

**NH BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS**

**7 Eagle Square - Hearings Room**

**CONCORD, NH 03301-2412**

**MONDAY, June 7, 2021**

**PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The June 7, 2021, public portion of the meeting of the New Hampshire Board of Dental Examiners was called to order at 3:08 pm by Puneet Kochhar, DMD, President of the Board, with the following members present:

Puneet Kochhar, DMD, President	(PK)	
Ellen Legg, RDH, Vice President	(EL)	
Muhenad Samaan, DMD	(MS)	
Lisa Scott, RDH	(LS)	
John Girald, DMD	(JG)	
Jay Patel, DDS	(JP)	
Linda Tatarczuch, MSW, Public Member	(LT)	-Arrived at 3:11 pm
Howard Ludington, DDS	(HL)	-Arrived at 3:33 pm

Absent:

Roger Achong, DMD	(RA)
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Attendees present:

Myra Nikitas, Karen Crowley, Mike Porter, Jessica Kallipolites, Stacie Moeser, Victoria Davies, Jessica Whelehan (JW)

Zoom teleconferencing technology was in use for this electronic meeting through <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85126445235>.

**Review of Public Minutes –May 3, 2021:** Upon motion by LS and second by MS, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes with the discussed changes regarding EL’s comments on incorrect licenses and RSA 317-A: 11.

**Update Dental Hygienist Committee (DHC)**–Myra Nikitas, RDH reported the following:

- A. Myra Nikitas noted that a concern had been brought to her regarding the fact that there was no “grace period” for those RDH license holders who had accidentally (or through other circumstances) let their licenses lapse. Myra stated she would be telling this person (or these persons) to submit a waiver of the fees to the Board.
- B. Upon motion by MS and seconded by LS, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2021 DHC meeting.

**NH Dental Hygiene Association** – Myra Nikitas advised the NHDHA was hosting an online Zoom course in the near future, and they were still working to solidify their calendar for the remainder of the year.

**Dental Society Report** – Mike Auerbach, Executive Director, NH Dental Society, provided at the following update:

- The NHDS Annual Meeting was a great success. We had more than 275 participants in the online Meeting, which featured CE for the entire team. We also welcomed our new President, Dr. Missy Kennell, and the 2021-2022 Board of Trustees, who were sworn in by ADA President Dr. Dan Klemmedson and President-Elect Dr. Caesar Sabates.
- The NHDS is keeping track of proposed updates to the rules governing sedation in the dental practice. The NHDS encourages that any such changes, if adopted, are equitably applied and, above all, are implemented in such a way that patient safety is the top concern.

**5. Board Office Comments –**

A. JW welcomed the Board of Dental Examiners to 7 Eagle Square, and stressed that, with all meetings being held in-person again, the OPLC was working hard to iron out any issues that may come up. JW asked that the Board be patient, and also communicate any issues that may come up as we all adjust to meeting face to face in a new location.

B. Mike Porter, Administrator III OPLC Enforcement, introduced Jessica Kallipolites, Enforcement Division Director.

**6. Discussion –**

A. The “Current Standing Orders” were reviewed for informational purposes.

B. Mike Porter, Administrator III OPLC Enforcement, presented a “Petition for Waiver” that would allow enforcement to ask for responses from respondents in 30 days, rather than the 20 days listed in the rule. If the Board chose to approve this petition it would also allow the proposed “Updated Standing Order” to be considered, as the language matched. Upon motion by EL, second by JP, the Board voted unanimously to accept and approve the “Petition for Waiver”.

C. Mike Porter, Administrator III OPLC Enforcement, presented an “Updated Standing Order” that would allow the Board to receive the full complaint information as well as the information Enforcement receives from the respondent. The Board could then choose, if desired, to have the case investigated by Enforcement. Upon motion by JP, second by LS, the Board voted unanimously to accept and approve of the “Updated Standing Order”.

D. The WREB Reinstatement discussion was tabled until the July 12, 2021 meeting.

**7. Other New Business and Inquiries –**

A. Dr. Karen Crowley, Chair of the Anesthesia and Sedation Evaluation Committee and Advisory Subcommittee presented proposed rules changes to the Anesthesia and Sedation rules. After review and questioning by the Board, as well as a suggestion that the forms be changed to NOT list specific drugs by name), upon motion by PK, second by EL, the Board voted unanimously to have the proposed changes sent to Tina Kelley, OPLC Rules group, for review.

**8. Licensure and Reports -**

A. The Board reviewed the OPLC applications approved and pending document.

B. The Board reviewed the application of Anaida Coronado Gratacos. The Board asked JW to reach out to Dr. Gratacos and ask her to submit a waiver of Den Rule 301.02 (g) (1), the rule that states she must have taken and passed an ADEX (or similar) examination.

C. The Board reviewed the training certificates and letter from Hajra Sheikh, DMD, requesting Board approval to provide Botox and/or Dermafiller procedures. Upon motion from MS, second by LS, the Board voted unanimously to accept her training certificates and allow her to provide these services.

D. The Board reviewed the request for waiver and request for reinstatement of Gina Borgognoni, RDH. Upon motion by MA, second by HL, the Board voted unanimously to deny the request for waiver, and approve the reinstatement application.

### **9. Anesthesia/Sedation Permits and Update–**

A. The Board reviewed the Comprehensive Evaluation that was completed on Zachary Schofield, MD, DDS. Upon motion by JP, second by MS, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommended comprehensive evaluation pass.

B. The Board reviewed the Initial Application to administer General Anesthesia/Deep Sedation, submitted by Robert Miskimen III, at 5 separate locations. Upon motion by MS, second by EL, the Board voted unanimously to have a Memorandum sent to Dr. Karen Crowley, requesting facility inspections at all 5 locations.

### **10. Public Health** (none)

### **11. Other Informational –**

A. The Board reviewed a submission from Dr. Howard Ludington regarding aerosols and transmission of virus/disease.

### **12. Scheduled Hearings** (none)

At 4:56 pm, pursuant to RSA 91-A:2. I (b), and upon motion by PK, second by LT, the Board voted unanimously to go out of public session and into a non-public session because public disclosure may render a proposed action ineffective or adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a Board member.

At 7:24 p.m., upon motion by PK, and second by LS, the Board voted unanimously by roll call to go out of non-public session and into public session.

Upon motion by PK, second by JP, the Board voted unanimously to seal the non-public minutes and 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.

At 7:26 p.m., PK adjourned the meeting.