

**NEW HAMPSHIRE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
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**MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, December 4, 2017**

Dental Hygienists Committee Meeting – 1:30 p.m.

Board Meeting – 3:00 p.m.

The December 4, 2017 meeting of the New Hampshire Board of Dental Examiners was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Tara Levesque-Vogel, DMD with the following members present:

Tara Levesque-Vogel, DMD, President
Arthur D. McKibbin, Jr., DMD, Vice President
Charles Albee, DMD
Nilfa Collins, DMD
Ellen Legg, RDH
Linda Tatarczuch, MSW
Puneet Kochhar, DMD
Robert Kuepper, DDS
Lisa Scott, RDH

Note: All votes were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

Review minutes of November 6, 2017 Board Meeting. The Board voted to accept the public minutes as published with the exception of the minutes as they relate to the WREB discussion. The Board voted to table the public minutes so that Dr. McKibbin and others can look at their notes and see if the draft minutes relating to the WREB discussion are consistent with their notes. The Board voted to accept the non-public minutes as written.

ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Dental Hygienists Committee

- (a) Comments – Margaret Ray, RDH reported that the Committee will make a recommendation to the Board to change RSA 317-A:21-c to make its language match the language in Den 402.01. She said the Committee will also make a recommendation to the Board about having a checklist for when dental hygienist renew their local anesthesia and nitrous oxide permits. Ms. Ray also relayed the Committee's recommendation with respect to agenda item #17-277. The Committee recommends that all hygienists be required to apply for and obtain a permit to administer nitrous oxide.

125% go to the general fund, and not to the Board for its use. She encouraged Board members to contact their legislators about this issue.

7. Question re: Smile Direct/online orthodontic services - #17-274 – The Board voted to send a letter to Smile Direct and Snap Correct, asking who, if any, are the participating dentists (consultants) in New Hampshire.
8. Adoption of Rules (#2017-93 and #2017-94) - #17-275 – The Board voted to adopt both rules packages.
9. NHBODE WREB Notes from Dr. McKibbin - #17-301, also Atch I and II – The Board voted to accept agenda item #17-301 as the explanation of its reasons for not accepting the WREB exam. Please see Attachment I, incorporated into these minutes. The Board voted to table both Attachment I and II to agenda item #17-301 until the January meeting. Dr. McKibbin will revise how Attachment II is written.
10. WREB Exam Questions - #17-276 – The Board voted that if a licensee in another state seeks licensure in New Hampshire by endorsement, the Board will accept the application, if the applicant had taken the WREB exam other than the 2018 WREB exam. The Board also voted to contact the American Dental Association and the American Student Dental Association and advise both entities that New Hampshire will not accept the WREB exam given in 2018.
11. Memo - Nitrous Oxide Permits - #17-277 – The Board voted to include, in the next rules package, that all dental hygienist licensees will be required to have a permit to administer nitrous oxide and a \$25 permit fee will be required.
12. Request to waive NH dental licensure by endorsement - #17-278 – The Board voted to grant the waiver. (Ms. Tatarczuch and Ms. Legg opposed).
13. HB 1577 relative to administration of anesthesia by dentists - #17-300 – FYI.
14. Informational (emailed previously)
 - AADA Annual Meeting Follow-up
 - Academy of General Dentistry installed new president
 - State Board Chair/Vice Chair Forum at Jan 2018 CDCA Annual Meeting
 - AADB Composite Committee - Call for Work Group Volunteers

LICENSURE AND REPORTS

1. **DENTIST APPLICATIONS APPROVED**
 - Erika R. Antonsson, DMD
 - Nevtej S. Kang, DMD
 - Laila Khalid, DMD
 - Felix M. Santamaria, DDS
 - Rachel L. Sun, DMD

2. HYGIENIST APPLICATIONS APPROVED

Monica K. Aaskov, RDH
Katelyn A. Berube, RDH
Erin E. Flaherty, RDH
Autumn R. Kimball, RDH
Lynsey A. Lefave, RDH

3. PUBLIC HEALTH SUPERVISION

(a) #17-279 - The Board voted to accept the Public Health Summary Reports and send letters of appreciation to:

- Coos County Family Health Services
- Merrimack County Nursing Home Oral Health Program

4. ANESTHESIA/SEDATION

(a) Anesthesia/Sedation Evaluations Chart - #17-280 – The Board voted to approve:

✚ Facility Inspection of Gary Hammond, DDS to administer General Anesthesia/Deep Sedation at Montshire Endodontics.

