

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES of January 17, 2017

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at the Department of Public Health Complex, 410-470 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in conference room 470-C.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Joseph Kaliko, Esq

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

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the November 15, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

II. OPEN FORUM

None

III. UPDATES

A. Chair Updates

- Ms. Emmett reported that Douglas Olson, MD resigned from the Board effective January 1, 2017
- The index of pending cases was reviewed.
- The Federation of State Medical Boards Annual meeting is scheduled for April 20-22, 2017. A Board member representative is needed to attend.

B. Department of Public Health

Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager reported that the AMA guidelines concerning prescribing for family and friends as well as boundary issues have been added to the online license renewal web-site for review as part of the license renewal process.

IV. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

A. Jonathan Parkhurst, MD - Petition No. 2015-1022

Staff Attorney David Tilles, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Richard Tynan was present on behalf of respondent.

Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Wolf, Ms. Jacklin and Ms. Rexford who were opposed.

Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a reprimand and license probation for 1 year.

Mr. McAnaney arrive at 1:55 p.m.

B. Jennifer Matthesen, MD - Petition No. 2015-1096

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

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

Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a reprimand and a \$1000.00 civil penalty.

C. David Burchenal, MD - Petition No. 2015-1094

Staff Attorney David Tilles, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Eugene Cooney was present on behalf of respondent.

Mr. McAnaney made a motion, seconded by Dr. Zeman, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a reprimand, license probation for 3 years and an \$8000.00 civil penalty.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Oral Argument - Proposed Memoranda of Decision

Josef Burton, MD - Petition No. 2014-739

Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. Respondent was present without representation. Staff Attorney Brittany Allen was present for the Department of Public Health.

The Board entertained comments regarding the proposed Memorandum of Decision from respondent and Attorney Allen.

Mr. McAnaney made a motion, seconded by Dr. Zeman, to adopt the decision as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes license probation for 2 years, a \$2000.00 civil penalty and a restriction prohibiting the prescribing of schedule II – schedule V controlled substances.

VI. 120 DAY EXTENSIONS

Wilson Bernaldes, MD - Petition No. 2015-1579 – Hearing completed. A Proposed Memorandum of Decision is being drafted.

Mohan Kaza, MD – Petition No. 2015-1108 - Hearing continued at respondents' request - New hearing date to be scheduled

Mark Melendez, MD – Petition No. 2014-737 - First hearing dated completed - Two additional hearing dates have been scheduled.

Dr. Zeman made a motion, seconded by Mr. McAnaney, to grant a 120 day extension in this matter. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson

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.

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.

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

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES of May 16, 2017

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at the Department of Public Health Complex, 410-470 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in conference room 470-C.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Marilyn Katz, MD

Ms. Emmett called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

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

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the March 21, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Andrews made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

II. OPEN FORUM

None

III. UPDATES

A. Chair Updates

- 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 regarding prescribing by Physician Assistants.

Mr. McAnaney and Dr. Patel arrived at 1:40 p.m.

C. Federation of State Medical Boards Annual Meeting (FSMB)

Ms. Rexford and Ms. Jacklin provided an update of annual meeting of the FSMB that was held in April 2017. Major areas of discussion included, the Licensure Compact, Opioid Prescribing, Physician Burnout, and Telemedicine.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Kurt Schalper, MD - Application for Medical School Permit

Celeste Dowdell, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented information to the Board of Dr. Schalper's application to practice exclusively within the Yale University School of Medicine. Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green, recommending that Dr. Schalper's application be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Ramesh Batra, MD – Review of License Application

Celeste Dowdell, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a license application of Ramesh Batra, MD. The Board reviewed the application to determine if Dr. Batra's education and training (which occurred outside the United States) qualify him for licensure in Connecticut. Following discussion Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf to recommend licensure for Dr. Batra. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Patel who was opposed.

C. Proposed Memorandum of Decision
Beverly Jackson (Unlicensed) - Petition No. 2013-147

Staff Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Mr. McAnaney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Andrews, to adopt the proposed decision and to forward it the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health for review and adoption as a Final Memorandum of Decision pursuant to §19a-14(f). The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Emmett signed the decision which orders respondent to cease and desist practicing medicine.

D. Oral Argument - Proposed Memorandum of Decision
Wilson Bernales, MD – Petition No. 2015-1579

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Staff Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health. Attorney Gretchen Randall was present for respondent.

Argument was heard from Attorney Tilles and Attorney Randall and regarding the proposed decision and a Department of Public Health Motion asking that the decision be modified to impose a license revocation.

