

**NEW HAMPSHIRE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
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**MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, January 8, 2018**

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

Board Meeting – 3:00 p.m.

The January 8, 2018 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
Nilfa Collins, DMD
Ellen Legg, RDH
Puneet Kochhar, DMD
Robert Kuepper, DDS
Lisa Scott, RDH

Absent: Charles Albee, DMD
Linda Tatarczuch, MSW

Note: All votes were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

Review tabled public minutes of November 6, 2017 Board Meeting.

- Dr. McKibbin's recommended changes - #18-1, also Notes Modified Atch II, also #17-301, Atch I and II

#18-1: The Board voted to approve the changes to the November 6, 2017 public minutes as set forth in this document.

#18-1, Attachment II, Notes Modified: The Board voted to approve Attachment II, Notes Modified, as follows:

There will be an annual standing item on the NH BODE January Public Agenda to review and determine which hygiene and dental pre-licensing exams will be accepted for licensure for the exam cycle starting on August 31st of the same year. It should include the following items:

1. Review and determine whether or not the ADEX hygiene and dental pre-licensing exams will be the only accepted exams.

2. Review and determine the specific items that would be acceptable to the NH BODE to qualify as “similar to ADEX examinations”.
3. Communication with all interested parties (Exam agencies, schools) informing them of the NH BODE decision.

#17-301, Attachment I: Dr. McKibbin withdrew his proposed motion.

Review minutes of December 4, 2017 Board Meeting. The Board voted to approve the public minutes with the following changes: The Board voted to include the body of agenda item #17-301 in the December public minutes. The Board also voted to add to public agenda item #17-277, “and to charge a \$25 fee”. The Board voted to approve the non-public minutes as written.

ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Dental Hygienists Committee
 - (a) Minutes of December 4, 2017 Dental Hygienists Committee Meeting - The Board voted to accept the minutes.
 - (b) Dental Hygienists Committee Comments - None.
 - (c) DHC Recommendation - Amendment to RSA 317-A:21-c - #18-2 – A motion was made to accept the DHC’s recommendation. No one voted in favor of the motion.
 - (d) Memo from Margaret Ray, RDH re: Limit RDHs "from NHTI" on DHC - #18-3 – The Board voted not to put a limit on the number of educators allowed to be on the Dental Hygienists’ Committee.
2. NH Dental Hygienists’ Association Comments – None.
3. Dental Society Comments – Executive Director Mike Auerbach reported to the Board as follows:
 - The NHDS Annual Meeting is shaping up to be one of the largest yet. Speakers on opioids, infection control, EFDAs and dental office safety are on the docket, along with presentations for hygienists and assistants.
 - The NHDS is also planning its March CE, which will feature a presentation on obstructive sleep apnea, at the Grappone Conference Center on March 9, 2018.
 - The NHDS invites the Board members to the NHDS state lounge on Friday, January, at Yankee Dental, for its annual cocktail reception.
 - On behalf of the NHDS Board of Trustees and Executive Committee, Executive Director Auerbach wished everyone a happy and healthy 2018!
4. Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) Comments – The CDCA’s annual meeting takes place this week. Dr. Vogel will be going to Tufts to participate in an exam; Ms. Scott will be observing an exam at Mt. Ida College; and

Dr. Kochhar will be participating in exams at the University of New England and Case Western.

