

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY
FEBRUARY 6, 2019

NOTE: The Public Session was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by President Roger Kriete, DMD.

ATTENDANCE: The following members were in attendance:
Elizabeth Clemente, D.D.S.; Ms. Nicole DeMuro; Nicholas C.
DeRobertis, D.M.D.; Daniel M. Dicesare, DMD; John E. Feeney, D.D.S.;
Linda Hecker, R.D.H; Steven Goldstein D.D.S.; Roger Kriete, D.M.D;
George McMurray, D.D.S.

OTHER ATTENDEES: Deputy Attorneys General Miller and Goulding; Executive
Director Jonathan Eisenmenger, Cecilia Moreira Senior
Management Assistant; Ileana Botelho, Confidential Assistant

ABSENT AND/OR EXCUSED: Steven C. Cohen, D.M.D.; Mr. Kevin Reich

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 23, 2019 – The Board in a motion by
Dr. DeRobertis, seconded by Dr. Goldstein, approved the minutes as written.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Continuing Education:

The Board approved the continuing education committee's recommendations.

III. PROPOSED REGULATION:

1. N.J.A.C. 13:30-8.24 – Animals and pets in dental setting.
Review of draft regulation along with the applicable CDC guidelines.

A motion was made to vote down the regulatory proposal regarding animals in the dental office setting. The vote was 4 in favor of ending the proposal process, 3 opposed, 2 abstaining, and 2 absent. The motion failed.

The Board President referred this matter back to the Rules and Regulations committee in order to review the issues again.

IV. REPORTS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 13:30-8.8:

1. Dr. Joel Efron – The Board received this as informational.

2. Dr. John J. Graeber - Dr. Clemente and Dr. Kreite are recused.
The Board moved this matter to Executive Session for deliberation.

V. ORDERS FILED WITH THE BOARD:

The Board took the following as informational:

1. Dr. John J. Fitzpatrick – Settlement Letter filed on January 8, 2019.
2. Dr. John Dickey – Settlement Letter filed on January 11, 2019.
3. Dr. Pranathi Vangapalli Reddy – Consent Order of Voluntary Surrender of Dental License to be deemed a temporary suspension filed on January 23, 2019.
4. Dr. Stephen Tafaro – Settlement Letter filed on January 24, 2019.

VI. OTHER MATTERS:

1. The Board reviewed additional information received in follow-up to an inquiry from Dr. Stuart M. Hirsch, Vice Dean, International & Continuing Education, New York University College of Dentistry concerning the process to start a school based dental program in New Jersey.

Dr. Tamarinda Barry-Godin appeared at the meeting in order to discuss the program that currently provides services to students in schools in New York City. Student dentists and student hygienists are permitted to provide prophylaxis and patient education services to young people in need of dental care. Dr. Barry-Godin stated that she is a New Jersey licensed dentist, and she would like to bring NYU dental students along with her to observe her examination and treatment of students in New Jersey school settings. The Board made inquiries about her physical setting, the equipment, and her billing for services.

The Board requested that she provide the Memorandum of Understanding with NYU and a description of the roles and responsibilities of NYU students that will be assisting her.

The Board will also obtain input from the Department of Health and Education with regard to this.

2. The Board reviewed correspondence from Khaled J. Klele, Esq. concerning permissible business structures.

Mr. Klele appeared with Rebeca Sabnekar, RDA, to discuss their inquiry about an RDA owning a dental practice. The Board thanked them for their information and referred the matter to the Division of Law for guidance.

VII. HANDOUTS:

1. The Board reviewed a complaint filed by the NJDA against Smile Direct Club. The NJDA is requesting a preliminary and permanent injunction restraining defendants and each of them from further engaging in unlawful and dishonest competition and such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper. The Board took this as informational.
2. The Board reviewed a letter from Lisa Zimmer, RDH. The Board determined to send her an application for review of a continuing education course.
3. The Board determined to cancel its meeting of February 20, 2019.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned the Public Session and moved to Executive Session for advice of counsel and review of open matters (investigations and deliberations). When and if action is taken, it will be reported in Public Session.