Mr. McAnaney, a hearing panelist in this matter provided an overview of the hearing panel's findings and recommendation for a civil penalty, a one year license suspension and probation for a period of one year.

Following much discussion, Ms. Rexford made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jacklin that paragraphs 1-6 and 8-9 of the proposed order be replaced with an order for revocation. The motion passed with all in favor except Mr. McAnaney and Dr. Zeman who were opposed.

The decision will be edited and sent to Ms. Emmett for signature.

V. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

A. Martin Perlin, M.D. - Petition Nos. 2015-44, 2015-1554 and 2015-1563

Staff Attorney David Tilles, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present or represented.

Mr. McAnaney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yuan, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor.

Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a reprimand, probation and an agreement that Dr. Perlin will not renew or reinstate his license after it expires on August 31, 2017.

B. Roozebeh Badi, M.D. - Petition No. 2016-1421

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

Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Mr. Andrews, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a reprimand.

C. Rey Ramos, M.D. - Petition No. 2013-936

Staff Attorney David Tilles, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Christopher Wanat was present with respondent.

Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Mr. McAnaney, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a prescribing restriction, a reprimand, a \$10,000 civil penalty and probation for a period of two years.

D. Huping Zhou, M.D. - Petition No. 2017-25

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present or represented.

Mr. McAnaney made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green, to adopt the Consent Order. . The motion passed with all in favor. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a reprimand.

D. Larry Scherzer, M.D. - Petition No. 2015-1513

Staff Attorney David Tilles, Department of Public Health presented a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges subsequent to a pre-hearing conference in this matter. Neither respondent nor his attorney was present.

Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Mr. Andrews, to grant the motion to withdraw the Statement of Charges. The motion passed with all in favor. Dr. Duffy was recused in this matter. Ms. Emmett signed the Order.

VI. 120 DAY EXTENSIONS

Mohan Kaza, MD - Petition No. 2015-1108

Hearing scheduled for May 30, 2017.

Mark Melendez, MD – Petition No. 2014-737

Hearing completed. Proposed decision being drafted.

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 2:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES of August 15, 2017

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in conference room 1-C.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson
Allyson Duffy, MD
Carol Ekonomides, PA
Robert Green, MD
Michele Jacklin
Marilyn Katz, MD
Edward McAnaney, Esq.
Andrew Yuan, DO

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Raymond Andrews, Jr., Esq.
Joseph Kaliko, Esq.
Brimal Patel, MD
Jean Rexford
Daniel Rissi, MD
C. Steven Wolf, MD
Peter Zeman, MD

Ms. Emmett called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the May 16, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Yuan, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

II. OPEN FORUM

None

III. UPDATES

A. Chair Updates

None

B. Department of Public Health

None

IV. PENDING LITIGATION

BERNALES, MD, WILSON F. v. CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
HHB-CV17-6038454-S

Mr. McAnaney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Katz, to enter executive session to discuss pending litigation, with Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro. The motion passed unanimously and the Board entered executive session from 1:49 p.m. until 2:28 a.m. Present during executive session were Board members, Attorney Shapiro and Board Liaison Jeffrey Kardys. No motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. BERNALES, MD, WILSON F. v. CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Mr. McAnaney, to add discussion of the pending litigation to the public session. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. McAnaney made a motion, seconded by Dr. Duffy, to authorize the Board's Chairperson to sign a stipulated judgement in the referenced matter as presented by Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro. The motion passed unanimously

B. Georgios Bouras, MD - Application for Medical School Permit

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

C. Glenn Flores, MD – Review of License Application

Celeste Dowdell, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a license reinstatement application of Glenn Flores, MD. Mr. McAnaney made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz recommending that Dr. Flores' license be reinstated. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Young Kwak, MD – Review of License Application

Celeste Dowdell, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a license reinstatement application of Young Kwak, MD. Mr. McAnaney made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz recommending that Dr. Kwak's license be reinstated. The motion passed unanimously.

D. David Boxwell, MD - License Reinstatement Request

Kathleen Boulware, RN, Public Health Services Manager presented a license reinstatement requested for David Boxwell, MD. Dr. Bowell was present with Attorney Richard Brown.

Dr. Bowell is seeking reinstatement of his license which he surrendered in 2003. Following review of information provided by Ms. Boulware, Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Mr. McAnaney recommending reinstatement of Dr. Boxwell's license contingent on him successfully completing the Special Purpose Examination (SPEX) that is offered by the Federation of State Medical Boards. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

A. David Parnas, M.D. - Petition No. 2017-413

Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health, presented a Motion for Summary Suspension in the matter of David S. Parnas, MD. Respondent was present but was not represented

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board.

