

**NEW HAMPSHIRE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
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CONCORD, NH 03301-2412**

MEETING MINUTES – December 7, 2015

The December 7, 2015 meeting of the New Hampshire Board of Dental Examiners was called to order at 3:05 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 E. Collins, DMD
Tara Levesque-Vogel, DMD
Ellen Legg, RDH
Linda Tatarczuch, MSW
Stacy Plourde, RDH

Absent: Puneet Kochhar, DMD

Review minutes of November 2, 2015 Board Meeting – The Board voted to accept the public and non-public minutes as published.

ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Discussion re: Dental Assistant Licensure – Louise Lavertu, Executive Director of the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification and Sara Blodgett, Division Director, Healthcare Professions, attended the meeting. Ms. Lavertu addressed the Board and advised that if the Board wants to license dental assistants, a statute change is necessary in the 2017 legislative session. She said that the Board should draft language for the proposed bill and have it ready by the summer of 2016. Once the statute is changed, the administrative rules can be changed.
2. JLCAR approved Rule Proposals (#2015-149 and #2015-150) – The Board voted to approve the rule proposals.
3. Hygienists Committee
 - a. Minutes of November 2, 2015 Hygienists Committee Meeting – Lisa Malfait reported to the Board that it corrected the minutes to say that fluoride could be administered by all hygienists, not just certified public health dental hygienists. The Board voted to accept the corrected minutes into the record.
 - b. Hygienists Committee Comments – Lisa Malfait reported that the Committee hopes to have a recommendation for the Board next month regarding fluoride and microbial rinses. No DEA # is required to administer these substances as they are

not controlled substances. The Committee will continue to look into the issue raised in the DANB letter regarding training for EFDA's, specifically the issue of whether the Board should require a third party exam. The Committee needs additional information before making a recommendation to the Board. Ms. Malfait also provided copies of the new NHTI brochure on EFDA's.

4. Hygienists' Association Comments – none.
5. Dental Society Comments – Executive Director Mike Auerbach advised that the NHDS held two CEs in November –on November 13 and on November 20. Both events were successful and well-attended. In early November, several NHDS members went to Washington for the ADA Annual Meeting and other events. Dr. Puneet Kochhar and Dr. Robert Maguire (both former NHDS Presidents) were named fellows at the American College of Dentistry. Dr. Sarah Finne and Dr. Mitch Couret were honored as Fellows in the International College of Dentistry. He also advised that the NHDS has been present in the Task Forces on the opioid crisis. It is encouraging its members to attend the next meeting of Task Force 2, which is on Thursday. NHDS has drafted a set of opioid prescribing/pain management guidelines. Once these guidelines are finalized they will be made available. Finally, on behalf of the NHDS membership, Mike Auerbach extended to the Board of Dental Examiners the happiest of holiday seasons!
6. Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) (formerly NERB) Comments – none.
7. Board Office Comments – The Board's Executive Director reported that the infection control checklist is now posted on the Board's website.
8. Biennial Dentist Information Letter – Need Board approval - #15-282 – The Board voted to approve the letter.
9. New Rule Package (#15-II) - #15-283 – The Board voted to approve the rules package.
10. Standing Order (CNS to explain) - #15-284 – The Board voted to decline to issue this standing order.
11. Inquiry - Dental student wanting to be licensed as hygienist - #15-285 – The Board voted to deny the request.
12. Inquiry - Dentist License (special circumstances) - #15-286 – The Board voted to advise the questioner to apply for an active license, as the Board is unable to answer his question without an application. Also, the Board voted to refer him to the declaratory ruling re: “active practice”.
13. Letter from the POSH Hair Studio regarding tooth whitening – The Board voted to advise POSH that the procedure it wishes to use to whiten clients' teeth is beyond the Board's jurisdiction as it does not constitute the practice of dentistry, but that the Board is concerned about the potential for harm.

14. Inquiry - Dentist asking for exception - #15-287 – The Board voted to advise the questioner to apply for a license as it does not have sufficient information to make a decision.
15. Declaratory Ruling re: CEU clarification - #15-289 – The Board voted to approve the declaratory ruling.
16. Dental and Dental Hygiene Exam Analyses (Ms. Plourde to present) - #15-290
 - Dentists: the Board voted to accept the WREB exam for the clinical portion of a licensing exam (Plourde and Legg opposed). The Board voted that an applicant must take a written exam which includes diagnosis and treatment planning which is required if the SRTA or CRDTS is taken.
 - Dental Hygienists: the Board voted to table this discussion until next month regarding which regional exams are similar and whether to accept the WREB hygiene exam.
17. Licensure Requirement - #15-256 (Tabled from Nov. meeting) – The Board voted to advise the questioner that if she takes and passes the complete WREB exam and the CTP, she will be qualified in the State of New Hampshire.
18. Final Report - Commission to Study Pathways to Oral Health Care in NH - #15-291 – Dr. Albee advised that the Board is not required to do anything at this time.
19. PDMP Discussion - #15-316 – The Board voted to approve the revised letter.
20. Informational (emailed previously)
 - a. ADEX letter/update
 - b. CODA Resolutions at 2015 ADA Meeting

LICENSURE AND REPORTS

1. DENTIST APPLICATIONS APPROVED

Steven J. Bookless, DDS	Patrick D. McCarty, DDS
Nathan T. Decker, DMD	Valitsinee Pattanaprommas, DMD
Harold W. DeTolla, DDS	Jeffrey A. Sloan, DDS
David A. Hamlin, DMD	
Sean M. Langton, DMD	
Patrick D. McCarty, DDS	

2. HYGIENIST APPLICATIONS APPROVED

Kimberly M. Butler, RDH
 Eleni V. Kennos, RDH
 Courtney M. Lucey, RDH

3. PUBLIC HEALTH SUPERVISION

- (a) #15-292 – The Board voted to accept the Public Health Summary Report and send a letter of appreciation to:
 - Homebound/Institutional Dental Service
- (b) Certified Public Health Dental Hygienist Application - #15-293 - The Board voted to approve the application of Christine Frost, RDH.
- (c) The Board also voted that the heading on the CPHDH application form should be corrected, by adding the word “dental” before the word “hygienist”.

4. ANESTHESIA/SEDATION

- (a) Applications for General Anesthesia/Deep Sedation permits -
 - Patrick McCarty, DDS - #15-294 – The Board voted to refer this application to the Anesthesia/Sedation Committee for review.
 - Steven Doyle, DMD - 2 locations (Concord & Tilton) - #15-295 – The Board voted to approve, pending facility inspections for each location.
- (b) Anesthesia/Sedation Evaluations Chart - #15-296 – The Board voted to approve:
 - Facility Inspection of Alan Garlick, DMD; Christopher Blount, DDS; Vincent Capasso, DDS, Peter Albanese, Jr., DMD; and Patrick Edmunds, DMD (all - Keene, NH location).
 - Comprehensive Evaluation of Nazeeh Abunasra, DMD.
- (c) Inquiry - Sedation Question re: advanced training (from last meeting) - #15-279 also Atch I – The Board voted to advise the questioner to read Den 304.02(c)(3) and Part V of the ADA 2012 “Guidelines for Teaching Pain Control and Sedation to Dentists and Dental Students”.

Note: All votes were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

At 5:35 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.