



Board of Dental Examiners Public Meeting

Minutes

Dental Examiners Board
Apr 1, 2024 at 8:30 AM EDT

Attendance

Members:

Puneet Kochhar, DMD, Chair (PK), Roger Achong, DMD (RA), Howard Ludington, DDS (HL), Daniel DeTolla, DDS (DD), Mark Abel, DMD, MD (MA), Virginia Moore, RDH (VM), Angela Boyle, RDH (AB), Linda Tatarczuch, MSW (LT), Jay Patel, DMD (JP)

Staff:

Michael Gianunzio, Board Administrator, Elizabeth Eaton, Esq., Board Counsel, Nikolas Frye, Esq., Hearings Examiner

Absent:

None

- I. Call to Order 8:35 AM
- II. Approval of Public Minutes

Motion:

Upon a motion by MA with a second by AB, the Board voted to approve the minutes as amended; unanimous.

- III. Rules Review and other Legislative Topics
 - A. Update on 2023 legislation - Board Counsel, Elizabeth Eaton
 1. HB 1095 – (see liz about status)
 2. HB 1408 – referred for interim study
 3. HB 1272 – inexpedient to legislate
 4. HB 1676 – referred for interim study
 5. Plc 500 – (see liz about status)
 6. Plc 313 – Being amended after public comment
 - B. Tina M Kelley, Rules Coordinator
 1. Den 200 - Adoption

Motion:

Upon a motion by PK with a second by HL, the Board voted to adopt; unanimous.

2. Den 404 - Conditional Approval Response

Motion:

Upon a motion by PK with a second by HL, the Board voted to accept the conditional approval response; unanimous.

3. Den 304 - Update

The committee is still working on this.

IV. OPLC and/or Board Administration Update

V. New Business

A. Pain Management Courses for NHBoDE Approval

1. Hurts So Swell
2. Waiting to Inhale

Motion:

Upon a motion by PK with a second by MA, the Board voted to approve the courses per den 403.03 (c); unanimous.

B. Public Health Supervision Program Summary Report

1. Webster at Rye Nursing Home Dental Care

Motion:

Upon a motion by PK with a second by HL, the Board voted to accept; unanimous

VI. Old Business

VII. Hearing

- A. Matthew Heimbach, DMD 10:38 AM – 11:19 AM

VIII. New Business

A. Compact Discussion 10:00 AM - AADB

Kimber Cobb - Interim Executive Director, AADB

B. Compact Discussion 11:15 AM - CSG

Jessica Thomas - CSG

- C. Anesthesia and Sedation Committee – At this point the Board will wait to send out further communication. Tabled to next meeting

Email asking for members was sent, however Dr. Abel had some suggestions around setting a closing date for applications. Does the Board want to send a follow up communication?

- D. Hygienists Sub Committee

Meeting dates and direction for the Committee

IX. Licensure Approval

- A. Active Licenses 2.5.24 through 3.25.24

- 1. Attorney Eaton to connect with Operations and Licensing to make sure license statuses are appearing clean and consistent.

X. CE Broker

- A. CLEAR Training

XI. Non-Public Session

“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.”

Motion:

Upon a motion by RA, with a second by PK, the Board voted to initiate the first non public session at 9:32 am; unanimous roll call vote.

Motion:

Upon a motion by AB with a second by PK, the Board voted to initiate the second non public session at 11:40 am; unanimous roll call vote

XII. Resume Public Session

Motion:

Upon a motion by PK, with a second by RA, the Board voted to resume public session at 9:52 am; unanimous

Motion:

Upon a motion by PK with a second by HL, the Board voted to resume public session at 12:55 pm

XIII. Seal the Minutes of the Non-Public Session

Motion:

Upon a motion by VM, with a second by RA, the Board voted to seal the minutes from the 1st non public session

Motion:

Upon a motion by VM with a second by PK, the Board voted to seal the minutes from the 2st non public session; unanimous roll call vote.

XIV.

“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.”

XV. Adjourn Meeting – 1:03pm