

**NEW HAMPSHIRE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
DENTAL HYGIENISTS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Monday, February 7, 2022**

All votes are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

The February 7, 2022, meeting of the Dental Hygienists Committee (hereinafter, DHC), New Hampshire Board of Dental Examiners (hereinafter, the Board), was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Barbara Stowers, RDH, Acting Chair, with the following members present:

In person:

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| Barbara Stowers, RDH | (BS) |
| Jacqueline Harrison, RDH | (JH) |
| Virginia Moore, RDH | (VM) |

Members absent:

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| Jay Patel, DMD | (JP) |
| Mary Duquette, RDH | (MD) |

Guests: Jessica Whelehan, Senior Board Administrator, Jenna Wilson, Board Administrator II

Upon motion from VM, second from JH, the DHC voted to accept the January 3, 2022, meeting minutes as presented.

New /Old Business:

1. Welcome to guests and members. BS gave a special welcome to new member JH.
2. JH stated the NHDHA was hosting their Spring Symposium, in person, at the Derryfield in Manchester, on March 12, 2022.
3. BS discussed whether live webinars counted as “live”, or if “live” meant the classes had to be in person. Members of the DHC detailed issues they have encountered with attending live classes, especially in neighboring states. It was decided that BS would mention this at the Board meeting, during the rules hearing.
4. The DHC began looking at rules to evaluate to determine if updates were needed. VM brought up making sure they illustrated the items that educated, trained, and licensed hygienists could perform as a way to highlight the value that registered dental hygienists bring to dental offices. Discussion ensued. The DHC began crafting possible changes, drafting a change to Den 402.01(a)(6): Assess periodontal structures and conditions and document all findings; Perform comprehensive assessments of periodontal structures and conditions, and document all findings; to include perform comprehensive periodontal exams, subgingival tracking, and staging and grading.

BS adjourned meeting at 2:55p.m.