

**NEW HAMPSHIRE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS  
2 INDUSTRIAL PARK DRIVE  
CONCORD, NH 03301**

**MEETING MINUTES –August 3, 2009**

The August 3, 2009 meeting of the New Hampshire Board of Dental Examiners convened at 3:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Neil S. Hiltunen, DMD, President  
Gerald A. Smith, DMD, Vice President  
Charles Albee, DMD  
Marshall Baldassarre, DMD  
Stacy A. Plourde, RDH

Absent: Lynn Joslyn, Public Member

The Board approved the minutes of June 29, 2009 as amended.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

Note: All votes were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

1. Statutory Proposals

- a. HB 2 – passed. Among many other actions, this bill established a committee to study consolidation of the administrative and adjudicative functions of boards.
- b. SB 64 – inexpedient to legislate. Addressed various proposals made by the NH Dental Hygienists’ Association.
- c. HB 301 – passed. This bill established a task force to study access to dental care.
- d. HB 414 – passed. This bill established a commission to study prevention of dental disease.

2. Rule Proposals

- a. Rule Package 2009-I – This package of proposed rule changes is in the rule making process.
- b. Medicaid Dental Rules – informational. These rules are being proposed by the Office of Medicaid Business and Policy. The Board voted to ask the Office of Medicaid for information regarding Medicaid dental services. The Board will provide this information to new licensees.

3. Dental Assisting Education – At the Board’s June 29, 2009 meeting the Board established an ad hoc committee to address Board concerns about the training of dental assistants. In some programs students are receiving training that falls short of the requirements necessary to do certain tasks in New Hampshire, such as exposing patients to dental x-rays. This has led to some confusion among dental assistants and dentists as to who is qualified. The Board voted to request training information from programs of concern.
4. ADA/AGD Education Recognition – The American Dental Association (ADA) and the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) each have continuing education recognition programs. They are considering mutual recognition. To do this, they will have to remove substantive differences. The ADA is calling for comments regarding the proposed revision. The Board’s vice president drafted a letter to the ADA in reply. The Board’s principle concern is the influence of commercial interests on scientific matters. The Board also questions whether each organization will continue its program if they become the same.
5. WREB Scoring – The Board received an explanation from the Western Regional Examination Board (WREB) describing its grading methodology. The Board voted to accept WREB’s passing grade of “3” as being equivalent to the Board’s passing grade of 75%.  
Stacy Plourde, RDH dissented.
6. Coronal Polishing – The Board received a question as to whether a dental assistant is authorized to use a “power” polisher after completing required coronal polishing training. The answer is no, pursuant to Den 302.05 (p).
7. NHTI Training – The Board voted to refer a letter received by the Board regarding the training of dental hygiene students to the New Hampshire Technical Institute.
8. Informational
  - a. NERB Ethics Exam
  - b. Record Keeping Course
  - c. AADE Boundary Issues
  - d. ADEX Annual Meeting
  - e. ADEX Annual Report
  - f. MA Rules re Mobile/Portable Dentistry
  - g. WREB Annual Report
  - h. Minnesota Licensure
  - i. Community Dental Health Coordinator
  - j. Financial Aid Fraud
  - k. Examination Public Member
  - l. Dental Education
  - m. Browns
  - n. Access to Care
  - o. Dental Records Content
  - p. Board 2010 Meeting Dates

## QUALIFICATION AND LICENSURE

### 1. PUBLIC HEALTH SUMMARY

The Board voted to accept the following program reports:

- a. APD Upper Valley Smiles Dental
- b. Monadnock Healthy Teeth to Toes

### 2. HYGIENIST APPLICATIONS APPROVED

Sarah E. McDonald, RDH  
Christine M. Rioux, RDH  
Alicia G. Ambroz, RDH  
Mildred Y. Goyco, RDH  
Michele L. King, RDH  
Carissa H. Chaisson, RDH  
Andreia O. Martins, RDH

### 5. DENTAL APPLICATIONS APPROVED

Rita Punia, DMD  
Brian Hunter, DDS  
Gary J. Hammond, DDS  
Soojin J. Eriksen, DMD  
Jeffrey L. Benecchi, DMD