



Board of Dental Examiners Public Meeting

Minutes

Dental Examiners Board
Oct 2, 2023 at 8:30 AM EDT
@ OPLC, 7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH 03301

Attendance

Present:

Members: Roger Achong, Angela Boyle, John Giraldo, Puneet Kochhar, Virginia Kapetanakis Moore

Guests: Elizabeth Eaton-Board Counsel, Tina Kelley-Rules Coordinator, Heather Kelley-Director of Operations, Brenda Rines-Board Administrator

Absent:

Members: Howard Ludington, Jay Patel, Muhenad Samaan, Linda Tatarczuch

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 9:22 am by P. Kochhar

II. Approval of Public Minutes

A. September 11, 2023 Public Meeting Minutes

Motion:

Upon a motion by V. Kapetanakis Moore and seconded by J. Giraldo the minutes are approved as submitted. Motion unanimously passed, P.Kochhar abstain and A. Boyle abstain.

III. New Board Member - Angela Boyle, RDH

P. Kochhar introduced the newest Board of Dental Examiners member, Angela Boyle RDH. All of the Board members and OPLC staff introduced themselves and welcomed Angela to the board.

IV. OPLC and/or Board Administration Update

V. Old Business

A. LBA Audit - Final Report

Discussed in non-public with Heather Kelley.

VI. New Business

A. Inspector Application Review Process

Discussion on who will be reviewing the applications.

Dr Kochhar discussed with Heather Kelley, Director of Operations, how the process will work. Applicants will have anesthesia as their specialty with the a point system being used to score the applications. This process has been determined to have two board members to complete the review, P. Kochhar and H. Ludington.

Motion:

Upon a motion by P. Kochhar and a second by A. Boyle to nominate P. Kochhar and H. Ludington to complete the inspector application review. Motion passed unanimously.

B. NH Board of Nursing email - Information only

VII. Rules Review and other Legislative Topics

A. Update on 2023 legislation - OPLC Board Counsel

Board Counsel, Elizabeth Eaton, spoke about Plc 313 - licensing by endorsement as a follow up from September 11, 2023 board meeting. The Board had additional questions that Atty Eaton will follow up on for next board meeting on November 6, 2023.

B. Tina M Kelley, Rules Coordinator

1. Den 304 - Initial Proposal, Draft

Holding over to November 6, 2023 meeting

Den 102 and 300 Various - Initial Proposal, Draft

Additional changes were requested by the Board. Tina Kelley, Rules Coordinator, will make the appropriate changes and bring the updated proposed draft to the next board meeting on November 6, 2023.

2. Den 404 - Initial Proposal, Draft

Held over from September 11th Board meeting

Motion:

Upon a motion by P. Kocchar and seconded by R. Achong to initiate the rulemaking process. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Inspections

- A. Adam Bateman -GA-DS Evaluation

Motion:

Upon a motion by P. Kochhar and seconded by J. Girald to accept the passing inspection. Motion passed unanimously.

- B. Christy Lottinger DDS - Waiver Request

Motion:

Upon a motion by R. Achong and seconded by J. Girald to approve the request for a waiver of inspection. Motion passed unanimously.

- C. Paul Dyrkacz DMD - Comprehensive Evaluation

Motion:

Upon a motion by R. Achong and seconded by J. Girald to accept the passing inspection. Motion passed unanimously

IX. Licensure Approval

- A. Applications approved 9/1/2023 through 9/25/2023

Motion:

Upon a motion by R. Achong and seconded by J. Girald, the Board voted to ratify.

X. Non-Public Session

“The Board will conduct a Non-Public session for the purpose of discussing investigations of alleged licensee misconduct and other confidential Board business. Such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c), RSA 91-A:3 II (e), RSA 91-A:5, IV, Lodge v. Knowlton, 119 N.H. 574 (1978), and the Board’s executive and deliberative privileges.”

Upon a motion by V. Kapetanakis Moore and seconded by R. Achong to enter non-public session as 11:38 am. Motion passed with a roll call vote.

XI. Resume Public Session

Resumed public session at 12:28 pm.

XII. Seal the Minutes of the Non-Public Session

“The Board votes to seal the minutes of the non-public session to maintain the privacy of the items discussed in non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c), on the grounds that public disclosure may adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a Board member or render the proposed action ineffective.”

Motion:

Upon a motion by A. Boyle and seconded by P. Kochhar to seal the minutes from the non-public session. Motion passes with a roll call vote.

XIII. Adjourn Meeting - Next Meeting is November 6, 2023 at 8:30 AM

Meeting adjourned at 12:36 pm