

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY
OCTOBER 2, 2019

NOTE: The Public Session was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by President Elizabeth Clemente, DDS

ATTENDANCE: The following members were in attendance:
Elizabeth Clemente, D.D.S.; Steven C. Cohen, D.M.D; Nicholas C. DeRobertis, D.M.D.; Daniel M. Dicesare, DMD; Steven Goldstein D.D.S.; Linda Hecker, R.D.H; Roger Kriete, D.M.D; George McMurray, D.D.S.; Mr. Kevin Reich; Asha Samant, D.M.D.

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

ABSENT AND/OR EXCUSED: Ms. Nicole DeMuro; John E. Feeney, D.D.S

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 24, 2019 – Approved as written.

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Continuing Education (committee report on new applications.)
The Board in a motion by Dr. DeRobertis, seconded by Dr. Goldstein, approved the committee recommendations.
2. Continuing Education Committee - request for re-review of courses.
 - A. The Board reviewed two courses submitted by Institute of Natural Resources dealing with stress reduction. The Board indicated these courses do not meet the requirements of NJAC 13:30-5.1(e).
 - B. The Board reviewed a course submitted by Forum for Advanced Dental Studies and a course submitted by Zufall Health Center. The Board approved both courses as under the practice management category.
 - C. The Board reviewed an inquiry from Beth Hoffman concerning a live course that is taking place at Rasner Institute. She indicates that they have a dentist who earned his Bachelor of Dental Science in Ireland ten years ago, and currently is registered and practices in Australia. He would like to attend the course. The Board indicated that he can take the course, but cannot participate hands-on. He can observe or assist, but cannot perform the actual treatment.

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

1. Dr. Akeyla Brown – The Board accepted this as informational.
2. Dr. Donald P. Lapine (Rutgers School of Dental Medicine) - The Board accepted this as informational.
3. Dr. Gene J. Martin – The Board accepted this as informational.
4. Dr. Irene Bourke - The Board accepted this as informational.
5. Dr. Sung Hoon Cho - The Board accepted this as informational.
6. Dr. Brian Bachrach – The Board moved this matter to Executive Session for review.
7. Dr. Ferhan Aziz – The Board moved this matter to Executive Session for review.

III. REQUEST FOR REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSE FOLLOWING ORDERS:

1. Dr. Pranathi Reddy – The Board moved this matter to Executive Session for deliberation.
Upon returning to public session, the Board determined that additional information be obtained.
2. Camilo Rodriguez, RDA – The Board moved this matter to Executive Session for deliberation.
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IV. ORDERS/SETTLEMENTS FILED WITH THE BOARD:

The Board took the following as informational:

1. Dr. Fariba Sharifan – Settlement Letter filed on August 26, 2019.
2. Jose Fernandez, RDA – Settlement Letter filed on August 26, 2019.
3. Ryan C. Maher, DMD – Settlement Letter filed on September 10, 2019.
4. John M. Young, Jr., DDS – Consent Order filed on September 9, 2019.

V. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Inquiry from Dr. Philip Aurbach concerning the use of “Tooth Gem” in his practice. The Board noted that a dentist providing this service is responsible for the patient’s overall health, a record must be created, an x-ray of the tooth should be taken, the patient needs to be monitored by possible cavities in the area. Patient should be advised that the “Gem” should be checked once or twice a year. The Board questioned whether this service is being offered for existing patients? Informed consent needs to be obtained from the patient.
2. Correspondence concerning Smile Direct Club. The Board took this as informational. The Board moved further discussion concerning Smile Direct Club to Executive Session.
3. Inquiry from Dr. Daya Bale with regard to integration of alternate Ayurveda medicine in the practice of dentistry. The Board indicated that Dr. Bale be advised that she must practice within the standard of care, which is taught in dental schools.
4. The National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards is inviting public comment on the following applications that have been submitted for dental specialty recognition:

The American Academy of Orofacial Pain is requesting that Orofacial Pain be recognized as a dental specialty.

The American Academy of Oral Medicine is requesting that Oral Medicine be recognized as a dental specialty.

The Board took this as informational.

5. Ann Kriete, RDH (Hand-out) – Request for Board consideration, submission of her name for appointment as an examiner for the CDCA. The Board in a motion by Dr. DeRobertis, seconded by Dr. Goldstein, approved this request, and will forward her resume.
6. Executive Director Eisenmenger reminded the Board of the requirement to take the online ethics video.
7. Dr. Alexander Huynh – The Board reviewed a request from Dr. Huynh for waiver of the licensure fee. He is currently an active duty service member. He is deployed overseas in Japan.
The Board approved this request.

VI. ADJOURNMENT: The Board in a motion by Dr. DeRobertis, seconded by Ms. Hecker, adjourned the Public Session and moved to Executive Session for advice of counsel and review of open matters (investigations). When and if action is taken, it will be reported in Public Session.