

**NEW HAMPSHIRE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
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CONCORD, NH 03301-2412**

MEETING MINUTES - March 6, 2017

Dental Hygienists Committee Meeting – 1:00 p.m.

Board Meeting – 3:00 p.m.

The March 6, 2017 meeting of the New Hampshire Board of Dental Examiners was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Charles E. Albee, DMD with the following members present:

Charles Albee, DMD, President
Tara Levesque-Vogel, DMD, Vice President
Stacy Plourde, RDH
Arthur D. McKibbin, Jr., DMD
Nilfa Collins, DMD
Ellen Legg, RDH – late arrival
Linda Tatarczuch, MSW
Puneet Kochhar, DMD
Salman Malik, DMD, MD

Review minutes of February 6, 2017 Board Meeting - The Board voted to approve the public and non-public minutes as published.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Ellen Legg arrived at meeting.

1. Dental Hygienists Committee

- (a) Minutes of February 6, 2017 Dental Hygienists Committee Meeting (FYI) – The Board voted to accept the minutes into the record.
- (b) Dental Hygienists Committee Comments – Lisa Malfait reported that the Committee’s recommendation with respect to agenda item #17-53 is to require Ms. Pastro to obtain a letter from a New Hampshire dentist saying that she has administered local anesthesia successfully for the last two years, and that she also has to pass the CDCA local anesthesia examination.

2. NH Dental Hygienists’ Association Comments – None.

3. Dental Society Comments - Executive Director Mike Auerbach reported as follows:
 - (a) The NHDS is looking forward to its March CE, which takes place this Friday at the Grappone Conference Center. The guest speaker is Dr. Thiago Morelli, who will give a presentation on periodontics, implantitis and the CIST protocol. The NHDS encourages all dentists, hygienists and the entire dental team to attend.
 - (b) Speaking of team, the Annual Meeting of the NHDS is in May. The event will focus on the entire dental team, and will include CEs for dentists, hygienists, assistants and office staff. The NHDS is encouraging all of its members to bring with them their whole teams for this exemplary program.
 - (c) Representatives of the NHDS are preparing to travel to Washington DC later this month. The NHDS, working with the ADA and the American Student Dental Association, will be meeting with its new Congressional delegation to discuss issues of import to the dental industry.
 - (d) The NHDS is pleased to announce two new members of its Board of Trustees: Dr. Brenda Berkal of Salem and Dr. Whitney Goode of Somersworth.
4. Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) Comments – Stacy Plourde reported that the District of Columbia will offer CEU's for CDCA participation. The Board discussed how many CEU's it will accept for each biennium. This agenda item was tabled until next month for further discussion.

Ms. Plourde also reported that Dr. Ellis Hall recently underwent triple bypass surgery. The Board voted to send him a letter wishing him well and a speedy recovery.

5. Board Office Comments - Executive Director Connie Stratton reported to the Board as follows:
 - (a) The New Hampshire Dental Hygienists Association (NHDHA) is pleased to announce an upcoming CE:
 - "Medical Emergencies In The Dental Office"
 - Presented by Peter Vellis, DDS.
 - Elliot River's Edge, Manchester
 - March 21, 2017, from 5:30PM - 8:00PM.
 - (b) She also reported that HB 538 has been amended and no longer requires temporary licensure. If the bill passes as amended it would require the board to post information on its website relative to reciprocal licensure or certification for persons holding a current and valid license or certification for the practice of dentistry in another state.
6. Memo re: CEU's (Den 403.05) - #17-48 – The Board voted that CEU's are needed for the first full biennium after initial licensure.
7. Memo re: Inactive License- #17-49
 - (a) Inquiry re: not practicing in NH but wishes to renew as active (per diem) - The Board voted to have Ms. Finnegan provide a letter of good standing from any

state she has worked as a dental hygienist in the last 2 years. If she has not worked in another state as a dental hygienist within the last 2 years, she must actively engage in dental hygiene at least once by March 30, 2017.

