



Board of Dental Examiners Public Meeting Minutes

Dental Examiners Board

Monday, July 8, 2024 at 8:30 AM

Attendance:

Present: Puneet Kochhar, DMD, Chair (PK), Virginia Moore, RDH, Vice Chair (VM), Howard Ludington, DDS, MSCD (HL), Mark Abel, DMD, MD (MA) & Angela Boyle, RDH (AB).

Absent: Linda Tatarczuch, MSW, Roger Achong, DMD, Jay Patel, DMD, Daniel DeTolla, DDS, MD.

Staff: Carson Hansford – Board Administrator, Elizabeth Eaton, Esq. – Board Counsel.

Minutes:

The Board entered a non-meeting at 8:30am

I. Call to Order

PK called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.

II. Approval of Public Minutes

Motion: Upon a motion by PK and a second by HL the board voted to approve the public minutes from the July 8th meeting; unanimous.

III. Rules Review and other Legislative Topics

A. Rules With Tina Kelley 8:45am

1. DEN 100 Chapter

Motion: Upon a motion by PK and a second by AB the board voted to start rulemaking as amended with PK being the point of contact for the office; unanimous

2. DEN 500 Chapter

Motion: Upon a motion by PK and a second by HL the board voted to start the rule making process as amended with PK being the point of contact for the office; unanimous.

B. Rules Tracker

Board Noted.

C. Legislative Update - Board Counsel, Elizabeth Eaton

No Updates at this time.

IV. OPLC and/or Board Administration Update: None

V. New Business

A. Required Reporting

1. Student Reporting-

PK was authorized by the Board to reach out to UNE for the purpose of the report. PK said UNE does not have a reporting requirement and UNE is not sure where the reports came from.

Motion: Upon a motion by PK and a second by AB the board voted to approve all reports under required reporting and to also send a thank you notice to public health reporters; unanimous.

a. Dental Student Program Report-Greater Seacoast Community Health

b. AEGD Dental Health Works of Cheshire County

2. Public Health Reporting

a. Mid-State Public Health Supervision Summary Report

- b. Montshire Pediatric Dentistry Community Outreach Program Public Health Supervision Summary Report**
- c. Smiles for Stafford County SY 23-24 Summary Report**
- d. Manchester Oral Health Summary Report**
- e. Carried Away NH Concord Public Health Supervision Summary Report**
- f. Seacoast Health Grins Public Health Supervision Program Summary Report**
- g. Sullivan County Dental Initiative Community Dental Care Summary Report**

VI. Subcommittee Work

A. Hygiene Committee

Motion: Upon a motion by PK and a second by HL the board voted to accept the recommendations of the committee; unanimous.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) A rule change for initial licensure and renewal for a public health hygienist.
- 2) A rule change regarding dentists supervising a hygienist administering anesthesia.
- 3) The board see a statutory change requiring an anesthesia permit for hygienists.

B. Priorities of the Anesthesia Committee

The board had a consensus on a what the committee should start working on first.

1. Obtain the form the examiners/inspectors use.
2. Obtain the emergency scenarios used in current inspections.
 - a. PK noted he wants more than what the OPLC is using right now, using AAMOS as a guideline.

Carson will be sending out an email blast to check the availability of the Sedation committee for their first meeting.

VII. Old Business

A. Compacts

Discussion around the impacts of compacts and the implications on the workforce within the state. The board will continue to think about compacts with counsel keeping an eye on the LSR's.

Motion: Upon a motion by HL and a second by PK the board voted to table the conversation until more research could be done, VM to research and bring the information to the Board, unanimous.

VIII. Licensure

A. CE Audit: Carson to give an update, letters have been sent out.

B. Licenses Granted 5.27.24 through 7.01.24.

Informational No Action Needed

Motion: Upon a motion by PK and a second by MA the board voted to acknowledge the report as written; unanimous.

C. Public Health Supervision Applications

1. Mary Duquette

Motion: Upon a motion by PK and a second by HL the board voted to recommend status; unanimous

2. Myra Nikitas

Motion: Upon a motion by PK and a second by AB the board voted to recommend status; unanimous.

D. Program Approval Under Public Health Supervision

1. Application For Dental Program Approval Under Public Health Supervision

Motion: Upon a motion by PK and a second by HL the board voted to accept; unanimous.

IX. 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 PK and a second by MA the board voted to enter a non-public session at 11:08 am

Roll Call: 5-0-0

X. Seal the Minutes of the Non-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.”

Motion: Upon a motion by AB and a second by PK the board voted to seal the minutes of the non-public session; unanimous.

Roll Call: 5-0-0

XI. Adjourn Meeting –

PK adjourned the meeting at 11:35am