

**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
January 23, 2013**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on January 23, 2013, at the Department of Public Health, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in the third floor hearing room.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
 Lance Banwell, DDS
 Elliot S. Berman, DDS
 Peter Katz, DMD
 Steven Reiss, DDS
 Barbara Ulrich

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Martin Ungar, DMD

Dr. Strathearn called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

I. Minutes

The minutes of the December 5, 2012 meeting were reviewed and approved.

II. Chair Updates

The Commission had discussion regarding the ADEX examination as opposed to the current requirement allowing an applicant to have completed not less than one year of graduate dental training as a resident dentist in a program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CDA) to be eligible for licensure as a dentist in Connecticut.

Chair Strathearn indicated there will be further discussion regarding this topic at the March 20, 2013 meeting.

III. OFFICE OF LICENSURE REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE

A. Alphonso Mack, DMD – Petition No. 2010-5534

Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Robin Weismann was present on behalf of respondent.

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Reiss who was opposed. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order which imposes a reprimand; a civil penalty of \$10,000.00; probation for 2 years; and orders respondent to cease and desist from the use of Propofol in his practice.

B. Michael Olkovsky, DDS – Petition No. 2012-1216

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Motion for Summary Suspension in this matter. Respondent was not present or represented.

Dr. Berman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Reiss, to grant the Summary Suspension motion in that respondent represents an immediate danger to public health and safety. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order. A hearing in this matter will be scheduled for February 6, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.

IV. ADJOURN

Dr. Reiss made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
Connecticut State Dental Commission

**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
March 20, 2013**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on March 20, 2013, at the Department of Public Health, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in the third floor hearing room.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
 Lance Banwell, DDS
 Peter Katz, DMD
 Martin Ungar, DMD

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Elliot S. Berman, DDS
 Steven Reiss, DDS
 Barbara Ulrich

Dr. Strathearn called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

I. Minutes

The minutes of the January 23, 2012 meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Dr. Banwell.

II. OFFICE OF LICENSURE REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE

Gregory A. Russo, Jr., DMD – Petition No. 2010-5263

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

Dr. Banwell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ungar, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order which imposes probation for 1 year.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. The Commission entertained discussion regarding eligibility for licensure as a dentist in the State of Connecticut.

David Perkins, DMD addressed the Commission regarding the practical examination administered by The North East Regional Boards (NERB). Dr. Perkins also spoke as to the disadvantages of a licensure candidate becoming eligible by completion of one year of post-graduate training (PGY-1) in lieu of a practical examination.

David Lynch, DDS addressed the Commission as to content that should be included on a practical examination.

Martin Rutt, DDS addressed the Commission indicating that a statutory change eliminating the PGY-1 provision should be pursued.

Carolyn Malon, DDS and Mark Desrosiers, DMD commented that the Connecticut State Dental Association has not taken a position as to licensure eligibility requirements.

The Commission will hear the position of the Department of Public Health at the next meeting scheduled for June 5, 2013.

B. Proposed Memorandum of Decision
Scott Bialik, DDS - Petition No. 2009-20091482

Staff Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health. Attorney Thomas Anderson was present with respondent.

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Commission. The Commission heard comments on the proposed Memorandum of Decision and their respective motions to amend the decision from Attorneys Tilles and Anderson.

Dr. Katz provided a synopsis of the hearing panel's findings and recommendation.

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Strathearn to adopt the decision as written. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the order which imposes a reprimand of Dr. Bialik's license.

IV. ADJOURN

Dr. Banwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
Connecticut State Dental Commission

The following minutes are draft minutes which are subject to revision and which have not yet been adopted by the Board.

**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
May 20, 2013**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on May 20, 2013, at the Department of Public Health, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in the third floor hearing room.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson – *via telephone*
Lance Banwell, DDS – *via telephone*
Elliot S. Berman, DDS – *via telephone*
Peter Katz, DMD – *via telephone*
Steven Reiss, DDS – *via telephone*
Barbara Ulrich
Martin Ungar, DMD – *via telephone*

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Dr. Strathearn called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

I. OFFICE OF LICENSURE REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE

Jeffrey Cavalieri, DMD – Petition No. 2013-331

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Motion for Summary Suspension in this matter. Respondent was present with Attorney Maria Barall. Hearing Officer Olinda Morales provided counsel for the Commission.