✚ Comprehensive Evaluations of:

- Shauna Gauthier, DMD
- Salman Malik, DMD, MD
- Richard Rosato, DMD

(b) Application for General Anesthesia/Deep Sedation Permit -

- Patrick McCarty, DMD - #17-281 - The Board voted to approve the application.

(c) Application for Moderate Sedation Unrestricted Permit -

- Mindy Hall, DMD - #17-303 – The Board voted to approve the application.

At 4:50 p.m. and 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. The Board voted to adjourn until 5:08 p.m. at which time the non-public portion of the meeting began.

ATTACHMENT I

A. D. McKibbin, Jr. DMD
#17 - 301

NH BODE – WREB NOTES

11/21/2017

Summary

1. At the 8/28/2017 meeting of the NH BODE the board voted to not accept the 2017 – 2018 WREB pre-licensure exams for dentistry and dental hygiene because changes made to the exam, without prior, timely notice to the board, rendered it “not similar” to the ADEX exam.

2. At the 11/6/2017 meeting of the NH BODE Dr. Bruce Horn from WREB and Dr. David Perkins from CDCA made presentations regarding the differences in their respective dental pre-licensing exams. No motion was made by the NH BODE members to revote the issue determined on 8/28/2017. A motion was made and seconded to accept the WREB examination if it included the following:

- A. The ADEX Dental Skills Exam (DSE)
- B. A Prosthetics Manikin component
- C. A patient centered Class II restoration with non-compensatory grading
- D. A patient centered Class III restoration with non-compensatory grading

During the discussion Dr. Bruce Horn stood up and spoke to the issue. He said that it would be impossible to administer the WREB exam with these conditions because it would change the WREB format too much. The motion was withdrawn at the realization by the board members that this basically proved that the WREB exam was “not similar” to the ADEX Exam.

In retrospect it is interesting to note that there was no discussion regarding the differences between the dental hygiene pre-licensing exams.

Differences in the ADEX and WREB Dental Hygiene exams

1. WREB gives candidates the chance to retake the exam on the same weekend, without any mitigation.
2. WREB allows for several resubmissions for the candidate to present with

- 12 surfaces of qualifying calculus. ADEX only allows the candidates one submission for case acceptance (12 surfaces of qualifying calculus).
3. WREB does not have a separate calculus detection exercise. ADEX has a separate calculus detection exercise which is assigned “onsite”, which guarantees an individual effort.
 4. Unlike WREB, the ADEX CSCE exam component tests the critical cognitive skills associated with treating patients, not just the detection and removal of calculus. The ADEX CSCE exam evaluates all candidates on the same materials and on the broad scope of critical skills identified by the Occupational Analysis, which is conducted periodically by the ADEX Exam Committee.

Differences in the ADEX and WREB dental pre-licensing exams

1. ADEX requires a patient based Class II and a Class III restoration performed at a single testing session and graded in a non-compensatory method. If the candidate “fails” the first restoration they are not allowed to attempt the second procedure.
 - A. WREB allows a candidate to perform just one restoration on a patient if the candidate successfully passes with the first restoration.
 - B. WREB allows the candidate to choose to start the exam with an “easier” restoration
 - C. WREB allows the candidate to complete the second restoration, if needed, on Clinic Days Two or Three.
 - D. WREB allows for compensatory (average) grading.
 - E. WREB allows the candidate to “not pass” the first procedure with a score below a “3.00” (?) and then allows the candidate to proceed to the second restoration
2. The ADEX Endodontic Manikin section requires remediation by the candidate who fails before re-taking the exam. The WREB Endodontic Manikin section allows a candidate who “fails” this section to re-take the exam on the optional 3rd exam day without remediation.
3. The ADEX Prosthodontic Manikin section requires the candidate to prepare an anterior tooth for a Ceramic crown and two posterior abutment restorations for a fixed three unit bridge. Failure by the candidate requires remediation before re-taking the exam. The WREB Prosthodontic Manikin exam is similar to the ADEX exam, but it is optional. WREB allows a candidate who “fails” this section to re-take the exam on the optional 3rd exam

day without remediation.

4. The NH BODE is a member of ADEX. The board has at least one board member present at the ADEX annual meeting participating on the ADEX Exam Committee and in the ADEX House of Representatives. Any changes to the ADEX dental or dental hygiene exams need to go through two committees and must be voted on by the House of Representatives. Changes to the exams are made in a timely manner and with proper, advanced notification. The NH BODE does not have any formal representation within the WREB organization. Changes can be made to the WREB exam and format without the NH BODE's input and without proper, advanced and timely notification.