5. Board Office Comments – Executive Director Stratton advised the Board of the need for a Board member to review the CEU paperwork for those dentists chosen to be audited during this license renewal period. Dr. Vogel and Dr. McKibbin will do the audits.
6. Board Representative to PDMP (Prescription Drug Monitoring Program) - #18-4 – None of the Board members volunteered to be the Board’s representative to the PDMP, due to lack of time in their schedules. The Board voted to table this item until the February meeting, to see if Dr. Albee would be willing to continue as its representative.
7. ADEX House of Representative Member - Dr. McKibbin's Term Ends - #18-5, also Atch I – Dr. Vogel volunteered for this position and the Board voted to appoint her as its ADEX House of Representative member.
8. Request to waive CRDTS written portion of regional exam -
 - (a) James Mixson, DMD - #18-6 – The Board voted to grant the waiver, based on Dr. Mixson's training and experience.
 - (b) Colin Boswell, DDS - #18-7 – The Board voted to grant the waiver, based on Dr. Boswell's training and experience.
9. Comments from Board Member Ellen Legg, RDH- #18-32, also Atch I and II -
 - (a) The Board voted not to accept the WREB Dental Hygiene Exam taken in 2018 (Dr. Kochhar opposed).
 - (b) With respect to the communication protocol between the DHC and the Board, the Board voted to communicate in writing to the DHC members when it refers an issue to them, and to respond to the DHC in writing when the DHC asks a question of the Board or provides a memo to the Board. (Dr. Kuepper opposed).
 - (c) Dr. Vogel stated that she would try and make sure that if anyone is opposed to a motion, that this is stated aloud.
10. Memo - Den 302.04(d) - Botulinum toxin or dermafiller procedures - #18-8 - The Board voted to accept the training for the following 5 licensees. In the future, the Board voted to review the training and Dr. McKibbin will be the Board’s representative to perform this task.
 - (a) Ashley Pinette, DMD - #18-9
 - (b) Marshall Baldassarre, DMD - #18-10
 - (c) Dori Lang Columbus, DDS - #18-11
 - (d) Joshua Howard, DMD - #18-12
 - (e) Tracey Pike, DMD - #18-13

11. Memo - ACLS and BLS-HCP Questions - #18-33 – The Board voted as follows:
 - (a) An ACLS course does not meet the BLS-HCP course requirement.
 - (b) An ACLS course must have a hands-on component.
 - (c) The Board will award 6 CEU's per biennium for an ACLS course.
 - (d) Acceptable sponsors for an ACLS course are those that are American Heart Association approved. See Den 304.03(a)(4).

12. Memo - PALS Questions - #18-34 – the Board voted as follows:
 - (a) A PALS course must have a hands-on component.
 - (b) If a dentist treats very few, if any, children with general anesthesia, he/she may choose not to obtain PALS certification and have the other surgeons in the practice treat this age group.
 - (c) The Board will award 6 CEU's per biennium for a PALS course.
 - (d) Acceptable sponsors for an ACLS course are those that are American Heart Association approved.

13. Question for Board Consideration - #18-35 – The Board voted to have Executive Director Stratton send a letter to Dr. Johnston, referring him to the appropriate rules relating to the tasks dental hygienists are allowed to perform and under what level of supervision; and to advise that traditional dental assistants may not treat patients without a dentist present in the dental office.

14. Informational (emailed previously)
 - CDCA Updated Agenda for the 2018 Annual meeting
 - 2016 State Antibigram
 - ADEX House of Representatives Appointments

LICENSURE AND REPORTS

1. DENTIST APPLICATIONS APPROVED
 - Deepak H. Balani, DMD
 - Andrew M. Bradley, DMD
 - Carolyn J. Ferrick, DMD
 - Marci C. Mazzuca, DMD
 - David H. Nguyen, DMD
 - Akm T. Rahman, DDS
 - Priya P. Tonseker, DDS

2. HYGIENIST APPLICATIONS APPROVED
 - Casey R. Bedingfield, RDH
 - Chelsea L. Costa, RDH
 - Sheryl L. Hause, RDH
 - Sherri J. Kenton, RDH

3. PUBLIC HEALTH SUPERVISION

- (a) #18-14 – The Board voted to accept the Public Health Summary Report and to send a letter of appreciation to:
 - Homebound/Institutional Dental Service
- (b) #18-15 - Update of Active Public Health Supervision Programs in NH - FYL.

4. DENTAL STUDENT PROGRAM REPORT

- #18-16 - Alliance for Dental Care, PLLC - offsite externship 12-week program – The Board voted to approve the externship, after confirming with Dr. Kochhar that he is adjunct faculty for the UNE Dental School.
(Dr. Kochhar recused)

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. At 4:55 p.m., the Board adjourned for approximately ten (10) minutes after which the meeting was re-opened in non-public session.