The Commission heard argument from Attorneys Tilles and Barall.

Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to grant the Summary Suspension motion in that respondent represents an immediate danger to public health and safety. The motion passed unanimously. A hearing in this matter will be scheduled for May 29, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. The hearing panelists will be Dr. Strathearn, Dr. Katz and Dr. Reiss.

II. ADJOURN

Dr. Reiss made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
Connecticut State Dental Commission

B. Proposed Memorandum of Decision
Michael Olkovsky, DDS - Petition No. 2012-1216

Dr. Katz provided a synopsis of the hearing panel's findings and recommendation.
Dr. Berman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell to adopt the decision. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the order which imposes a \$1000.00 civil penalty and a three month suspension followed by probation for three years.

IV. ADJOURN

Dr. Banwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
Connecticut State Dental Commission

**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
September 18, 2013**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on September 18, 2013, at the Legislative Office Building, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in hearing room 1-B.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
 Lance Banwell, DDS
 Peter Katz, DMD
 Steven Reiss, DDS
 Martin Ungar, DMD
 Barbara Ulrich

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Dr. Strathearn called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The minutes of the June 5, 2012 meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Dr. Reiss, seconded by Dr. Ungar.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

None

III. DPH UPDATES

Kathleen Boulware, Heath Program Manager, Department of Public Health reported that effective October 1, 2013, the license renewal process for Dentists, Physicians and Nurse will be processed on-line.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Proposed Memorandum of Decision
 Ralph Bozza, DDS - Petition No. 2010-5377

Dr. Katz provided a synopsis of the hearing panel's findings and recommendation. Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Strathearn to adopt the decision. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the order which imposes a \$500.00 civil penalty and a reprimand.

- B. Respondent's Motion to lift Summary Suspension
 Jeffrey Cavalieri, DMD – Petition No. 2013-331

Respondent was present with Attorney Maria Barall. Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health. Hearing Officer Olinda Morales was present to provide counsel to the Commission.

Argument was heard from Attorney Barall and Attorney Tilles regarding respondent's motion to lift the Summary Suspension of his license ordered on May 20, 2013.

Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Strathearn, to enter executive session to confer with legal counsel regarding a written question by Dr. Reiss. The motion passed and the Commission entered Executive Session from 1:35 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

No motions were made and no votes were taken in Executive Session.

Following Executive Session Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to deny respondent's request to lift the Summary Suspension. The motion passed unanimously. Respondent requested that the Commission hold a special meeting before the next scheduled meeting in December to consider a Proposed Memorandum of Decision. Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ungar, that the Commission hold a meeting as soon as possible to consider the Proposed Memorandum of Decision once it is drafted. The motion passed unanimously.

V. OFFICE OF LICENSURE REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE

A. Walter Russo, DMD – Petition No. 2010-20

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

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ungar, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order which imposes a one year probation and a civil penalty of \$5,000.00.

VI. ADJOURN

Dr. Banwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
Connecticut State Dental Commission

**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
October 23, 2013**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on October 23, 2013, at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in conference room 3-C.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson – *via telephone*
Peter Katz, DMD – *via telephone*
Steven Reiss, DDS – *via telephone*
Barbara Ulrich – *via telephone*
Martin Ungar, DMD – *via telephone*

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Lance Banwell, DDS

Dr. Strathearn called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Memorandum of Decision

Jeffrey Cavalieri, DMD – Petition No. 2013-331

Respondent was present with Attorney Maria Barall. Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present by telephone to provide counsel to the Commission.

Argument was heard from Attorney Barall and Attorney Tilles regarding the proposed Memorandum of Decision and the respondent's and Department of Public Health's request to modify the decision.

Dr. Ungar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to adopt the decision with modifications proposed by respondent and the Department of Public Health. The motion passed unanimously. The decision will be modified to incorporate changes, requested by the Department, to the terms of probation. The decision will be further modified, at the request of respondent, to immediately stay the three month suspension of respondent's license.

ADJOURN

Dr. Reiss made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
Connecticut State Dental Commission