

**AGENDA**  
**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD**  
**Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 1:30 PM**  
**Department of Public Health Complex**  
**410 -470 Capitol Avenue, Hartford Connecticut**  
**ROOM 470 C**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

March 21, 2017

**II. OPEN FORUM**

**III. UPDATES**

- A. Chair Updates
- B. DPH Updates
- C. Federation of State Medical Boards Annual Meeting Update  
*Jean Rexford and Michele Jacklin*

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Kurt Schalper, MD - Application for Medical School Permit  
*Presented by Celeste Dowdell, License and Applications Analyst*
- B. Ramesh Batra, MD – Review of License Application  
*Presented by Celeste Dowdell, License and Applications Analyst*
- C. Oral Argument - Proposed Memorandum of Decision  
Wilson Bernales, MD - Petition No. 2015-1579
- D. Proposed Memorandum of Decision  
Beverly Jackson (Unlicensed) - Petition No. 2013-147

**V. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE**

- A. Martin Perlin, M.D. - Petition Nos. 2015-44; 2015-1554 and 2015-1563  
*Presentation of Consent Order – David Tilles, Staff Attorney, DPH*
- B. Roozebeh Badii, M.D. - Petition No. 2016-1421  
*Presentation of Consent Order – Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, DPH*
- C. Rey Ramos, M.D. - Petition No. 2013-936  
*Presentation of Consent Order – David Tilles, Staff Attorney, DPH*
- D. Huping Zhou, M.D. - Petition No. 2017-25  
*Presentation of Consent Order – Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, DPH*
- E. Larry Scherzer, M.D. - Petition No. 2013-936  
*Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges – David Tilles, Staff Attorney, DPH*

**VI. 120 DAY EXTENSIONS**

Mohan Kaza, MD - Petition No. 2015-1108  
Mark Melendez, MD – Petition No. 2014-737

**ADJOURN**

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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 March 21, 2017**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at the Department of Public Health Complex, 410-470 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in conference room 470-C.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson  
Raymond Andrews, Jr., Esq.  
Allyson Duffy, MD  
Carol Ekonomides, PA  
Robert Green, MD  
Michele Jacklin  
Marilyn Katz, MD  
Edward McAnaney, Esq.  
Brimal Patel, MD  
Jean Rexford  
Daniel Rissi, MD  
C. Steven Wolf, MD  
Andrew Yuan, DO  
Peter Zeman, MD

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Eric Hodgson, MD  
Joseph Kaliko, Esq.

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

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

**I. MINUTES**

The draft minutes of the January 17, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Yuan made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

**II. OPEN FORUM**

None

**III. UPDATES**

A. Chair Updates

- Ms. Emmett announced that Dr. Hodgson will be relocating to another State and will be resigning from the Board.
- The index of pending cases was reviewed.

B. Department of Public Health

Christian Andresen, Section Chief, Department of Public Health, Office of Practitioner Licensing and Investigation provided an update on pending legislation.

**IV. A. Health Assistance Intervention Education Network (HAVEN)**

Maureen Dinnan, Executive Director provided an update regarding the Haven Program and the services offered to participants. Ms. Dinnan reported that of the current 267 participants in the program, 91 are physicians and 5 are physician assistants.

Ms. Dinnan also addressed the Governor's proposed budget and the potential impact it may have on Haven's ability to provide services. Ms. Dinnan mentioned that a \$5.00 increase in healthcare provider licensing fees went into effect on October 1, 2015 for the purpose of providing funding to HAVEN, however, no funds have been released to HAVEN.

Following discussion Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rexford, that it be resolved that the Connecticut Medical Examining Board supports the payment of \$5.00 from Department of Public Health licensing fees to the Health Assistance Intervention Education Network (Haven) Program every year and that the \$5.00 should not go into the general fund. The Board also supports the laudable work Haven performs for the state of Connecticut. The motion passed unanimously.

**B. Nikolaos Papoutsidakis, MD - Application for Medical School Permit**

Celeste Dowdell, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented information to the Board of Dr. Papoutsidakis application to practice exclusively within the Yale University School of Medicine. Dr. Papoutsidakis was present and briefly addressed the Board. Dr. Rissi made a motion, seconded by Mr. McAnaney, recommending that Dr. Papoutsidakis application be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

**V. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE**

**A. Tom O'Connor, M.D. - Petition Nos. 2012-656 and 2013-78**

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Elliot Pollack was present on behalf of respondent.

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Mr. McAnaney, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Wolf who was opposed.

Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a reprimand and license probation for 6 months.

**B. Igal Staw, M.D. - Petition No. 2014-840**

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt was present with respondent.

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Wolf who was opposed and Dr. Patel who abstained.

Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a reprimand, license probation for 2 years should respondent's controlled substance registration be reinstated, a \$7500.00 civil penalty, and a permanent restriction from prescribing schedule II controlled substances.

**C. Marjorie A. Smith, M.D. - Petition No. 2016-664**

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

Dr. Zeman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Patel who abstained. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a reprimand.

D. Brian McCarthy, M.D. - Petition No. 2016-990

Staff Attorney David Tilles, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt was present on behalf of respondent.

Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Zeman, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Katz who was opposed. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a restriction such that respondent shall only engage in the non-clinical practice of medicine, and/or medical research.

E. Micha Abeles, M.D. - Petition No. 2016-793

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt was present with respondent.

Dr. Rissi made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jacklin, to adopt the Consent Order. . The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Katz who abstained and Dr. Green who recused himself. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a \$5000.00 civil penalty.

**VI. 120 DAY EXTENSIONS**

Beverly Jackson (Unlicensed) - Petition No. 2013-147

Hearing completed – A draft Proposed Memorandum of Decision is being reviewed by the Assistant Attorney General.

Prem Nath, MD – Petition No. 2009-20091373

Hearing continued at respondents' request due to ongoing illness. Rescheduled to June 2017.

Mr. McAnaney made a motion, seconded by Dr. Zeman, to grant a 120 day extensions in these matters. The motion passed unanimously.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson