. Harshiv K. Karia, D.D.S.,

Judith Bailey, Licensing Applications Analyst

Peter Katz, DMD, Chairperson, called for a Motion to accept the provisional licensure for Harshiv K. Karia, D.D.S., Dr. Monica Cipes, DMD, moved to accept the provisional licensure for Harshiv K. Karia, D.D.S., Leslie Bumpus, DDS, MPH, MA, second the Motion. The motion was accepted unanimously by acclamation.

ADJOURNMENT

Deborah Dodenhoff, RN, moved to adjourn the meeting. Craig Fontaine, Esq., seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Dr. Peter Katz, DMD, Chairperson