- (b) Inquiry re: not practicing in NH but wishes to renew as active – the Board voted that Ms. Gath may renew as active if she provides a letter of good standing from Massachusetts, and as long as she has completed the required number of CEU's.
8. Memo re: CODA approved school requirement - #17-50 – The Board voted to amend Den 301.01 to include the following:
- The education requirements specified in RSA 317-A:8 shall apply to all applicants for licensure under this section.
- Pursuant to RSA 317-A:8, an applicant shall be a graduate of a dental hygiene school program which:
- (1) Is of at least two duration;
 - (2) Is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA); and
 - (3) Awards a minimum degree of Associates in Science with a major in dental hygiene.
9. AAO License Portability Endorsement - #17-51 – The Board voted to send a letter to the American Association of Orthodontists to say that the Board accepts all regional exams.
10. Memo re: EFDA Application from Certified Dental Assistant - #17-52 – The Board voted to send a letter to Ms. Lypchuk, saying that it will allow her to use her working hours in Ukraine to meet the 4500 hour requirement. After she successfully completes an EFDA course, she may then apply to the Board for an EFDA permit.
11. Inquiry re: being grandfathered in for local anesthesia/nitrous oxide - #17-53 - After listening to the Committee's recommendation, the Board voted to send a letter to Ms. Pastro saying that she is in violation of the rules, and to stop administering anesthesia and nitrous oxide immediately. The Board further voted to have her either provide a letter from a New Hampshire dentist saying she has successfully administered local anesthesia and nitrous oxide successfully for the last two years, or pass the CDCA local anesthesia exam.
(Stacy Plourde, Dr. Collins, Ellen Legg and Linda Tatarczuch opposed).
12. Inquiry re: Dental Hygiene Bachelor's Program counting toward CEU's #17-54 – The Board voted to allow the courses, but only up to 6 CEU's, as the courses are online, and as long as Ms. Ciriello has the required number of clinical CEU's.
13. Conference Call Public Minutes (for Board Approval) – The Board voted to approve.

14. Inquiry re: dental assistant radiology qualification - #17-55 – The Board voted to require the dental assistant to take the course from a CODA accredited program and to pass the DANB radiology health and safety exam.
15. Inquiry re: CE course taken for nursing - #17-56 – The Board voted to accept the CE course.
16. Informational (emailed previously)
 - Brief Introduction from Shane Hall, CE Broker
 - 19th Annual Office of the Attorney General Administrative Law Training Program
 - Patients, Pressure and Profits at Aspen Dental
 - Preliminary Agenda for Upcoming 4/23/17 Mid-Year AADA Meeting
 - Response from NHDHA re: CEU Cards
 - Stakeholder NH Antimicrobial Resistance Advisory Workgroup

LICENSURE AND REPORTS

1. DENTIST APPLICATIONS APPROVED

Elaine Asanaki, DMD
 Kelley M. Dentino, DMD
 Brindha Natarajan, DMD
 Christopher J. Shyne, DMD
 Kristina T. Tran, DDS
 Binca C. Warren, DMD

2. HYGIENIST APPLICATIONS APPROVED

Colleen R. Jolley, RDH
 Angela T. Landers, RDH
 Lisa M. Mather, RDH
 Alyssa A. Minkle, RDH
 Nicole Palmacci, RDH
 Pamela K. Witham, RDH

3. ANESTHESIA/SEDATION

(a) Anesthesia/Sedation Evaluations - #17-57 – The Board voted to approve:

- Comprehensive Evaluations of:
 - Charles Henry, DDS (to administer General Anesthesia/Deep Sedation)
 - Christopher King, DMD (to administer General Anesthesia/Deep Sedation)
- Facility Inspection of Angela Santavicca, DDS - anesthesiologist Adrienne Williams, MD to administer General Anesthesia/Deep Sedation at Lebanon, NH location.

- (b) Discussion re: Den 304.02 - #17-58, also Atch I – The Board voted to require PALS with a hands-on component.
- (c) Inquiry re: IV Sedation - #17-59 – The Board voted that airway certification is not necessary, but that the endodontists need a facility inspection before doing any anesthesia in their office. The Board also recommended that he verify the credentials of the individual who is administering the anesthesia.
- (d) Discussion about Anesthesia/Sedation Evaluation Committee - #17-74 (no document) – The Board voted that it is not necessary for Jeanne Clement and Connie Stratton to attend the Anesthesia and Sedation Committee's annual meeting.

Note: All votes were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

At 5:30 p.m. pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, the Board voted to go into non-public session by roll call vote because public disclosure may render a proposed action ineffective or adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a Board member.