

## AGENDA

### CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at 1:30 PM

Department of Public Health Complex  
Capitol Avenue, Hartford Connecticut  
Conference Room A/B, Building 470

#### CALL TO ORDER

#### I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 19, 2011

#### II. UPDATES

- A. Chair Updates
- B. Information Updates  
Department of Public Health

#### III. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

- A. Michael Anthony, MD – Petition No. 2011-482  
*Presentation of Interim Consent Order – David Tilles, Staff Attorney, DPH*
- B. Anton Chinniah, MD – Petition No. 2009-0114-001-008  
*Presentation of Consent Order – David Tilles, Staff Attorney, DPH*
- C. Sarah Watson, PA – Petition No. 2009-2009287  
*Modification of Consent Order – David Tilles, Staff Attorney, DPH*
- D. Murray Wellner, MD, – Petition No. 2011-161  
*Presentation of Consent Order – David Tilles, Staff Attorney, DPH*

#### 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 APRIL 19, 2011**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, April 19, 2011 at the Department of Public Health Complex, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in conference room 470-A/B.

---

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Anne Doremus, Chairperson  
Richard Bridburg, MD  
Douglas Fellows, MD  
David M. Goldenberg, MD  
Robert Green, MD  
Henry Jacobs, MD  
Maureen Liegeot  
Michael Lindberg, MD  
Patricia Loving, PA  
Daniel Rissi, MD  
C. Steven Wolf, MD

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT** Richard Harris  
Howard Sadinsky, DO  
Regina Stankaitis

---

Ms. Doremus called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

**I. MINUTES**

The draft minutes of the February 15, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fellows, to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

**II. UPDATES**

- A. Chair Updates  
The following information was reviewed:
1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
  2. Hearing assignments.
  3. Randy Hassen, MD – Appeal of Memorandum of Decision
  4. FSMB Annual Meeting – April 28, 2011
- B. Department of Public Health  
None

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Residency Equivalency Determination – Irina Collins, MD  
Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented information for the Board to review to determine if Dr. Collins's education and training are equivalent to 2 years of ACGME accredited residency training. Following discussion Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg to accept Dr. Collin's education and training as being equivalent to the two year ACGME accredited training requirement.  
The motion failed as only Dr. Goldenberg, Dr. Bridburg and Ms. Loving voted in favor of the motion.

B. Charles R. Jones, MD  
Petition Nos. 2006-0111-001-010, 2006-0407-001-068, 2006-0411-001-069

Respondent Motion for Evidentiary Hearing and to Modify Decision

Attorney Elliott Pollack was present on behalf of Dr. Jones. Principal Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present for the Department of Public Health. Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg, to deny respondent's motion for evidentiary hearing and to modify decision. The motion to deny passed with all in favor except Dr. Lindberg who abstained.

B. Proposed Memorandum of Decision - Clifford Berken, MD - Petition No. 2008-1208-001-244

Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt was present for respondent. Principal Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present for the Department of Public Health.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf to enter executive session to discuss confidential medical information regarding respondent. The motion passed unanimously and the Board entered Executive Session from 2:00p.m. – 2:01p.m. No motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

Following executive session the Board heard comments from Attorneys Moore Leonhardt and Attorney Antonetti regarding the Department of Public Health's request to add language to the Memorandum of Decision.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Jacobs, to add a provision to the decision restricting respondent from having a solo practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Jacobs made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lindberg, that respondent be permanently restricted from treating patients under the age of (18) eighteen. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Fellows who abstained.

Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green, to adopt the Memorandum of Decision with the changes. The motion passed with all in favor.

The Memorandum of Decision, which places respondent's license on probation for a period of five years, will be signed by Ms. Doremus following the inclusion of the additional language.

**IV. 120 DAY EXTENSIONS**

J. Bristol, MD – Petition No. 2008-0714-001-138: Hearing scheduled April 28, 2011

G. Sternstein, MD – Petition No. 2009-200921: Memorandum of Decision being drafted.

M. Yekta, MD – Petition No. 2007-0328-001-047: Hearing to be rescheduled.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green to approve a 120-day extension in the above matters. The motion passed unanimously.

**V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

A. Francis Lobo, MD – Petition No. 2010-5648

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented an Interim Consent Order in the matter of Francis Lobo, MD. Respondent was not present or represented.

Dr. Jacobs made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to approve the Interim Consent Order by which respondent's license is suspended pending completion of an investigation. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doremus signed the Order.

B. George Northrop, MD – Petition No. 2009-20091156

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented an Interim Consent Order in the matter of George Northrop, MD. Respondent was not present or represented.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fellows, to approve the Interim Consent Order by which respondent's license is suspended pending completion of an investigation. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doremus signed the Order.

C. Anton Chinniah, MD – Petition No. 2009-0114-001-008

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Reinstatement Consent Order in the matter of Anton Chinniah, MD. Respondent was not present or represented.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fellows, to approve the Consent Order. Following discussion Dr. Bridburg withdrew his motion to approve and made a new motion, seconded by Dr. Goldenberg, to table this matter to allow additional information to be presented to the Board. The motion passed unanimously.

D. James Gallagher, MD – Petition No. 2009-20091331

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Modification of Consent Order in the matter of James Gallagher, MD. Respondent was not present or represented.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to approve the modification. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doremus signed the Order.

E. Robert Hindes, MD – Petition No. 2011-48

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Modification of Consent Order in the matter of Robert Hindes, MD. Respondent was present with Attorney Rona Murphy.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a five year period of probation, a reprimand, a practice restriction and a \$5000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Fellows who abstained. Ms. Doremus signed the Order.

F. Gilberto Ramirez, MD – Petition No. 2008-0211-001-026

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Modification of Consent Order in the matter of Gilberto Ramirez, MD. Neither respondent nor his attorney was present.

Dr. Fellows made a motion, seconded by Dr. Rissi, to approve the Consent Order, which imposes a reprimand and a \$5000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Wolf and Dr. Green who recused themselves. Ms. Doremus signed the Order.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne C. Doremus, Chairperson