



# BoDE Public Meeting Minutes

Dental Examiners Board

Aug 7, 2023 at 8:30 AM EDT

@ OPLC, 7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH 03301

## Attendance

### Present:

Members: John Giraldo, Howard Ludington, Virginia Kapetanakis Moore, Jay Patel, Linda Tatarczuch

Guests: Elizabeth Eaton, Christine Horne, Samantha Kinstrey

### Absent:

Members: Roger Achong, Puneet Kochhar, Muhenad Samaan

#### I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 8:34 am by H. Ludington.

#### II. Approval of Public Minutes

L. Tatarczuch made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2023 meeting. J. Giraldo seconded, J. Patel abstains and motion passes.

#### III. Public Appearances- none

#### IV. OPLC and/or Board Administration Update- none

#### V. Old Business

##### A. Dental Hygiene Committee Update - no update

They did not meet in August.

##### B. LBA Audit - Final Report

will continue work on audit next month.

##### 1. Heather Kelley to discuss Audit

discussed in non-public.

#### VI. New Business

##### A. Public Health

##### 1. Frisbee Smiles summary report

V. Moore made a motion to approve the summary report. L. Tatarczuch seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

##### 2. Speare Memorial Hospital summary report

J. Girald made a motion to approve the summary report. V. Moore seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

3. Salem Children's Dental Network summary report and changes to collaborative agreement

V. Moore made a motion to approve the summary report. J. Girald seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

4. Milford School Dental Clinic summary report

V. Moore made a motion to approve the summary report. J. Girald seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

5. CariedAway NH Concord - application for public health supervision status

V. Moore made a motion to approve the summary report. J. Girald seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

6. Concord Dental Sealant Coalition summary report

J. Girald made a motion to approve the summary report. J. Patel seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

7. Caried Away - Nashua, NH - application for program approval and public health supervision status form

V. Moore made a motion to approve the Caried Away- Nashua NH Program. J. Girald seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

B. Student programs

1. UNE student report

H. Ludington made a motion to approve this report. J. Patel seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

C. American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine

H. Ludington made a motion to accept this information. J. Patel seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

D. Question on Tooth Gems

V. Moore with review what other states have done for rules for applying tooth gems. Currently the Board does not have rules for this and would like to see what other states are doing before creating rules in this area.

H. Ludington made a motion to look into what other states are doing for tooth gems. L. Tatarczuch seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

VII. Rules Review and other Legislative Topics

A. Update on 2023 legislation - OPLC Board Counsel

1. 22-23 End of Session Report- noted

2. HB 594 Press Release

Board discussed how some states don't follow up on licensees and are very liberal with licensing. J. Patel will put a list of states whose licensure is substantially similar to NH together for both dentists and hygienists. the Board will review this list and vote on it at an upcoming meeting.

Board also discussed how the ADA has 12 different specialties and this can cause problems. In some states a person is able to get licensed as a dentist without the proper qualifications.

Board would like a clinical component added to the rules to make sure individuals who apply to NH have done clinicals.

H. Ludington made a motion for this to be done by J. Patel. L. Tatarczuch seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

3. HB 337

This Bill requires agendas to be posted 14 days prior to a meeting and meeting materials available 7 days from the date of the meeting. OPLC is working on how this is going to look for all Boards.

4. HB 308

This Bill refers to remote participation of Board members if there is a 1/3 quorum present. Board members will need to have a good reason to not be able to be in person. This Bill was signed on August 4th and will take effect in 60 days.

5. HB 655

This Bill will change the way complaints and hearing are handled by the Board.

Board asked if there were going to be parameters on the length of time until the Board receives the complaint to address it. Attorney Eaton is trying to get a policy timeline for the complaint process.

B. Den 200- Initial Proposal, draft

H. Ludington made a motion to table this topic until next month. J. Patel seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

C. Den 304- Initial Proposal, Draft

H. Ludington made a motion to table this topic until next month. The Board did not have the current rules changes the Board needed for discussion. Staff will research the information and make sure Tina Kelley and the Board have the information. L. Tatarczuch seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

D. Den 300 Various- Initial Proposal, draft

H. Ludington made a motion to table this topic until next month. J. Patel seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

E. Den 404- Initial Proposal, draft

H. Ludington made a motion to table this topic until next month. J. Patel seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

VIII. Licensure Approval

A. Applications approved and Pending 7/1/2023 through. 7/31/2023- noted

## B. Dentist Applications

1. Lily Hu, DMD, Lic #04161 - waiver request from facility inspections - 5 locations

She qualifies for the waiver. J. Girald made a motion to approve the waiver request. L. Tatarczuch seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

2. Peter Albanese, DMD, Lic # 04130, Dental Anesthesia Comprehensive Evaluation

V. Moore made a motion to approve this evaluation. J. Patel seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

3. Christopher Blount, DDS, Lic # 04127, Dental Anesthesia Comprehensive Evaluation

V. Moore made a motion to approve this evaluation. J. Patel seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

4. Nicholas Theberge, DDS Lic # 04299, Dental Anesthesia Comprehensive Evaluation

V. Moore made a motion to approve this evaluation. J. Patel seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

## C. Hygienist Applications

1. Colleen Ann Twarjan, RDH, Lic #00769 - Reinstatement Application

V. Moore made a motion to approve this application for reinstatement. J. Girald seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

2. Amanda Batista, RDH, initial application for licensure

Board needs clarification that she has completed the medical emergency training. H. Ludington made a motion to approve pending confirmation of the training. J. Girald seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

3. Kathryn Hitzig, RDH, initial application for licensure

J. Patel made a motion to verify that the applicants BLS is current, if it is she can be licensed. J. Girald seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

4. Jesse Perkins, RDH, Lic #02260 - reinstatement application

L. Tatarczuch made a motion to request the applicant send in legible forms and to have certificates that are up to date. V. Moore seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

- IX. Non-Public Session- J. Patel made a motion to enter non-public session at 11:12 am. J. Girald seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

“The Board will conduct a Non-Public session for the purpose of discussing investigations of alleged licensee misconduct and other confidential Board business. Such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c), RSA 91-A:3 II (e), RSA 91-A:5, IV, Lodge v. Knowlton, 119 N.H. 574 (1978), and the Board’s executive and deliberative privileges.”

X. Resume Public Session

“The Board votes to seal the minutes of the non-public session to maintain the privacy of the items discussed in non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c), 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.”

Upon return to public session at 11:34 am, H. Ludington made a motion to seal the minutes from the non-public session. J. Giraldo seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

XI. Adjourn Meeting

Next meeting is on September 11, 2023 at 8:30 am

L. Tatarczuch made a motion to adjourn at 11:47 am. H. Ludington seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.