

AGENDA (Revised)
CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
Tuesday, June 17, 2008 at 1:30 PM

Department of Public Health Complex
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford Connecticut
Conference Room C - Building 470

CALL TO ORDER

I. MINUTES

Review and approval of the minutes from the May 20, 2008 meeting.

II. UPDATES

- A. Chair Updates
- B. Information Updates
Department of Public Health
Connecticut State Medical Society

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Residency Equivalency Determination
Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Applications Analyst
- B. Notice of Declaratory Ruling Proceeding
Connecticut Board of Examiners in Podiatry

IV. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

- A. Hungciah Lee, MD – Petition No. 2006-1212-001-213
Presentation of Consent Order – Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, DPH
- B. Merlin Perlin, MD – Petition No. 2007-0320-001-042
Presentation of Consent Order – Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, DPH
- C. Patricia Whitcombe, MD – Petition No. 2006-0928-001-166
Presentation of Consent Order – Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, DPH
- D. James Gallagher, M.D. – Petition No. 2008-0521-001-084
Presentation of Interim Consent Order – David Tilles, Staff Attorney, DPH
- E. Robert Sterling, MD 2008-0513-001-080
Motion for Summary Suspension – Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, DPH
- F. Mark Hagedorn, MD – Petition No. 2007-1129-001-205
Presentation of Consent Order – Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH

V. ASSIGN HEARING PANEL

Peter Benet, MD – Petition No.2007-0517-001-091

VI. 120 DAY EXTENSIONS

Charles Jones, MD - Petition No.2006-0111-001-010

VII. 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
May 20, 2008**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 2008 at the Department of Public Health Complex, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room C, Building 470, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Regina Stankaitis, Chairperson
Richard Bridburg, MD
Martin Courneen
Anne Doremus
Michael Erickson
Robert Green, MD
Steven Hanks, MD
Michael Lindberg, MD
Patricia Loving, PA
Howard Sadinsky, DO
George Terranova, MD
Susan Wernick
C. Steven Wolf, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT David M. Goldenberg, MD

Ms. Stankaitis called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Dr. Green was welcomed to his first meeting as a Board member.

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the April 15, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hanks, to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Green and Dr. Wolf who abstained.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

The following correspondence/information was received and reviewed:

1. A letter from former Chairman Dennis O'Neill, MD was provided to the Board.
2. Department of Public Health – Quarterly Investigation Summary.
3. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
4. Hearing assignments.

III. INFORMATION UPDATES

A. Department of Public Health Legislative Update

Jennifer Filippone Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations, DPH reported that she and Dr. Hanks attended the recent annual meeting of the Federation of State Medical Boards.

Continued competency issues and physician license portability were major areas of interest at the meeting.

Donna Brewer, Section Chief Public Health Hearing Office, DPH provided a reminder that an orientation program for Board members is scheduled for June 2, 2008.

- B. Connecticut State Medical Society
None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Proposed Memorandum of Decision
Ernest Squatrito, DO - Petition No. 2005-0722-001-187

Attorney Richard Tynan was present on behalf of Dr. Squatrito. Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present on behalf of the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Hugh Barber was present to provide counsel to the Board.

This matter was tabled from the April 15, 2008 meeting subsequent to a recommendation by Dr. Bridburg that a psychiatric evaluation with a full psychological work-up should be added as a condition to the proposed order. It was suggested that opinions from the panelists who heard this case be sought regarding Dr. Bridburg's recommendation.

The Board reviewed email opinions from hearing panelists Maureen Kunkel, MD and Edward Osswalt, Esq. Velandy Manohar, MD, a hearing panelist in this matter was present and provided a synopsis of the panel's findings and his opinion that a psychiatric evaluation would be prudent in this case.

The Board heard comments from Attorney Tynan and Attorney Tilles.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Erickson, to approve the Memorandum of Decision with the inclusion of provisions for a psychiatric evaluation added to the terms of probation. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Stankaitis signed the Order.

- B. Proposed Memorandum of Decision
David Ferris, DO - Petition No. 2007-0808-001-133

Dr. Wolf provided a synopsis of the hearing panels findings and recommendation. Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Courneen, to adopt the Memorandum of Decision revoking the physician license of Dr. Ferris. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Stankaitis signed the Order.

- C. Proposed Memorandum of Decision
Matthew Giles, MD - Petition No. 2006-0626-079-006

Dr. Giles was present with Attorney Michael Kurs. Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present on behalf of the Department of Public Health.

Dr. Wolf provided a synopsis of the hearing panels findings and recommendation for a \$1000.00 civil penalty. Dr. Bridburg, Ms. Doremus and Dr. Terranova stated their opinion that the proposed civil penalty was too lenient. Mr Erickson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hanks, to adopt the Memorandum of Decision. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Bridburg, Ms. Doremus and Dr. Terranova and Ms. Stankaitis who were opposed. Ms. Stankaitis signed the Order.

V. TIME EXTENSIONS

Dr. Terranova moved and Ms. Doremus seconded to approve a 120-day extension in the matter of Bernard Raxlen, MD - Petition Nos.2003-1616-001-286: The hearing is scheduled to commence on July 15, 2008.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Stankaitis, Chairperson