Attorney Fazzina provided information in support of the Motion for Summary Suspension. Dr. Parnas spoke in opposition to the Motion for Summary Suspension and presented documents for the Board's review.

Mr. McAnaney made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green, to deny the motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed unanimously.

A hearing regarding the Statement of Charges will be scheduled for August, 28, 2016. The hearing panelists in this matter will be Mr. McAnaney, Dr. Zeman and Mr. Andrews.

B. Laurence A. Kirwan, M.D. - Petition No. 2015-1343

Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was present with Attorney Stephen Murphy.

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a reprimand, a \$2500.00 civil penalty and a four month probation.

C. Anton Fry, M.D. Petition No. 2016-1372

Staff Attorney David Tilles, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Richard Tynan 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. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a reprimand.

D. Brain Malone, M.D. Petition No. 2016-440

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was present with Attorney Thomas Anderson.

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Duffy, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a reprimand, a \$3000.00 civil penalty and a two year period of probation.

E. Denis Sivak, M.D. Petition No. 2016-565

Staff Attorney David Tilles, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was present with Attorney James Biondo.

Dr. Yuan made a motion, seconded by Mr. McAnaney, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a reprimand.

VII. 120 DAY EXTENSIONS

Prem Nath, MD - Petition No. 2009-20091373.

This hearing in this matter has been continued a number of times due respondent's chronic illness.

Mr. McAnaney made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green, to grant a 120 day extension. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES of September 19, 2017

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in conference room 1-C.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson
Allyson Duffy, MD
Carol Ekonomides, PA
Robert Green, MD
Brimal Patel, MD
Jean Rexford
Daniel Rissi, MD
C. Steven Wolf, MD
Peter Zeman, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Raymond Andrews, Jr., Esq.
Michele Jacklin
Joseph Kaliko, Esq.
Marilyn Katz, MD
Edward McAnaney, Esq.
Andrew Yuan, DO

Ms. Emmett called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the August 15, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Rissi, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

II. OPEN FORUM

None

III. UPDATES

A. Chair Updates

None

B. Department of Public Health

None

IV. BERNALES, MD, WILSON F. v. CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
HHB-CV17-6038454-S - Amended Memorandum of Decision

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Duffy, to adopt the Amended Memorandum of Decision. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Wolf and Dr. Patel who abstained. Ms. Emmett signed to Order which imposes a \$5000.00 civil penalty and an agreement that respondent, for a period of two years, will not seek to renew his license which expired on June 30, 2017.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Mahsa Javid, MD – Review of License Application

Celeste Dowdell, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a license application of Mahsa Javid, MD. The Board reviewed the application to determine if Dr. Javid 's education and training (which occurred outside the United States) qualify him for licensure in Connecticut. Following discussion Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Zeman to recommend licensure for Dr. Javid. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Patel who abstained.

B. Andreas Baumbach, MD - Application for Medical School Permit

Celeste Dowdell, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented information to the Board regarding Dr. Baumbach's application to practice exclusively within the Yale University School of Medicine. Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rexford, recommending that Dr. Baumbach's application be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

A. Ann Tran, M.D. - Petition No. 2017-325

Brittany Allen, Staff 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 Ms. Rexford, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a reprimand.

B. Corey Jaquez, M.D. - Petition No. 2015-260

Staff Attorney David Tilles, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was present with Attorney John Gale.

Dr. Rissi made a motion, seconded by Dr. Zeman, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a reprimand, a \$7500.00 civil penalty and probation for one year.

C. Janis Jaquez, P.A. - Petition No. 2015-261

Staff Attorney David Tilles, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was present with Attorney John Gale.

Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a reprimand, a \$4000.00 civil penalty and probation for one year.

VII. 120 DAY EXTENSIONS

Mohan Kaza, MD - Petition No. 2015-1108

Hearing completed – Proposed Decision being drafted

Mark Melendez, MD - Petition No. 2014-737

Hearing completed – Draft Proposed Decision being reviewed by the Assistant Attorney General.

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to grant a 120 day extension in these matters. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES of November 21, 2017

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in conference room 1-C.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Allyson Duffy, MD
Joseph Kaliko, Esq.
Jean Rexford
Daniel Rissi, MD

Ms. Emmett called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the September 19, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Katz, Mr. Andrews and Ms. Jacklin who abstained.

