

PUBLIC HEALTH HEARING OFFICE

Daniel Taverna
c/o Nairobi Maple Leaf Manor, LLC
614 New Britain Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

First Class & Certified Mail:
7004 1350 0004 4484 0358

Emily Guzman, Administrator
Nairobi Maple Leaf Manor, LLC
614 New Britain Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Via Email: Emily@mapleleafrch.com
First Class & Certified mail:
7004 1350 0004 4484 0266

RE: Docket No:260122; Taverna, Daniel v. Nairobi Maple Leaf Manor, LLC

NOTICE OF HEARING

Pursuant to an appeal and request for hearing received by the Department of Public Health, the Department will hold a remote hearing pursuant to §19a-535a of the Connecticut General Statutes on: **Monday, February 2, 2026, at 10:00 AM**. To access the hearing, please log in to Microsoft Teams using the information below:

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/23330096402239?p=ZWohlulhN7gPHwtYf>

Meeting ID: 233 300 964 022 39

Passcode: 8fs7Ay66

[Need help?](#) | [System reference](#)

Dial in by phone

[+1 860-840-2075,,607422051#](tel:+18608402075607422051) United States, Hartford

[Find a local number](#)

Phone conference ID: 607 422 051#

You are urged to email phho.dph@ct.gov the day before the hearing to verify this schedule. The purpose of the hearing is to determine whether the discharge of **Daniel Taverna** is being effected in accordance with statute.

The hearing shall be conducted by **Stacy Schulman Esq.**, who is hereby appointed as Hearing Officer, and who shall rule on all motions, determine findings of fact and conclusions of law, and issue an Order.

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with Chapter 54 of the General Statutes and §§ 19a-9-1, *et seq.*, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

Daniel Taverna and Nairobi Maple Leaf Manor, LLC., are hereby designated as parties at this hearing.

Each party may be represented by an attorney and may, in accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 4-177c and 4178, present evidence and argument on all issues involved and conduct cross-examination. It is the parties' obligation to call any person they desire as a witness or to offer any documentary evidence they wish to be considered.

Any legal entity, including, without limitation, a limited liability company (LLC), limited liability partnership (LLP), stock, non-stock, charitable or municipal corporation may only be represented by an attorney. If a legal entity is not represented by an attorney at the hearing, any person attending the hearing as a proponent for the legal entity may only testify as a witness and may not make legal arguments, cross-examine witnesses, or in any way engage in the practice of law.

If you are not a legal entity, you may appear *pro se* (i.e. on your own behalf) or you may opt to have counsel represent you at the hearing. Any counsel appearing on behalf of a party must file an appearance with this office.

If you need an interpreter, please advise the Department no later than three calendar days before the hearing.

The licensee shall provide the resident with a copy of this Notice of Hearing on the date it is received by the licensee and shall notify the Public Health Hearing Office that the resident received this Notice of Hearing. The licensee's notification to the Public Health Hearing Office shall be made on a date prior to the hearing date and shall be sent via email to phho.dph@ct.gov and shall include the date the resident received the Notice of Hearing.

The licensee will assist the resident in connecting to the remote hearing.

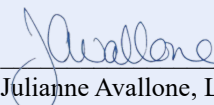
The licensee shall prove by a preponderance of the evidence that it has complied with the provisions of Conn. Gen. Stat. § 19a-535a including but not limited to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 19a-535a(c) pertaining to the submission of a discharge plan to the resident and to the Commissioner. Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 19a-535a(d)(2), any involuntary discharge of the patient shall be stayed, pending the final decision of the Department in this matter.

Order Re: Filings

The parties are hereby ordered, when submitting any pleadings, documents, motions, or other papers to the Hearing Officer, to file electronically pursuant to the attached Notice of Submissions at the following address: phho.dph@ct.gov

All communications to the Hearing Officer shall be submitted in this fashion. The parties shall provide a copy of each document filed to each of the other parties and shall certify such to the Hearing Officer.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 28th day of January, 2026.



Julianne Avallone, Legal Counsel

Cc. Stacy Schulman, Hearing Officer
Lorraine Cullen Branch Chief, HQS
Mairead Painter, Long Term Ombudsperson
Brenda Texidor, Regional Long Term Care Ombudsperson

Notice for Submissions

The hearing in the matter of: **Tavera, Daniel v. Nairobi Maple Leaf Manor, LLC.**, has been scheduled for **February 2, 2026**, and will be conducted remotely through Microsoft Teams / teleconference.

On or before **January 30, 2026**, you must provide the following by electronic mail response to the hearing office at ppho.dph@ct.gov:

1. **Electronically Pre-filed exhibits**: Exhibits should be pre-marked for identification (i.e. Department exhibit 1, Respondent exhibit A), page numbered, **and properly redacted for any personally identifiable information.** *Parties and/or counsel should stipulate to any exhibits and facts not in dispute and provide any objections to proposed exhibits.* All exhibits also must be sent to the opposing party or counsel.
2. **Witness List**: Identify any persons expected to be called to testify. Be sure to notify your witnesses that they will be required to remain available and in attendance for the full duration of the hearing. (This will eliminate the difficulty of trying to reach witnesses again for rebuttal or additional examination later in the hearing). Witness lists also must be sent to the opposing party or counsel.
3. **Photo Identification**: Self-represented parties should provide a copy of a government-issued photo identification for yourself and any witnesses you expect to call. Photo identification is *not* required for parties represented by counsel, or witnesses called to testify for parties represented by counsel.
4. **Email Addresses**: All e-mail addresses for parties, counsel, and witnesses must be current and able to receive all notices relating to this matter.
5. **Cellphone numbers**: Provide numbers for all parties, counsel, and witnesses where they can be reached and respond to text messages during the hearing (in the event a connection is lost).
6. **Confidential Information**: If you will provide testimony or exhibits that contain personal protected information, please identify what that information is (treatment records, patient records, therapy reports). Parties or counsel should identify any witnesses listed in response to #2 above who may provide testimony relating to personal protected information requiring executive session.
7. **Interpretation Services**: Provide a statement whether an interpreter will be needed for the proceeding.

This is a formal public hearing. It will be video recorded and posted on the DPH website for public viewing*. All hearing participants should appear on video in proper attire, in proper surroundings, and remove any potential distractions. In preparation, please make sure all of your devices are fully functioning and properly charged.

Documents are not required to be shared on-screen during hearings, as all parties, attorneys, board members and/or hearing officers have been provided such documents prior to the hearing. Parties and/or attorneys who elect to share documents for viewing on-screen during the hearing must do so from their own equipment. Confidential documents must be identified for the hearing officer before disclosing any information on the record.

Should you have any question please contact the hearing office at ppho.dph@ct.gov.