

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

**MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, April 1, 2019**

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

Board Meeting – 3:00 p.m.

The April 1, 2019 public portion of the 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
Lisa Scott, RDH
Dennis Hannon, DDS
Puneet Kochhar, DMD
Ellen Legg, RDH
Nilfa Collins, DMD

Absent: Muhenad Samaan, DMD
Linda Tatarczuch, MSW, Public member
Arthur D. McKibbin, Jr., DMD

Attendees: Peter Danles, OPLC Executive Director
Attorney Thomas Broderick, OPLC Division of Administration
John Cafasso, Board Administrator

Review minutes of the March 4, 2019 Board Meeting – On a motion by Dr. Hannon with a second by Lisa Scott, RDH, the Board voted to accept the public minutes as written. (Dr. Collins recused herself as she did not attend the March 4, 2019 meeting.)

On a motion made by Dr. Kochhar with a second by Dr. Hannon, the Board voted to accept the March 4, 2019 Board non-public minutes as amended. (Dr. Collins recused herself as she did not attend the March 4, 2019 meeting.)

ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Dental Hygienists Committee

- (a) Minutes of March 4, 2019 Dental Hygienists Committee Meeting – On a motion by Dr. Hannon with a second by Lisa Scott, RDH, the Board voted to accept the DHC minutes.

- (b) Dental Hygienists Committee (DHC) Comments – Lisa Scott, RDH informed the Board that the DHC went over the rules package and discussed other possible future DHC agenda times. Lisa Scott, RDH informed the Board that the CEU audits were complete.
2. NH Dental Hygienists' Association (NHDHA) Comments –
- Pam Delahanty, RDH, CPHDH introduced Myra Nikitas, RDH (nominee for the vacant Dental Hygienist Committee Board position) to the Board. Ms. Nikitas informed the Board of her work history as an RDH and that she was very excited to join the DHC as its next Committee member. Nominee Myra Nikitas is just awaiting confirmation from the governor's office.
 - NHDHA welcomes attendance at their upcoming CE's:
 - (a) Yoga Tune Up Therapy Ball Workshop for Jaw/Head/Neck on Tuesday, April 2, 2019, 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM at Delta Dental, 2.0 non-clinical CEUs. Facilitated by Cathy Mook, RDH, NTP, RYT.
 - (b) "Say What? Understanding What is Required in Dental Documentation" on Thursday, April 11, 2019, 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM, Davis & Towle in Concord, 2.0 Clinical CEUs. Presenter is Mary Ann Vazquez, RDH, BSDH.
 - (c) "SDF for the Dental Team" on Monday, April 29, 2019, 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM, 2.0 Clinical CEUs, Hanna Grimes Center in Keene. Presented by John S. Echternach, DDS.
3. NH Dental Society (NHDS) Comments – Executive Director Mike Auérbach informed the Board of the following:
- We are pleased to announce that, during our Annual Meeting, we will be including a workshop on SBIRT – Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral to Treatment – which is the next level in opioid/addiction training for dentists. Dr. Clay Graybeal of the University of New England and head of Maine's state SBIRT training program for health professionals, will lead the discussion, which takes place just prior to Michelle Ricco-Jonas's presentation on PDMP.
 - In two weeks, a delegation of NHDS dentists will travel to Washington DC to meet with legislative staff on such topics as dental student debt, a level playing field for insurance and oral health awareness campaigns.
 - The NHDS is happy to work with the Board's Anesthesia/Sedation Evaluation Committee regarding the issues we discussed at the last Board meeting. Specifically, as the Committee writes the rules on the anesthesia bill, we want to ensure that there is greater clarity regarding liability when anesthesia professionals are on-site in a dental office.
 - Tomorrow, the NHDS will be in the Senate for hearings on HB. 692, which would allow for an adult dental Medicaid benefit in New Hampshire. The NHDS is in favor of such legislation, but emphasizes that any model that this bill fosters should substantially increase reimbursement and involve the coordination of care.
4. Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) Comments - Several Board members announced that they will be participating in various upcoming exams.

