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**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday January 7, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**BOARD MEMBER NOT PRESENT:**

**DPH / AAG STAFF PRESENT:**

Kevin Hansted, DPH Staff Attorney  
Stephen Carrigher, DPH  
Deborah M. Brown, Practitioner Licensing & Investigations Section  
Judith Bailey, Licensing Applications Analyst  
Nathaniel Gordon, Paralegal/Board Liaison

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**CALL TO ORDER.**

Chairperson Dr. Peter Katz called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Dr. Ross J. Sanfilippo DMD moved to approve the December 10, 2025, minutes. Attorney Craig Fontaine Esq. seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**CHAIR UPDATES**

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

Dr. Peter Katz, D.M.D., updated the Board on statutory changes regarding Dental Assistants/X-Rays. Dr. Katz informed the board that the meeting with the CT State Dental Association about the statutory changes was rescheduled to January 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m.

**REINSTATEMENT LICENSURE**

Dr. Steven Goodwin, D.M.D.,

Deborah M. Brown, HPA,  
Practitioner Licensing &  
Investigations Section

Deborah M. Brown presented the application of Dr. Steven Goodwin, D.M.D. The Board inquired as to courses obtained, current with CPR and First Aid certifications. Dr. Peter Katz, DMD., moved to recommend the Reinstatement of Licensure of Dr. Steven Goodwin, D.M.D, Dr. Mark Longobardi, DMD, seconded the motion. The Board had a brief discussion as to the correct citing

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to the stipulation of the motion. *“The motion to reinstate is conditioned on completion of the recommended CPR & First Aid cortication.”* Stephen Carrigher from the DPH’s Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section clarified for the Board that the vote is not to reinstate the license. However, the vote is to recommend the additional requirement be accept in the motion.” Dr. Sarita Arteaga, DMD, *“raised the possible conflict with the board and possibly recusal.”* No recusal was required. Dr. Peter Katz, DMD., amended the motion to recommend as part of DPH’s review of the requirement prior to the Reinstatement of License Dr. Steven Goodwin, DMD, needs to complete the coursework and meet all other requirements (CPR & First Aid Certification) for Reinstatement. The recommendation was approved unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Ross J. Sanfilippo, DMD moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Sarita Arteaga, DMD, seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

Dr. Peter Katz, DMD  
Chairperson