

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
July 15, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Barbara Calderone, Esq.
Allyson Duffy, MD
Robert Green, MD
Katherine Grieco, DO FASAM
Michele Jacklin
Marilyn Katz, MD
Keat Jin Lee, MD
Shawn London, MD
Edward G. McAnaney, Esq.
Paul P. Possenti, MS, PA-C, FAASPA
Cheryl-Ann Resha, EdD, MSN, RN, FNASN, FAAN
Daniel Rissi, MD
Harold Sauer, MD
David Schwindt, MD
C. Steven Wolf, MD
Andrew Yuan, DO

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson
Joseph Kaliko, Esq.
Peter Zeman, MD

DPH / AAG STAFF PRESENT:

Ryan Burns, Deputy Legal Director
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney
Anthony Nanni, Staff Attorney
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
Brett A. Karpuska, Board Liaison

CALL TO ORDER.

Acting Chair, Dr. C. Steven Wolf, called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

ADDED ITEM

The Board added a Notice from the Monitoring Program regarding Derek Donovan, P.A., Petition No. 2022-103 to the agenda. The vote was approved unanimously by acclamation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The draft minutes of the May 20, 2025, meeting were reviewed. Paul P. Possenti moved to approve the minutes, with the modification that Dr. Robert Green moved to approve the Consent Order related to Blaine E. Messing, MD, Petition No. 2024-1009. Dr. Daniel Rissi seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote with all members present approving the motion except Dr. Allyson Duffy, Dr. Katherine Grieco, Michele Jacklin, Cheryl-Ann Rescha, and Dr. Andrew Yuan who abstained.

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.
- C. There was a discussion regarding a letter received from FSMB with information related to compound drug products containing cagrilintide.
- D. There was a discussion on the status of requests to legislature regarding Public Act No. 25-97.
- E. There was a discussion of a Notice from the Monitoring Program regarding Derek Donovan, PA, Petition No. 2022-103.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

- A. Karen Sondergaard, M.D. Petition No. 2025-876 Anthony Nanni, Staff Attorney**

Staff Attorney Anthony Nanni represented the Department. The Respondent was not present. Dr. Robert Green moved to grant the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension finding that the Respondent posed a clear and immediate danger to the public health and safety if allowed to continue the practice of nursing. Dr. Daniel Rissi seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote with all members present approving the motion except Dr. Katherine Grieco who recused herself.

CONSENT ORDERS

- A. Adam J. Messenger, M.D. Petition No. 2020-702 Anthony Nanni, Staff Attorney**

Staff Attorney Anthony Nanni appeared on behalf of the Department. Attorney Richard Brown appeared on behalf of Respondent. Respondent was not present.

Dr. Daniel Rissi moved to approve the proposed Consent Order. Edward McAnaney 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.

- B. Leah M. Kenney, M.D. Petition No. 2022-87 Anthony Nanni, Staff Attorney**

Staff Attorney Anthony Nanni appeared on behalf of the Department. Attorney Heidi Cilano appeared on behalf of Respondent. Respondent was not present.

Barbara Calderone 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. Robert Green who abstained and Dr. C. Steven Wolf who recused himself.

REINSTATEMENT REQUESTS

A. Seyed Aleali, M.D. Celeste Dowdell, License and Application Analyst

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

B. Barbara Kirejczyk, 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. Kirejczyk's license be reinstated. Dr. Robert Green seconded the motion. By roll call vote, the motion was approved by all present.

APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE

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

Celeste Dowdell presented the Application for Licensure to the Board. Dr. Daniel Rissi moved to recommend that Dr. Gonzalez's license be reinstated. Dr. Harold Sauer seconded the motion. By roll call vote, the motion was denied by all present.

ADJOURN

Barbara Calderone moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:39 p.m.

Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson