

**AGENDA**  
**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD**  
**TUESDAY, February 20, 2007 at 1:30 PM**  
Department of Public Health Complex  
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford Connecticut  
**Conference Room A/B - Building 470**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**I. MINUTES**

Review and approval of the minutes from the January 16, 2007 meeting.

**II. UPDATES**

- A. Chair Updates
- B. Information Update - Department of Public Health
- C. Legislative Update – DPH Office of Government Relations
- D. Information Update - Connecticut State Medical Society

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Randy Hassen, MD – Petition No. 2005-1117-001-271  
*Oral Argument on Proposed Memorandum of Decision*
- 2:15 p.m. B. Charles Jones, MD - Petition Nos. 2004-0917-001-221  
2006-0111-001-010  
2006-0401-011-069  
2006-0407-001-068

*Respondent's Motion for Reconsideration*

**IV. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

- A. Tom Coffey, MD – Petition No. 2006-0418-001-077  
*Presentation of Consent Order – Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH*
- B. Joel Allen, MD – Petition No. 2005-0209-001-049  
*DPH Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges – David Tilles, Staff Attorney, DPH*

**V. 120 Day Extensions**

- J. August, MD
- B Raxlen, MD
- J. Singer, MD

**VI. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS**

**ADJOURN**

The following minutes are draft minutes which are subject to revision and which have not yet been adopted by the Board.

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**January 16, 2007**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 2007 at the Department of Public Health Complex, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room A/B, Building 470, Hartford, Connecticut.

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***BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:***

Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman  
Richard Bridburg, MD  
Anne Doremus  
Robert Fuller, MD  
Harold Hebb  
Patricia Loving, PA  
Velandy Manohar, MD  
Regina Stankaitis  
C. Steven Wolf, MD

***BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT***

David M. Goldenberg, MD  
Steven Hanks, MD  
Pamela A. Nole  
George Terranova, MD

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Dr. O'Neill called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

***I. MINUTES***

The draft minutes of the December 19, 2006 meeting were reviewed. Dr. O'Neill made a motion, seconded by Ms. Stankaitis, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

***II. CHAIR UPDATES***

The following correspondence/information was received and reviewed:

1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
2. Hearing assignments.

Dr. O'Neill requested that the Board be provided with a list of the number of physician licensure actions for the last five years.

***III. INFORMATION UPDATES***

**A. Department of Public Health**

Donna Brewer, Section Chief, Public Health Hearing Office (PHO) reported that the PHHO will be able to provide electronic copies of transcripts to Board members by email. Dr. Manohar suggested that copies be provided on CD if possible.

**B. Legislative Update**

None

B. Connecticut State Medical Society

Douglas Gibson, MD and Maureen Dinnan, Esq. made a presentation on behalf of the Coalition of Health Care Professionals regarding its proposed legislation “An Act Concerning a Professional Assistance Program for Health Care Professionals.” The coalition is made up of the Connecticut State Medical Society (CSMS); Connecticut Veterinary Medical Association, Connecticut Nurses Association, Connecticut State Dental Association and the Connecticut Association of Physician Assistants.

Attorney Dinnan provided a comparison between the coalition’s proposed legislation and that of the Department of Public Health’s proposal, “An Act Concerning Patient Protection and Health Care Practitioner Security Fund.”

Jean Rexford, Connecticut Center for Patient Safety addressed the Board and stated that her organization supports the DPH proposed legislation.

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH commented that the DPH proposal provides a greater level of public protection and accountability than that of the coalition proposal.

Wendy Furniss, Branch Chief, Healthcare Systems commented as to why there are two legislative proposals as opposed to one compromise proposal.

Dr. Wolf strongly suggested that the DPH and the coalition work towards the submission of one bill.

Dr. O’Neill commented that in his opinion neither bill by itself will pass because of opposition from the other side and that a compromise bill should be sought.

Dr. Manohar, Ms. Stankaitis, Ms. Doremus and Dr. Bridburg concurred with Dr. O’Neill’s and Dr. Wolf’s comments.

Dr. O’Neill stated that the Board would not lend its support to either proposal and strongly encouraged the leadership of the DPH and the CSMS to direct their staffs to integrate their efforts on behalf of the healthcare professionals and the patients they serve

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Assign Hearing Panels

- Ernest Squatrito, DO – Petition No. 2005-0809-001-206

Dr. Manohar and Mr. Hebb will serve as hearing panelists in this matter. Dr. Manohar will chair the panel. The Board Liaison will coordinate the scheduling of hearing dates. Dr. O’Neill stated he is recused in this matter.

- Robert Golenbock, MD – Petition No. 2004-1112-001-256

Ms. Loving will serve as a hearing panelist in this matter. The Board Liaison will coordinate assignment of panelists and the scheduling of hearing dates.

- Nandini Kokegar, MD – Petition No. 2005-0722-001-189

The Board Liaison will coordinate assignment of panelists and the scheduling of hearing dates.

**V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

A. Vasant Khachane, MD – Petition No. 2005-0809-001-206

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Vasant Khachane, MD. Attorney Maureen Dinnan was present on behalf of Dr. Khachane,

Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O’Neill signed the Order.

B. Balakrisnan Sathishchandar, MD – Petition No. 2005-0505-001-121

Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Balakrisnan Sathishchandar, MD. Respondent was present with Attorney Jay Malcynski.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hebb, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O’Neill signed the Order.

***VI. TIME EXTENSIONS***

Dr. O’Neill moved and Ms. Stankaitis seconded to approve 120-day extensions in the following cases: The motion passed unanimously.

Joel Allen, MD – Petition No. 2000-0906-001-157. Memorandum of Decision being drafted

Joel Allen, MD – Petition No. 2005-0209-001-049. Hearing to be rescheduled

Mary Ellen Albini (unlicensed) - Memorandum of Decision being reviewed by the Assistant Attorney General.

Charles Jones, MD – Hearing scheduled for January 18 and 25, 2007.

JoAnne. Mershon (unlicensed) - Memorandum of Decision being reviewed by the Assistant Attorney General.

***VII. ADJOURNMENT***

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dennis G. O’Neill, MD, Chairman