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**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 18, 2026**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Peter S. Katz, DMD, Chairperson
Sarita Arteaga, DMD
Leslie A. Bumpus, DDS, MPH, MA
Monica Cipes, DMD
Deborah M. Dodenhoff, RN
Craig A. Fontaine, Esq.
Mark Longobardi, DMD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ross J. Sanfilippo, DMD

DPH STAFF / AAG PRESENT:

Elizabeth Bannon, Assistant Attorney General
Anthony P. Nanni, Jr., DPH Staff Attorney
Linda Fazzina, DPH Staff Attorney
Maria Mayer, DPH Administrative Hearings Specialist

CALL TO ORDER

Peter S. Katz, DMD, as Acting Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mark Longobardi, DMD, moved to approve the January 6, 2026, minutes. Monica Cipes, DMD, seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

CHAIR UPDATES

The Board Chair discussed the American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX) Report, February 2026 as well as ADEX Council Appointments. Chair Katz then went on to discuss the establishment of a Course Review Committee to review mandatory continuing education courses. The Board held a discussion regarding a request to expand mandatory continuing education, which was sent to the Board by Kathlene Gerrity, Executive Director of the Connecticut State Dental Association. Chair Katz then discussed House Bill 5303 and House Bill 5399 and his responses with the Board, who also provided their comments.

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CONSENT ORDERS

A Consent Order in the matter of Amir Guirguis, DDS (Petition No. 2024-947) was presented to the Board by Anthony P. Nanni, Jr., DPH Staff Attorney. Aggie M. Cahill, Esq. of Danaher Lagnese, P.C. presented on behalf of her client, Dr. Guirguis. After a discussion by the Board, Craig A. Fontaine, Esq., moved to reject the Consent Order in this matter. Mark Longobardi, DMD, seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

A Consent Order in the matter of Moin Ahmed, DDS (Petition No. 2022-1250) was presented to the board by Linda Fazzina, DPH Staff Attorney. After a discussion by the Board, Mark Longobardi, DMD, moved to accept the Consent Order in this matter. Craig A. Fontaine, Esq., seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Craig A. Fontaine, Esq. moved to adjourn the meeting and Leslie A. Bumpus, DDS, MPH, MA, seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:04 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 17, 2026.

Peter S. Katz, DMD
Acting Chairperson