



Board of Dental Examiners Public Meeting Minutes
Dental Examiners Board
Monday, August 5, 2024

Attendance:

Present: Puneet Kochhar, DMD – President (PK), Virginia Kapetanakis Moore, RDH – Vice President (VM) Mark D. Abel, DMD, MD (MA) H.J. Ludington, DDS, MsD (HL), Roger A. Achong, DMD, MS (RA) – Left the meeting at 1:45pm & Linda Tatarczuch, MSW (LT)

Absent: Angela Boyle, RDH, Daniel H. De Tolla, DDS, MD & Jay A. Patel, DMD

Staff: Carson Hansford – Board Administrator & Elizabeth Eaton – Board Counsel

*****The Board took breaks from 10:15-10:20 & 11:30-12:00*****

I. Call to Order

PK called the meeting to order at 8:32am.

II. Linda Tatarczuch is remote due to excessive travel.

III. Approval of Public Minutes

Motion: Upon a motion by PK and a second by HL the board voted to approve as amended. Roll Call: 6-0-0

IV. DEN 304 Public Hearing 9:00AM

The board had a public hearing regarding DEN 304 from 9:00am to 9:20am
Record of the Public Hearing Testimony is available upon request.

V. Rules With Tina Kelley

A. DEN 300 Various Board Review Initial Proposal

The Board worked with Tina Kelley regarding DEN 300; no votes were taken.

B. Rules Tracker

Board Noted.

VI. Required Reporting

A. Public Health Supervision Forms

1. Healthfirst Dental Program
2. Children's Dental Network
3. Salem Children's Dental Network
4. Speare Memorial Hospital, School Dental Program

Motion: Upon a motion by HL and a second by RA the board voted to accept reports #1 through #4 via roll call vote. Roll Call: 6-0-0

B. Residency/Student Reporting

1. Harvard AEGD Program- Rural Track Completion
2. Harvard AEGD Program- Rural Track, 24-25

Motion: Upon a motion by PK and a second by HL the board voted to accept the reports as written via roll call vote. Roll Call: 6-0-0

C. Anesthetists Performing in Dental Offices

Motion: Upon a motion by PK and a second by HL the board voted to accept all reports listed based on current rules via roll call vote. Roll Call: 6-0-0

VII. Facility Waiver Request

Motion: Upon a motion by PK and a second by VM the board voted to grant the waiver via roll call vote. Roll Call: 6-0-0

VIII. Legislative Topics

A. Legislative Update - Board Counsel, Elizabeth Eaton

MA asked about when you can submit LSR's, counsel said they start at any time. A discussion began around the legislative filing periods. No action or vote was taken.

IX. OPLC and/or Board Administration Update

None.

X. Old Business

A. Compacts

Virginia had worked through some of the information but needed a little more time, the Board decided to table and will bring back next meeting. Dr. Abel wants to keep track of what states pass the legislation to join compacts. (NOTE for CARSON: Who will do this)

XI. Licensure

A. CE Audit: Carson to speak on

The audit process is almost complete, a review of submissions will be reviewed this week, and the Board will see those who potentially did not comply at their next meeting.

B. Active Licenses 7.01.24 through 7.29.24

Motion: Upon a motion by PK and a second by RA, the Board accepted the report as presented via roll call vote. Roll Call: 6-0-0

XII. Committee Reports

A. ASEC

Dr. Abel talked about the ASEC committee and how they will be meeting next Tuesday. The Board is very excited to get this committee up and running.

B. Hygiene

XIII. Non-Public Session

Motion: Upon a motion by VM and a second by PK the board voted to enter 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 via roll call vote. Roll Call: 6-0-0

XIV. Seal the Minutes of the Non-Public Session

Motion: Upon a motion by VM and a second by PK the board voted to seal the minutes from 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 via roll call vote. Roll Call: 5-0-0

XV. Rulemaking petition for PLC 313.22 to add an experience requirement to PLC 313.22

Motion: Upon a motion by HL and a second by PK the Board voted to petition the office to add an experience requirement of 3 years for dentist and dental hygienist licensure to PLC 313.22 via roll call vote. Roll Call: 5-0-0

XVI. To seek a RSA change adding DDS and DMD as a requirement for dental license.

Motion: Upon a motion by HL and a second by PK the board voted to seek a legislative change requiring a DDS or DMD for dental licensure via roll call vote. *Roll Call: 5-0-0*

XVII. Adjourn Meeting –

The Board adjourned at 3:02 pm