

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

MEETING MINUTES – January 4, 2016

The January 4, 2016 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
Stacy Plourde, RDH
Nilfa Collins, DMD
Tara Levesque-Vogel, DMD
Ellen Legg, RDH
Puneet Kochhar, DMD

Absent: Marshall Baldassarre, DMD, Vice President
Arthur D. McKibbin, Jr. DMD
Linda Tatarczuch, MSW

The Board reviewed minutes of the December 7, 2015 Board Meeting and voted to approve the public and non-public minutes. (Dr. Kochhar recused).

ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Hygienists Committee - The Hygiene Committee did not meet on January 4, 2016, due to a lack of agenda items and committee members.
2. Minutes of December 7, 2015 Hygienists Committee Meeting – The Board voted to accept the minutes into the records.
3. The Committee will draft a rule regarding allowing hygienists to write prescriptions for fluoride and anti-microbial rinses, for the Board’s review.
4. Hygienists’ Association Comments – none.
5. Dental Society Comments – Executive Director Mike Auerbach advised the Board as follows:
 - The NHDS has been closely monitoring the myriad public policy proposals relative to the ongoing opioid crisis. The NHDS maintains a constant communications link between the state government, our home office and our members, encouraging the use of the PDMP and being mindful of the broader social implications of opiate prescriptions.
 - The NHDS leadership team has been working with our counterparts from other states and the ADA to develop guidelines for our dentists. For example, coordinating with the Pennsylvania Dental Association and the NHDS’s Council on Governmental Affairs Chair, Dr. John Ahern, the NHDS has developed the guidelines the Board of Dental Examiners has included in its draft rules.

- The NHDS has also been meeting with the New Hampshire Medical Society, the New Hampshire Pharmacists Association, the New Hampshire Hospital Association and others to coordinate on rulemaking and guideline development.
 - After a conversation with our Board of Trustees, I am pleased to relay the message that the NHDS supports the BoDE's draft rules as written.
 - The NHDS is gearing up for a busy first half of 2016 – later this month, its representatives will travel to Boston for the Yankee Dental Congress. In March (in addition to the NHDS annual winter/spring CE program), its leaders will travel to Freeport, Maine for the New England Dental Leadership Conference. In April, its leaders will travel to Washington DC for yearly meetings with its Congressional delegation. Finally, its Annual Meeting from May 19-21, 2016 will feature CE presentations on pain management, infectious disease control, the PDMP, practice business management and hybrid dentures. More information will be available soon.
6. Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) (formerly NERB) Comments – Several Board members will be attending the annual meeting in January.
 7. Board Office Comments – Executive Director Connie Stratton advised the Board that Arlene Bolduc, the Board's License Clerk, will be retiring in April of 2016.
 8. Professionals' Health Program Proposal 2016-17 - #16-1 – The Board voted to accept the proposal.
 9. Draft Emergency Rules re: Opioid Prescribing - #16-2 – The Board voted to adopt the emergency rules, post them on the Board's website, and issue a press release.
 10. Dental Hygienist Exams (tabled from Dec. meeting) - #15-290 – The Board voted to table until a full Board was present to vote on this issue.
 11. Discussion re: Dental Assistants Education - #16-3 – The Board voted that Dr. Levesque-Vogel will draft an email to be sent to dentists regarding what requirements dental assistants must have met in order to practice as dental assistants.
 12. Inquiry re: Licensing/practice ownership - #16-4 – The Board voted to place this item on the non-public agenda.
 13. Inquiry re: Limitations with a Prosthodontist - #16-5 – The Board voted to advise the licensee that there are no procedural limitations but to review paragraph 5H of the ADA's Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct, which is incorporated into the Board's administrative rules.
 14. Vote for Board Representative as ADEX Dental Exam Committee Member - #16-6 - The Board voted to elect Arthur D. McKibbin, Jr., DMD as its representative.
 15. NHBODE Consumer Representative to ADEX - #16-19 - The Board voted to table this item until public Board member Linda Tatarczuch, MSW is present.

16. Informational (emailed previously)
 - a. AADB Appointments for ADA Councils/Commissions
 - b. Winter 2016 CODA Meeting Invitation
 - c. ADA House of Delegates Adopts Recent CODA Resolutions
 - d. Correspondence re: proposed rule changes (Opioids)

LICENSURE AND REPORTS

1. DENTIST APPLICATIONS APPROVED

Joseph M. Guarino, DMD
Natalie A. Laucius, DMD
Irving V. Pinansky, DMD
Michael J. Riccio, DMD

Robert S. Thompson, DDS
Jonas K. Westbrook, DDS
Phebe C. Winters, DMD

2. HYGIENIST APPLICATIONS APPROVED

Yvonne M. DiCosimo, RDH
Lori C. Herbert, RDH
Mary L. Weismann, RDH

3. PUBLIC HEALTH SUPERVISION

- (a) Certified Public Health Dental Hygienist Application - #16-7 - The Board voted to approve the application of Angela Boyle, RDH.
- (b) Annual Update - Active Public Health Supervision Programs (FYI) - #16-8 - The Board voted to accept the report.

4. ANESTHESIA/SEDATION

- (a) Anesthesia/Sedation Committee Evaluation Chart - #16-9 – The Board voted to approve the comprehensive evaluations of:
 - William Dobbin, DMD (General Anesthesia/Sedation permit)
 - Sameer Dogra, DMD (Moderate Sedation-Restricted permit)

5. Infection Control CEU's - #16-20 – The Board voted to send an email blast to all dental licensees to advise them of the new requirement of 2 CEU's in infection control per biennium. The email will direct them to their yearly OSHA course and Yankee Dental.

Note: All votes were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

At 4:07 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.