II. OPEN FORUM

None

III. UPDATES

A. Chair Updates
The index of pending cases was reviewed.

B. Department of Public Health
None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Joseph Earles, MD – Review of License Application
Celeste Dowdell, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a license application of Joseph Earles, MD. The Board reviewed the application to determine if Dr. Earles' education and training (which occurred outside the United States) qualify him for licensure in Connecticut. Following discussion Dr. Yuan made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf to table this matter to allow for the presentation of additional information. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Physician Reentry to Practice

Kathleen Boulware, Department of Public Health Practitioner Investigation Unit discussed the process for reinstating the license for physicians who have been out of practice for an extended period of time. The Board was provided with guidelines established by the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB). The Board requests that the FSMB guidelines be included in all future license reinstatement requests that are provided to the Board for review.

Mr. McAnaney arrive at 1:44 p.m.

V. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

A. Stephen Zebrowski, M.D. - Petition No. 2015-248

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Jonathan Kocienda was present on behalf of Dr. Zebrowski.

Dr. Yuan made a motion, seconded by Mr. McAnaney, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a reprimand and a 1 year period of probation.

B. Donald Berman, M.D. Petition No. 2016-371

Staff Attorney David Tilles, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present nor represented.

Mr. McAnaney made a motion, seconded by Dr. Yuan to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Green who was recused. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a reprimand.

C. Ernest Mar, M.D. – Petition No. 2017-367

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present nor represented.

Dr. Zeman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a reprimand.

D. James Kessler, M.D. Petition No. 2017-646

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present nor represented.

Mr. McAnaney made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a reprimand.

E. Marjan Hedayatzadeh, MD. Petition No. 2016-677

Staff Attorney David Tilles, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was present with Attorney Erika Amarante.

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a reprimand and a \$5000.00 civil penalty.

VI. 120 DAY EXTENSIONS

Prem Nath, MD - Petition No. 2009-20091373.

This hearing in this matter has been continued a number of times due respondent's chronic illness. Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Mr. McAnaney, to grant a 120 day extension. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES of December 19, 2017

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in conference room 1-C.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson –*via telephone*
Robert Green, MD
Michele Jacklin
Marilyn Katz, MD
Brimal Patel, MD
Jean Rexford
Daniel Rissi, MD
C. Steven Wolf, MD
Andrew Yuan, DO

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Raymond Andrews, Jr., Esq.
Carol Ekonomides, PA
Allyson Duffy, MD
Joseph Kaliko, Esq.
Edward McAnaney, Esq.
Peter Zeman, MD

Dr. Wolf called the meeting to order at 1:43 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the November 21, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Yuan, to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Rissi, who abstained.

II. OPEN FORUM

None

III. UPDATES

A. Chair Updates
None.

B. Department of Public Health

None

The Board requests updates on the following topics be presented at the January 16, 2018 meeting:

- Proposed legislation to be raised during the 2018 session that will be of interest to the Board.
- Licensure Compact – Will Connecticut be participating?
- Have complaint investigations increased subsequent to the enactment of Connecticut General Statutes Section 19a-12e.
- Has there been an increase in investigations relating to sexual misconduct/harassment?
- Has HAVEN received its funding that was earmarked pursuant the \$5.00 increase in healthcare provider licensing fees which went into effect on October 1, 2015?

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Joseph Earles, MD – Review of License Application

Celeste Dowdell, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a license application of Joseph Earles, MD. The Board reviewed this application at its November 21, 2017 meeting at which time the Board requested that additional information be submitted. Following discussion Dr. Rissi made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green to again table this matter to allow for the presentation of additional information. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Anne Marie Finegan, MD – Review of License Application

Celeste Dowdell, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a license reinstatement application of Anne Marie Finegan, MD. Dr. Finegan was present for this discussion. Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rexford recommending that Dr. Finegan's license be reinstated. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Patel arrived at 2:10 p.m.

V. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

A. Paul Bellofiore, M.D. – Petition No. 2016-1280

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health, presented a motion to withdraw the Statement of Charges in this matter based on respondent's voluntary surrender of his license. Respondent was not present nor represented.

Dr. Rissi made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green, to adopt the Department's motion to withdraw the charges. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Wolf signed the Order.

B. David Pearlstone, M.D. Petition No. 2016-593

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present nor represented.

Dr. Rissi made a motion, seconded by Dr. Yuan to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Wolf signed the Order which imposes a reprimand, a \$7500.00 civil penalty and probation for one year.

C. Usman Ramzan, M.D. – Petition No. 2017-367

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was present without representation.

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Patel, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Wolf signed the Order which imposes probation for a period of five years.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson