

**NEW HAMPSHIRE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS  
121 S. FRUIT ST.  
CONCORD, NH 03301-2412**

**MEETING MINUTES – August 31, 2015**

The August 31, 2015 meeting of the New Hampshire Board of Dental Examiners was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Charles E. Albee, DMD with the following members present:

Charles Albee, DMD, President  
Marshall Baldassarre, DMD, Vice President  
Arthur D. McKibbin, Jr. DMD  
Nilfa Collins, DMD  
Ellen Legg, RDH  
Tara Levesque-Vogel, DMD  
Linda Tatarczuch, MSW  
Stacy Plourde, RDH (late arrival, after the vote on #15-213)

Absent: Nilfa Collins, DMD

Review minutes of August 3, 2015 Board Meeting – The Board voted to approve the public minutes.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

1. Hygienists Committee
  - a. Minutes of July 6, 2015 Hygienists Committee Meeting (Tabled).
  - b. Minutes of August 3, 2015 Hygienists Committee Meeting – The Board voted to accept the minutes into the record.
  - c. Hygienists Committee Comments – Ellen Legg advised the Board that the Committee continues to work on the language of the administrative rule which addresses hygienists' duties.
2. Hygienists' Association Comments – Ellen Legg advised the Board that the Association's fall meeting will be held in Manchester.

Linda Tatarczuch arrived after Hygienists' Association comments.

3. Dental Society Comments – Executive Director Mike Auerbach advised the Board that the new NHDS Board of Trustees meets for the first time this Thursday, September 3, 2015. He also advised that the ADA's Annual Meeting is taking place from

November 5-10 in Washington, DC. Dr. Peter Welnak, the NHDS President, will be beginning his fall Presidential visits to the 9 NHDS components. Executive Director Auerbach also said that he had received a report that morning showing that 96 percent of the dentists in New Hampshire who are required to register with the PDMP program have done so. The success in registration is attributable to the hard work the BoDE (Board of Dental Examiners) has put in to spread the word to NH dentists.

4. Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) (formerly NERB)  
Comments – Dr. Albee advised that he is going to the University of Pittsburgh in September.
5. Board Office Comments – Executive Director Connie Stratton advised that the office made telephone calls to approximately 71 dental licensees who had not yet registered for the PDMP and had reached almost all of them. The hope is that by the time the Board receives its next report from the PDMP, most of the dentists who are required to do so will have registered.
6. Discussion re: NH PHP (Professionals Health Program) - #15-199 – The Board voted to have its Executive Director contact Dr. Sally Garhart to find out how much it would cost for all dentists and hygienists to participate in the program. The Board also seeks clarity as to how the program would work without the Board having to seek sanctions against a licensee.
7. Inquiry re: Dental Therapy Dog - #15-200 – The Board voted to send a letter to the licensee, saying that the use of therapy dogs is not within the purview of the Board, but suggesting that he may wish to look into the issue of liability. The Board's Executive Director will send the licensee information about therapy dog organizations.
8. Discussion re: Out-of-State Travel - #15-201 – The Board's Executive Director will find out whether someone from New Hampshire who travels to an out-of-state conference, but does not represent New Hampshire, has to obtain prior approval from Governor and Council.
9. ADEX Press Release - #15-202 – The Board voted to move this item into non-public session.
10. Informational (emailed previously) – FYI.
  - a. AADB Assessment Services Program
  - b. AADB "The Bulletin"
  - c. ADEX House of Representatives Meeting - Nov. 2015 – Dr. McKibbin clarified that for the November 2015 meeting, Lynn Joslyn is the District 9 Consumer Representative and he is the District 9 ADEX Board member from New Hampshire.

## LICENSURE AND REPORTS

### 1. DENTIST APPLICATIONS APPROVED

Yasmine Basseghi, DMD  
Patrick W. Edmunds, DMD  
Kiirsten H. Finn, DMD  
Harish Gulati, DMD  
Curtis J. Hansen, DDS

Julie D. Kim, DMD  
Padmaja Krothapalli, DMD  
Natasha A. Patel, DMD  
Kiran K. Tamminidi, DMD  
Stephen T. Tanski, DDS

### 2. HYGIENIST APPLICATION APPROVED

Jordan A. Doherty, RDH  
Erin R. Fisher, RDH  
My Tien Phan Thi Lam, RDH  
Rachel A. McGahie, RDH  
Silvia Sequerra, RDH

### 3. PUBLIC HEALTH SUPERVISION

- #15-203 – The Board voted to accept the Public Health Summary Report and send a letter of appreciation to:

-  Alice Peck Day Upper Valley Smiles
-  Health First School Dental Program
-  Lakes Region Community Oral Healthcare
-  Smiles for Strafford County
-  Sullivan County Dental Initiative
-  Sununu Youth Services

### 4. ANESTHESIA/SEDATION

- Anesthesia/Sedation Evaluation Committee Annual Meeting Minutes - #15-204 – The Board voted to accept the minutes into the record and to post them on the Board’s website.

Note: All votes were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

At 4:00 p.m, pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, the Board voted to go into non-public session by roll call vote because public disclosure may render a proposed action ineffective or adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a Board member.