

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

**MEETING MINUTES – Monday, April 3, 2017**

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

**Board Meeting – 3:00 p.m.**

The April 3, 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  
Nilfa Collins, DMD  
Arthur D. McKibbin, Jr. DMD  
Linda Tatarczuch, MSW  
Puneet Kochhar, DMD

Absent: Ellen Legg, RDH  
Salman Malik, DMD, MD

Review minutes of March 6, 2017 Board Meeting. The Board voted to accept the public and non-public minutes as written.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

1. Dental Hygienists Committee
  - (a) Minutes of March 6, 2017 Dental Hygienists Committee Meeting – The Board voted to accept the minutes into the record.
  - (b) Dental Hygienists Committee Comments – Lisa Malfait asked about the issue of hygienists being able to write prescriptions. Executive Director Connie Stratton explained that she had previously been advised that hygienists were not able to do so by law and said she would send Ms. Malfait the relevant information.
2. NH Dental Hygienists' Association Comments – None.

3. Dental Society Comments - Executive Director Mike Auerbach reported to the Board as follows:
  - The NHDS has just returned from Washington, DC, where its representatives met with its Congressional delegation. Among the topics discussed were bills that help dental students and young dentists deal with debt, enforcing anti-competitive insurance rules and helping create a better environment for new dentists considering a move to New Hampshire.
  - The NHDS is gearing up for its annual meeting, to be held May 18-20, 2017. Among the highlights will be the swearing-in of its new Board, including incoming President Dr. Manuel Sousa.
  - The NHDS is pleased to welcome two new Trustees: Dr. Whitney Goode of Somersworth and Dr. Brenda Berkal of Salem.
  - Later this month, Executive Director Auerbach will be taking part in the National Oral Health Conference in Albuquerque. The focus will be on public health dentistry and Medicaid issues.
  - The NHDS's March 10, 2017 CE was a great success, with about 100 participants on hand to hear Dr. Thiago Morelli's presentation.
  - The NHDS continues to work with our fellow state Board leaders and state executives to promote license portability among the New England states. This issue is one of the top concerns of student and young dentists.
4. Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) Comments – Dr. Albee reported that he had inadvertently been sent a list of those individuals to be examined for an exam he was supposed to participate in, but that he can no longer do so because he had received the list, due to the requirement of anonymity between students and examiner. Dr. Levesque-Vogel said she had recently participated in an exam in Boston and Ms. Tatarczuch said she had recently observed an exam being given and found it very interesting.
5. Board Office Comments – Executive Director Stratton asked if the Board wanted to put the CPHDH certificate, local anesthesia permit, anesthesia and sedation permit and administration of nitrous oxide permit in MLO so that the Board can email those documents to licensees for them to print out, instead of the Board mailing them. The Board voted yes.
6. New Rule Package (#17-1) Initial Proposal - #17-76 – The Board voted to approve, with the changes below:
  - dental assistants will not be issued a permit for monitoring nitrous oxide; and
  - CPHDH applications shall be signed and notarized

7. Discussion - NH Antimicrobial Resistance Advisory Workgroup - #17-77 – The Board voted to nominate Dr. Malik to be a part of this group, but only if he is willing.
8. District of Columbia CEU's for CDCA participation - #17-78 (**discussion, no document**) - The Board voted to award a maximum of 8 CEU's per biennium for participation and calibration in CDCA exams. This will not take effect until the rule is changed. (Dr. Kochhar opposed).

## LICENSURE AND REPORTS

1. DENTIST APPLICATIONS APPROVED  
Alaa Ahmed, DMD
2. HYGIENIST APPLICATIONS APPROVED  
Patricia Boeira, RDH  
Briana E. Clinton, RDH  
Kathleen A. Smietana, RDH  
Hannah A. Therriault, RDH
3. PUBLIC HEALTH SUPERVISION
  - (a) #17-79 - The Board voted to accept the Public Health Summary Reports into the record and send a letter of appreciation to:
    - POH Senior Program
    - Strafford County Head Start
  - (b) #17-95 - The Board voted to accept the application for a Dental Public Health Supervision Program of the following agency:
    - Harbor Homes Mobile Dental Van
4. ANESTHESIA/SEDATION
  - (a) #17-80 - Memo - IV Sedation Question for Board reconsideration – The Board voted to answer the questions in the memo as follows: 1) the oral surgeon does not need to have a permit to administer unrestricted moderate sedation in order to administer this type of sedation in the endodontic practice; and 2) the owner of the facility is responsible for paying the \$125 facility inspection fee.

- (b) #17-81 - Application for General Anesthesia/Deep Sedation permit and Question to the Board -
- Adam Bateman, DDS, MD - The Board voted to approve Dr. Bateman's application and advise him that on the fifth anniversary of the last inspection, he will need a facility inspection at all of the locations.
- (c) #17-82 - Anesthesia Committee Agenda - PALS (for discussion) – The Board voted to reaffirm its previous vote to require dentists who use general anesthesia, deep sedation or moderate sedation shall be certified in both advanced cardiac life support (ACLS) and pediatric advanced life support (PALS). (Dr. Albee opposed).
- The Board also discussed a potential reorganization of the Anesthesia and Sedation Committee and Connie Stratton will consult with legal counsel about this issue.
- (d) #17-94 - Anesthesia/Sedation Evaluation – The Board voted to approve the Comprehensive Evaluation of:
- Corey Decoteau, DMD (to administer General Anesthesia/Deep Sedation)

Board member Stacy Plourde, RDH tendered her resignation from the Board. Board members thanked her for her service and wished her success in her new endeavors.

Note: All votes were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

At 4:10 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.