

**NEW HAMPSHIRE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
DENTAL HYGIENISTS COMMITTEE
Monday, April 1, 2019**

All votes are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

The April 1, 2019 meeting of the Dental Hygienists Committee (hereinafter, DHC), New Hampshire Board of Dental Examiners (hereinafter, BODE), was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Margaret Ray, RDH with the following members present:

Margaret Ray, RDH
Lisa Scott, CDA, RDH
Barbara Stowers, RDH
Vacant

Absent: Muhenad Samaan, DMD
Guest: Myra Nikitas, RDH
Attendees: Pam Delahanty, RDH, CPHDH, Ellen Legg, RDH

John Cafasso, Board Administrator

On a motion made by Barbara Stowers, RDH with a second by Lisa Scott, RDH, the Board voted to approve the March 4, 2019 meeting minutes.

1. The DHC completed reviewing and making changes to the Dental Hygienist rules and they are now ready to be submitted with the next rules package. The Board discussed preparing for future agenda items such as possibly updating the "Frequently Asked Questions" on the NH BODE website. The DHC was informed by the American Dental Hygienists' Association that the Code of Ethics of the American Dental Hygienists Association were adopted on June 25, 2018 but have not been Amended since June 13, 2016.
2. All of the Hygienist CEU Audits have been completed by the DHC.
3. New Hampshire Dental Hygienists' Immediate Past President, Pam Delahanty, RDH, CPHDH introduced Myra Nikitas, RDH as the nominee for the vacant DHC position. Myra Nikitas informed the DHC of her work history as an RDH and said that she was very excited to join the DHC as its next DHC member. Nominee Myra Nikitas is awaiting confirmation from the Governor's Office.
4. New Business: Board Administrator John Cafasso provided the DHC with an update on HB 615 (Prescription/Dispensing of Fluoride/Antimicrobial Rinses). Mike Bullek from the OPLC Pharmacy Board reported that HB 615 passed the House and that it was in committee with the Senate. Mike Bullek said that he did not see any issues with HB 615 passing in the Senate.
5. The DHC discussed preparing for future agenda items. Pam Delahanty read suggestions from the NHDHA. They included several that pertained to Dental Assistants and therefore were not relevant to the DHC agenda. She also suggested adding the dental hygiene diagnosis to the NH RDH scope of practice. Margaret Ray commented that the CODA definition of DH dx is included under DH Duties in the present rules. Pam Delahanty also asked where did the DHC leave off with working on Direct Medicaid Reimbursement to Dental Hygienist? The DHC has never initiated any work on this subject but is open to the NHDHA submitting a formal agenda request.

*Meeting was adjourned by Margaret Ray at 2:25 p.m.
Next Dental Hygienist Committee Scheduled for May 6th at 1:30 p.m.*