5. Board Office Comments –
 - (a) Status of statute re: Prescription/Dispensing of Fluoride/Antimicrobial Rinses - Board Administrator John Cafasso updated the Board that Mike Bullek from the Pharmacy Board informed him that HB 615 passed the House and that HB 615 was in committee with the Senate. Mike Bullek said that he did not see any issues with HB 615 passing in the Senate.
6. SB 120 – Update re: implications on licensure - #19-81 - Guest Michelle Ricco Jonas, PDMP Manager informed the Board that SB 120 passed the Senate Health and Human Services Committee with an amendment that removed lines 17-24 and then passed the full Senate with a floor amendment to add three legislative representatives to the PDMP Advisory Council (2 House reps and 1 Senate rep).

Michelle Ricco-Jonas stated that SB 120 was drafted with the main intent to move the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) from under the purview of the Board of Pharmacy so it can be a standalone program under the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification. Ms. Ricco-Jonas informed the Board that the PDMP will continue to work in service with all the regulatory boards in which their licensees by law are required to participate with the program. This bill will now go to the House and the hope is that no additional language will be added that would put an undue burden on the Boards, licensees or in turn create duplicity of existing law.

7. Recognition of Dental Anesthesiology as a Dental Specialty - #19-82 - On a motion made by Ellen Legg, RDH with a second by Dr. Kochhar, the Board voted to recognize Dental Anesthesiology as a Dental Specialty and to add it to the current 9 NH Board of Dental Examiners approved specialties.
8. Informational (e-mailed previously)
 - Ethics Course – American College of Dentists
 - Notice – CODA Winter 2019 Accreditation Actions

LICENSURE AND REPORTS

1. DENTIST APPLICATIONS APPROVED
 - Caroline M. Adams, DMD
 - Amy E. Buchler, DMD
 - Michael R. Buchler, DMD
 - Christopher J. Filler, DMD
 - Hitesh G. Tolani, DMD
2. HYGIENIST APPLICATIONS APPROVED
 - Alexis K. Boswell, RDH
 - Natalie Cook, RDH
 - Elainy S. Page, RDH
 - Meredith L. Steady, RDH
 - Danielle N. Wilson, RDH

3. PUBLIC HEALTH SUPERVISION -

- (a) #19-83 - On a motion made by Dr. Kochhar with a second by Dr. Collins, the Board voted to accept the Public Health Summary Report Charts for:
 - POH Senior Program
 - Strafford County Head Start
- (b) #19-84 - On a motion by Dr. Kochhar with a second by Ellen Legg, RDH, the Board voted to approve the Application for a Dental Public Health Supervision Program for:
 - Mid-State Health Center

4. ANESTHESIA/SEDATION

- (a) Anesthesia/Sedation Evaluations Chart - #19-85 - On a motion by Dr. Kochhar with a second by Dr. Collins, the Board voted to accept:
 - Comprehensive Evaluations for General Anesthesia/Deep Sedation Permits for:
 - Mark Scura, DMD
 - Patrick Vaughan, DDS
 - Facility Inspections for General Anesthesia/Deep Sedation Permits for:
 - Donald Gass Jr., DDS (Belmont location)
 - Donald Gass Jr., DDS (Lebanon location)
 - Jonathan Williams, DMD (Rochester location)
- (b) #19-86 - Application for General Anesthesia/Deep Sedation - On a motion by Dr. Kochhar and second by Dr. Hannon the Board voted to accept the application for General Anesthesia/Deep Sedation for Dave Pak, DMD.

At 3:23 p.m., the Board voted by roll call to go out of public session and into a non-meeting with Board Counsel, JD Lavallee.

At 3:46 p.m., on a motion by Dr. Kochhar with a second by Dr. Collins, voted to go out of a non-meeting with Board Counsel, JD Lavallee, and back into public session.

PUBLIC HEARING – #19-1 - Megan Lucier, DMD.

At 4:00 p.m., Dr. Levesque-Vogel opened the hearing in re: Megan Lucier, DMD.

At 5:08 p.m., Dr. Levesque-Vogel closed the hearing in re: Megan Lucier, DMD.

At 5:08 p.m., pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, on a motion made by Dr. Vogel and with a second by Lisa Scott, RDH, the Board voted by roll call to go out of public session and into non-public session because public disclosure may render a proposed action ineffective or adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a Board member.

At 5:58 p.m., on motion made by Dr. Kochhar with a second by Ellen Legg, RDH, the Board voted by roll call to go out of non-public session and into public session.

At 5:58 p.m., the Board voted unanimously to maintain the privacy of the items discussed in non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, 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.

Dr. Vogel adjourned the meeting at 5:58 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: Monday, May 6, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.