

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

**MEETING MINUTES – April 4, 2016**

**Hygienists Committee Meeting – 1:00 p.m.**

**Board Meeting – 3:00 p.m.**

The April 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  
Marshall Baldassarre, DMD, Vice President (late arrival)  
Arthur D. McKibbin, Jr. DMD  
Nilfa Collins, DMD  
Tara Levesque-Vogel, DMD  
Ellen Legg, RDH  
Puneet Kochhar, DMD

Absent: Stacy Plourde, RDH  
Linda Tatarczuch, MSW

The Board thanked License Clerk Arlene Bolduc for her 10 years with the Board and 23 years with the State of New Hampshire, presenting her with a certificate of thanks and a gift certificate.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

The Board voted to accept the public and non-public minutes of March 7, 2016, as published.

Dr. Baldassarre arrives.

1. NHFTP (Secure Site) Connection Issues - #16-69
  - Guest: Matthew Ensign, Asst. IT Lead, DoIT, was present for part of the public meeting in order to resolve any connectivity issues with the secure site.
2. Hygienists Committee
  - a. Minutes of March 7, 2016 – The Board voted to approve.
  - b. Hygienists Committee Comments - The Board will include in the next rules package a rule saying that dental hygienists can prescribe and administer fluoride.

- c. DHC Recommendation re: Email Alert - #16-70 – The Board voted to send a group email to the hygienists email distribution list regarding the infection control CEU requirements and the BLS-HCP requirement.
3. Hygienists' Association Comments – none.
4. Dental Society Comments - Executive Director Mike Auerbach advised the Board as follows:
  - Registrations for NHDS's Annual Meeting, May 19-21, continue to stream at a steady rate. This program will satisfy a number of CE requirements, including infection control and likely pain management.
  - The NHDS is engaging the New Hampshire Dental Assistants Association to share activities and common issues.
  - The NHDS Council on Continuing Education is exploring ways it can increase the volume of and easy access to relevant courses for our dentists, hygienists and dental assistants. More will be coming on this important initiative.
  - The NHDS is sponsoring dental students to attend this year's Annual Meeting. Paired with a member of our Board, these students can get a first-hand look at New Hampshire dentistry and a chance to build relationships long before they graduate and potentially move to New Hampshire.
  - Dr. Drew Wilson, former NHDS Pres., is leaving as the Chair of the ADA's Council on Membership.
5. Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) (formerly NERB) Comments – Dr. Albee will be going to Las Vegas and Ellen will be going to Cape Cod and RI.
6. Board Office Comments – none.
7. Letter from American Dental Education Association (ADEA) - #16-71 - The Board voted to send a letter to the ADEA to clarify that it accepts all state and regional clinical examinations which include a periodontal portion and that applicants must also take the CDCA written exam.
8. Letter from Michael Morley, DDS re: Dental Assisting - #16-72 – The Board voted to send Dr. Morley a letter thanking him for his concerns and that it will take his comments into consideration when addressing dental assistant qualifications in the future. The Board will also advise him that it is the Medical Technicians Board which currently requires the registration of dental assistants, not the Dental Board.
9. Inquiry from Shivani Patel, DMD re: Botox - #16-73 – The Board voted to advise Dr. Patel that she can perform dermafiller procedures within the scope of practice of dentistry pursuant to RSA 317-A:20 (d).
10. Declaratory Ruling re: Use of Silver Diamine Fluoride - #16-74 – The Board voted to accept and publish the ruling. The Board also voted to send a copy of the ruling to Dr. Keene, with a letter thanking him for his research and hard work with respect to this issue.

11. Declaratory Ruling re: Dental Assistants Duties - Taking Vital Signs - #16-75 – The Board voted that the questioner may take vital signs without first taking a Preliminary Inspection of the Oral Cavity course. (Ms. Legg and Dr. McKibbin opposed).
12. Jurisprudence Exam Questions (Tabled from March Board Meeting) - #16-49 - The Board voted to give Dr. McKibbin the authority to decide which 50 questions should be included on the jurisprudence exam.

Public Hearing – Jessica Godbout – The parties presented the Board with a Settlement Agreement. Assistant Attorney General Michelle Heaton of the Administrative Prosecutions Unit explained the terms of the agreement to the Board.

Public Hearing - Jessica Godbout - 4:20 pm – The Board voted by roll call to go into non-public to deliberate on the Settlement Agreement. The Board voted to accept the Settlement Agreement as written.

4:30 pm – The Board voted to come out of non-public by roll call.

13. Informational (emailed previously)
  - a. ADA Anesthesia and Sedation Hearing
  - b. Attend Advancing Oral Health in NH - March 29, 2016
  - c. NH Oral Health Data 2015 (photos)
  - d. CDC: New Resources for Infection Prevention in Dental Settings
  - e. Reminder - Advancing Oral Health in NH
  - f. Winter/Spring 2016 CODA Communicator

## LICENSURE AND REPORTS

1. DENTIST APPLICATIONS APPROVED
  - Sarah Alaaraji, DMD
  - Patricia K. Domings, DMD
  - Jonathan E. Norris, DDS
  - Margarita Potashnikova, DDS
  - Prudence H. Taylor, DDS
  - Venkata S.R.P. Velagapudi, DMD
  - John P. Welnak, DMD
2. HYGIENIST APPLICATIONS APPROVED
  - Myrna R. Coelho, RDH
  - Mary S. Gibson, RDH
  - Catherine G. Gray, RDH

### 3. ANESTHESIA/SEDATION

- (a) Application for General Anesthesia/Deep Sedation Permit
  - Christopher King, DMD - #16-76 – The Board voted to accept Dr. King's application and issue the permit.
- (b) Anesthesia/Sedation Committee Evaluation Chart - #16-87 -
  - Patrick McCarty, DDS - The Board voted to grant the general anesthesia/ deep sedation permit, upon confirmation that a facility inspection was done regarding the licensee's equipment, using the traditional checklist.
  - The Board voted to send a letter to Dr. Crowley, asking her to discuss the following issues with the Anesthesia and Sedation Committee at its annual meeting: 1) what kind of inspections do itinerant anesthesiologists need; and 2) does the Board have the authority to require facility inspections when anesthesiologists and nurse anesthetists administer anesthesia.
- (c) Suggested Make-up of Anesthesia/Sedation Evaluation Committee - #16-88 - The Board discussed the proposal and Dr. Crowley and the Anesthesia and Sedation Committee will also discuss it at the Committee's annual meeting.

### 4. PUBLIC HEALTH

- (a) #16-77 – The Board voted to accept the Public Health Summary report and send a letter of appreciation to:
  - POH Senior Program
  - Strafford County Head Start
- (b) Certified Public Health Dental Hygienist Application
  - #16-78 – The Board voted to approve the application of Debra Albrecht, RDH.

At 5:20 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.

Note: All votes were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.