

AGENDA
CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
Tuesday, May 20, 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 April 15, 2008 meeting.

II. UPDATES

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

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Proposed Memorandum of Decision
 - Ernest Squatrito, DO - Petition No. 2005-0722-001-187*
- B. Proposed Memorandum of Decision
 - David Ferris, DO - Petition No. 2007-0808-001-133*
- C. Proposed Memorandum of Decision
 - Matthew Giles, MD- Petition No. 2006-0626-079-006*

IV. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

V. 120 DAY EXTENSIONS

- B. Raxlen, 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
April 15, 2008**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at the Department of Public Health Complex, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room C, Building 470, Hartford, Connecticut.

<i>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:</i>	Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman Richard Bridburg, MD Martin Courneen Anne Doremus Michael Erickson David M. Goldenberg, MD Steven Hanks, MD Michael Lindberg, MD Patricia Loving, PA Regina Stankaitis Susan Wernick
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<i>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</i>	Howard Sadinsky, DO George Terranova, MD C. Steven Wolf, 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 March 18, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Ms. Stankaitis, to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor except Mr. Courneen who abstained.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

The following correspondence/information was received and reviewed:

1. Dr. O'Neill announced that Robert Fuller, MD's resignation as a Board member was accepted by the Governor effective April 4, 2008.
2. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
3. Hearing assignments.
4. Federation of State Medical Boards – Annual report of disciplinary actions.
5. Legislative Update from the DPH Office of Government Relations.

III. INFORMATION UPDATES

- A. Department of Public Health Legislative Update
None
- 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.

The Board reviewed the proposed Memorandum of Decision as well as the Department of Public Health's request for modification of the Order. Attorney Tynan stated there was no objection to the modification proposed by the Department.

Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Ms. Doremus, to modify paragraph 3 on page 10 by adding the word "quarterly" to the frequency of monitoring reports. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. O'Neill who was recused.

Dr. Hanks provided a synopsis of the hearing panel's findings and recommendation. Dr. Bridburg commented that his review of the proposed decision indicates that Dr. Squatrito has exhibited a pattern of "acting out behavior." Dr. Bridburg suggested that a psychiatric evaluation with a full psychological work-up is indicated and should be added as a condition to the proposed order. Dr. Hanks agreed with this suggestion.

Ms. Doremus made a motion, seconded by Mr. Courneen, that this matter be tabled until the May 2008 meeting to obtain opinions as to Dr. Bridburg's recommendation from the panelists who heard this case. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. O'Neill who was recused.

B. Proposed Memorandum of Decision

Preston Goldsmith, DO - Petition No. 2007-0501-023-005

Dr. O'Neill provided a synopsis of the hearing panels findings and recommendation. Dr.

Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg, to adopt the Memorandum of Decision revoking the physician assistant license of Preston Goldsmith.

The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

A. Felix A. Almentero, MD – Petition No. 2006-0428-001-083

Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Department of Public, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Felix A. Almentero, MD. Attorney Robert Hirtle was present on behalf of Dr. Almentero.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Ms. Loving, that the Consent Order be approved. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

B. Theodore Kramer, MD – Petition No. 2005-0712-001-172

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Theodore Kramer, MD. Dr. Kramer was not present or represented.

Dr. Hanks made a motion, seconded by Mr. Erickson, that the Consent Order be approved. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

C. Ben Ramaley, MD – Petition No. 2005-1129-001-273

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Ben Ramaley, MD. Attorney Eric Smith was present on behalf of Dr. Ramaley. Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hanks, that the Consent Order be approved. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

The Board recommended that the Department of Public Health conduct a review of the facility identified in the Consent Order.

VI. NEW BUSINESS cont.

C. Pending Litigation - Charles R. Jones, MD
Petition No. 2004-0917-001-221

Petition Nos. 2006-0111-001-010, 2006-0407-001-068, 2006-0411-001-0

Assistant Attorney General Tanya DeMattia was present to provide counsel to the Board. Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Ms. Doremus, to enter executive session to obtain advice from the Assistant Attorney General concerning an appeal pending in Superior Court in which the Board is the defendant.

The motion passed unanimously, and the Board entered executive session from 2:20 p.m. until 2:28 p.m.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Stankaitis, Chairperson