

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
May 20, 2025**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson
Barbara Calderone, Esq.
Robert Green, MD
Michele Jacklin
Marilyn Katz, MD
Keat Jin Lee, MD
Shawn London, MD
Paul P. Possenti, MS, PA-C, FAASPA
Daniel Rissi, MD
Harold Sauer, MD
C. Steven Wolf, MD
Peter Zeman, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Allyson Duffy, MD
Katherine Grieco, DO FASAM
Joseph Kaliko, Esq.
Edward G. McAnaney, Esq.
Cheryl-Ann Resha, EdD, MSN, RN, FNASN, FAAN
David Schwindt, MD
Andrew Yuan, DO

DPH / AAG STAFF PRESENT:

Elizabeth Bannon, Assistant Attorney General
Francesca Testa, Assistant Attorney General
Kathleen Ross, Legal Director
Ryan Burns, Deputy Legal Director
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney
Julienne Cutaia, Staff Attorney
Christian Andresen, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing & Investigations, DPH
Laura J. Morris, MPH, Public Health Services Manager
Lavita D. Sookram, Nurse Consultant
Celeste Dowdell, License and Application Analyst
Judith Bailey, License and Application Analyst
Betty J. Rozario, Board Liaison

CALL TO ORDER.

Chairperson Kathryn Emmett called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. C. Steven Wolf moved to approve the April 15, 2025 minutes. Mr. Paul Possenti seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CHAIR UPDATES

- A. There was a discussion of proposals for future agenda discussions or items.
- B. There was a discussion regarding the Connecticut Examining Medical Board hearing assignments.

ADDED ITEM

Dr. Daniel Rissi moved to add Dr. Robban Sica's Consent Order to the agenda seconded by Dr. C. Steven Wolf. The motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

CONSENT ORDERS

A. Blaine E. Messing, MD Petition No. 2024-1009 Julienne Cutaia, Staff Attorney

Staff Attorney Julienne Cutaia appeared on behalf of the Department. Attorney Michael Neubert appeared on behalf of Respondent. Respondent was present. Staff Attorney Julienne Cutaia presented the proposed Consent Order to the Board.

Dr. Robert Green moved to approve the proposed Consent Order. Dr. Daniel Rissi seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote with all members present approving the motion except Barbara Calderone who did not approve and Dr. C. Steven Wolf who recused himself.

B. Ziad Michael Taweh, M.D. Petition No. 2020-1184 Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina appeared on behalf of the Department. Attorney Rebecca N. Brindley appeared on behalf of Respondent. Respondent was present. Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the proposed Consent Order to the Board.

Dr. Robert Green moved to approve the proposed Consent Order. Dr. Harold Sauer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote with all members present approving the motion except Dr. C. Steven Wolf who recused himself.

C. In re: Scott Berger, M.D. Petition No. 2020-1091 Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton appeared on behalf of the Department. Attorney Joyce Lagnese appeared on behalf of Respondent. Respondent was present. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the proposed Consent Order to the Board.

Dr. Harold Sauer moved to approve the proposed Consent Order. Paul Possenti seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote with all members present approving the motion except Dr. C. Steven Wolf who recused himself.

D. Christopher Betz, D.O. Petition No. 2020-1006 Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina appeared on behalf of the Department. Attorney Edward Maher appeared on behalf of Respondent. Respondent was present. Staff Attorney Edward Maher

presented the proposed Consent Order to the Board.

Dr. Harold Sauer moved to approve the proposed Consent Order. Dr. Daniel Rissi seconded the motion. The motion was not approved by roll call vote with all members present not approving the motion except Dr. Lee who abstained and Dr. C. Steven Wolf who recused himself.

E. Scott A. Bissell, M.D. Petition No. 2021-460 Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina appeared on behalf of the Department. Attorney Edward Maher appeared on behalf of Respondent. Respondent was present. Staff Attorney Edward Maher presented the proposed Consent Order to the Board.

Michele Jacklin moved to not approve the proposed Consent Order. Dr. C. Steven Wolf seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote with all members present except Dr. Robert Green who recused himself.

F. Alexander A. Carrese, M.D. Petition No. 2023-526 Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina appeared on behalf of the Department. Attorney Edward Maher appeared on behalf of Respondent. Respondent was not present. Staff Attorney Edward Maher presented the proposed Consent Order to the Board.

Dr. Daniel Rissi moved to approve the proposed Consent Order. Barbara Calderone seconded the motion. The motion was not approved by roll call vote with all members present not approving the motion except Dr. Harold Sauer who recused himself and Dr. C. Steven Wolf who recused himself.

G. Robban Sica, MD Petition No. 2021-1003 Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton appeared on behalf of the Department. Attorney Cameron L. Atkinson appeared on behalf of Respondent. John Richardson appeared on behalf of Respondent. Respondent was not present. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the proposed Consent Order to the Board.

Dr. Daniel Rissi moved to approve the proposed Consent Order. Barbara Calderone seconded the motion. By roll call vote, the motion was approved except Dr. Peter Zeman who recused himself.

REINSTATEMENT REQUESTS

Herik Acosta Gonzalez, M.D. Celeste Dowdell, License and Application Analyst

Celeste Dowdell presented the Request for Reinstatement of License to the Board. Dr. Harold Sauer moved to recommend that Dr. Gonzalez's license be reinstated. Dr. Robert Green seconded the motion. By roll call vote, the motion was not approved by all present.

Belinda Chan, M.D. Celeste Dowdell, License and Applications Analyst

Celeste Dowdell presented the Request for Reinstatement of License to the Board. Dr. Harold Sauer moved to recommend that Dr. Chan's license be reinstated. Barbara Calderone seconded the motion. By roll call vote, the motion was approved by all present.

Elizabeth Cooney, M.D.

Celeste Dowdell, License and Applications Analyst

Celeste Dowdell presented the Request for Reinstatement of License to the Board. Dr. Robert Green moved to recommend that Dr. Cooney's license be reinstated. Barbara Calderone seconded the motion. By roll call vote, the motion was approved by all present.

ADJOURN

Dr. Robert Green moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Paul Possenti. The meeting was adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson