

**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 25, 2015**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on February 25, 2015, at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in the third floor Hearing Room.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
 Peter Katz, DMD
 Steven Reiss, DDS
 Martin Ungar, DMD – *via telephone*
 Barbara Ulrich

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Lance Banwell, DDS

Dr. Strathearn called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The minutes of the December 17, 2014 meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Dr. Reiss, seconded by Dr. Katz.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

Dr. Strathearn announced that The North East Regional Board of Dental Examiners (NERB) is now the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA).

III. OFFICE OF LICENSURE REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE

A. Ammar Idlibi, DMD – Petition No. 2013-1090

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present or represented.

Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a \$2000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

B. Robert Katz, DMD – Petition No. 2012-593

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Thomas Anderson was present for respondent.

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ulrich, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand and a one year period of probation. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

License Reinstatement Application – Christopher C. Piccaro, DDS

Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to add this item to the agenda. The motion passed.

Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant, Department of Public Health presented a reinstatement application for Dr. Piccaro. Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to recommend approval of Dr. Piccaro's application. The motion passed unanimously.

V. ADJOURN

Dr. Banwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
Connecticut State Dental Commission

CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
June 24, 2015

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on June 24, 2015, at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in the third floor Hearing Room.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
 Lance Banwell, DDS – *via telephone*
 Peter Katz, DMD
 Steven Reiss, DDS
 Martin Ungar, DMD – *via telephone*

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Barbara Ulrich

Dr. Strathearn called the meeting to order at 1:13 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The minutes of the February 25, 2015 meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Dr. Reiss.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

None

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. American Association of Dental Boards

Mina Paul, DMD, President of the American Association of Dental Boards (AADB) was present and provided an overview of the AADB's Assessment Services Program and the Dentist Professional Review and Evaluation Program. Dr. Paul also discussed the "Buffalo Model" for patient based clinical examinations for licensure.

B. Provisional License Applications
 Shraddha Marshall, D.D.S.

Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Shraddha Marshall, D.D.S., to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut, School of Dental Medicine. Following review of the application Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Marshall. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Rashmi Patel, DDS – Petition No. 2014-153
 Department of Public Health Request for Modification of Memorandum of Decision

Assistant Attorney General, Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Commission. Staff Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health. Attorney Paul Knag was present with Dr. Patel.

Dr. Reiss mad a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to enter executive session to review written legal advice from the Assistant Attorney General. The motion passed and the Commission entered executive session from 1:50 p.m. until 2:03 p.m. to discuss the legal advice with Assistant Attorney General Colson. No motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session. Following executive session the commission voted to table this matter and requested the Assistant Attorney General to request clarification from the American Association of Dental Boards (AADB) Dentist Professional Review and Evaluation Program of its March 2015 evaluation of Dr. Patel.

Dr. Ungar left the meeting at 2:04 p.m. Dr. Banwell joined the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

IV. OFFICE OF LICENSURE REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE

A. Michael Babinski, DMD – Petition No. 2013-550

Brittany Allen, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present or represented.

Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand and a \$2000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

B. Gabriel Shalmi, DDS – Petition No. 2014-894

Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter.

Attorney James Siewert was present on behalf of respondent.

Dr. Banwell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Reiss, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand, a \$5000.00 civil penalty and a one year period of probation. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

V. ADJOURN

Dr. Banwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
Connecticut State Dental Commission

**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
September 2, 2015**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on September 2,, 2015, at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in conference room "C" on the third floor.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson – *via telephone*
Lance Banwell, DDS – *via telephone*
Peter Katz, DMD – *via telephone*
Martin Ungar, DMD – *via telephone*
Barbara Ulrich – *via telephone*

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Steven Reiss, DDS

Dr. Strathearn called the meeting to order at 11:01 p.m.

I. OFFICE OF LICENSURE REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE

Rocco Carella, DDS – Petition No. 2015-735

David Tilles, Staff Attorney was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present with Attorney Richard J. Pascal.

Hearing Officer Olinda Morales provided counsel for the Commission.

The Commission heard comments from Attorneys, Tilles and Fontaine regarding the Department of Public Health's motion for Summary Suspension and respondent's objection to the motion for Summary Suspension.

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ulrich, to grant the Summary Suspension motion in that respondent represents an immediate danger to public health and safety. The motion passed unanimously. A hearing in this matter will be scheduled for September 18, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. The hearing panelists will be Dr. Strathearn, Dr. Banwell and Dr. Ungar.

Wilford Samson, DDS – Petition Nos. 2014-1178; 2015-856

David Tilles, Staff Attorney was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present with Attorney Robert Ricketts.

Hearing Officer Olinda Morales provided counsel for the Commission.

The Commission heard comments from Attorneys, Tilles and Ricketts regarding the Department of Public Health's motion for Summary Suspension and respondent's objection to the motion for Summary Suspension.

Dr. Banwell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to grant the Summary Suspension motion in that respondent represents an immediate danger to public health and safety. The motion passed unanimously. A hearing in this matter will be scheduled for September 21, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. The hearing panelists will be Dr. Strathearn, Dr. Katz and Ms. Ulrich.

II. ADJOURN

Dr. Katz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
Connecticut State Dental Commission

**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
September 30, 2015**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on September 30, 2015, at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in room 1-A.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
 Lance Banwell, DDS
 Peter Katz, DMD
 Steven Reiss, DDS
 Martin Ungar, DMD
 Barbara Ulrich

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Dr. Strathearn called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The minutes of the June 24, 2015 and September 2, 2015 meetings were reviewed and approved on a motion by Dr. Reiss, seconded by Dr. Banwell.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

NONE

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Provisional License Applications

Yamini Patel, D.D.S.

Judith Bailey, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Yamini Patel, D.D.S., to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut, School of Dental Medicine. Following review of the application Dr. Banwell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Patel. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Rocco Carella, DDS – Petition No. 2015-735

Respondent's Motion to Lift Summary Suspension

Attorney Richard Pascal was present with respondent. Staff Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health. Hearing Officer Olinda Morales provided counsel to the Commission.

Argument was heard from Attorney Pascal and Attorney Tilles regarding respondent's motion to lift the Summary Suspension ordered on September 2, 2015.

Dr. Ungar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, that effective immediately, the Summary Suspension of respondent's license be lifted with conditions. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. OFFICE OF LICENSURE REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE

A. Michael Crawford, DDS – Petition No. 2014-1175

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Paul Knag was present on behalf of respondent.

Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand, probation for one year and a \$1000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

B. James Kopoutsoukos, DMD – Petition No. 2014-896

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was present without representation.

Dr. Banwell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ulrich, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand and probation for four months. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

C. Bill Markantonakis, DMD – Petition No. 2014-1021

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Beverly Knapp Anderson was present on behalf of respondent.

Dr. Banwell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to approve the Consent Order which imposes probation for one year and a \$5000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

D. Joohyun Kim, DDS – Petition No. 2012-1058

Brittany Allen, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Kevin Coles was present on behalf of respondent.

Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand, probation for six months and a \$1000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

E. David Sandak, DDS – Petition No. 2012-527

Brittany Allen, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present nor represented.

Dr. Ungar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand, probation for six months. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

V. ADJOURN

Dr. Katz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
Connecticut State Dental Commission

**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
November 13, 2015**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on November 13, 2015, at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in the third floor hearing room.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson – *via telephone*
 Lance Banwell, DDS – *via telephone*
 Peter Katz, DMD – *via telephone*
 Steven Reiss, DDS – *via telephone*
 Martin Ungar, DMD – *via telephone*
 Barbara Ulrich – *via telephone*

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Dr. Strathearn called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

I. OFFICE OF LICENSURE REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE

Wilford Samson, DDS – Petition Nos. 2014-1178; 2015-856

David Tilles, Staff Attorney was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present with Attorney Robert Ricketts.

Hearing Officer Olinda Morales provided counsel for the Commission.

The Commission heard comments from Attorneys, Tilles and Ricketts regarding Respondent's Motion to Adopt Minutes and Immediately Reinstate Dr. Samson. Attorney Matthew Antonetti of the Department of Public Health also addressed the Commission

Dr. Strathearn made a motion, seconded by Dr. Reiss, to grant respondent's motion. Following discussion the motion failed. All Commission members voted against granting the Respondent's Motion to Adopt Minutes and Immediately Reinstate Dr. Samson

II. Carlos Henriquez, DDS – Petition No. 2015-1050

David Tilles, Staff Attorney was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present with Attorney Mark Kelly.

Hearing Officer Olinda Morales provided counsel for the Commission.

The Commission heard comments from Attorneys, Tilles and Kelly regarding the Department of Public Health's motion for Summary Suspension and respondent's objection to the motion for Summary Suspension.

Dr. Strathearn made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to grant the Summary Suspension motion in that respondent represents an immediate danger to public health and safety. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Reiss who abstained. A hearing in this matter will be scheduled for December 2, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. The hearing panelists will be Dr. Katz, Dr. Banwell, and Ms. Ulrich.

III. ADJOURN

Dr. Katz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
Connecticut State Dental Commission

**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
December 2, 2015**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on December 2, 2015, at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in room 1-A.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
 Lance Banwell, DDS
 Peter Katz, DMD
 Steven Reiss, DDS
 Barbara Ulrich

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Martin Ungar, DMD

Dr. Strathearn called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The minutes of the September 30, 2015 and November 13, 2015 meetings were reviewed and approved on a motion by Dr. Reiss, seconded by Dr. Banwell.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

NONE

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Provisional License Applications
 Yamini Patel, D.D.S.

Judith Bailey, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Maria Sofia Arauz Pizzurno, D.D.S., to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut, School of Dental Medicine. Following review of the application Dr. Banwell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Reiss, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Patel. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Health Care Associated Infections

Richard Melchreit, MD of the Department of Public Health provided an overview of the Department's Healthcare Associated Infections Program.

C. Wilford Samson, DDS – Petition Nos. 2014-1178; 2015-856
 Respondent's Motion to Lift Summary Suspension

Attorney Robert Ricketts was present with respondent. Staff Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health. Hearing Officer Olinda Morales provided counsel to the Commission.

Argument was heard from Attorney Ricketts and Attorney Tilles regarding respondent's motion to lift the Summary Suspension ordered on September 2, 2015.

Dr. Strathearn made a motion, seconded by Dr. Reiss, that the Summary Suspension of respondent's license be lifted with conditions that include requirements for infection control and practice monitoring, continuing education and infection control training. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. OFFICE OF LICENSURE REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE

A. Donald Gardner, DMD – Petition No. 2014-1217

Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Craig Fontaine was present on behalf of respondent.

Dr. Banwell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand, probation for six months and a permanent prescribing restriction. The motion passed with all in favor, except Dr. Reiss who abstained. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

B. Walter Kostrzewski, DMD – Petition No. 2014-816

Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Craig Fontaine was present on behalf of respondent.

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ulrich, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand, probation for six months and a \$4500.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

C. Carlos A. Henriquez, DDS – Petition No. 2015-1050

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Mark Kelly was present on behalf of respondent.

Dr. Banwell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand, probation for one year and a \$1000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

V. SCHEDULE MEETING DATES FOR 2016

The following meeting dates were scheduled for 2016: All meetings will begin at 1:00 p.m.

January 20, 2016 – Legislative Office Building, Hartford, Connecticut

January 27, 2016 – Legislative Office Building, Hartford, Connecticut (Snow Date)

April 6, 2016 - Department of Public Health, Hartford, Connecticut

June 29, 2016 - Legislative Office Building, Hartford, Connecticut

September 28, 2016 - Legislative Office Building, Hartford, Connecticut

December 7, 2016 - Legislative Office Building, Hartford, Connecticut

VI. ADJOURN

Dr. Katz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
Connecticut State Dental Commission