

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY  
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES  
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY  
DECEMBER 4, 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.; Daniel M. Dicesare, DMD; Nicholas C. DeRobertis, D.M.D.; John E. Feeney, D.D.S; Steven Goldstein D.D.S.; George McMurray, D.D.S.; Roger Kriete, D.M.D.; Asha Samant, D.M.D.

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

ABSENT AND/OR EXCUSED: Ms. Nicole DeMuro; Linda Hecker, R.D.H;  
Mr. Kevin Reich

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** November 20, 2019 – The minutes were approved as written.

**II. 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.

**III. PROPOSED LEGISLATION:**

1. S-3664 – Concerns professional licensing and application fees for spouse or dependent of active duty member of United States Armed Forces.  
The Board in a motion by Dr. Kriete, seconded by Dr. Cohen, supports this bill

S-4072 – Waives certain professional and occupational licensing fees for individuals and spouses with military status under certain circumstances.  
The Board in a motion by Dr. Kriete, seconded by Dr. DeRobertis, supports this bill.

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

1. Dr. Gregg Schneider – The Board received this as informational.

2. Dr. Manolis Manolakakis – The Board moved this matter to Executive Session for Discussion. Upon return to public session, the Board will request more information.
3. Dr. Timothy Moriarty – The Board received this as informational.
4. Rutgers School of Dental Medicine (2 reports) – Dr. Clemente and Dr. Samant were Recused because of employment affiliation. The Board received both reports as informational.
5. Dr. Gary White – The Board received this as informational.
6. Dr. Chang Han – The Board moved this matter to Executive Session for discussion. Upon return to public session, the Board will request more information.

#### **V. ORDERS/SETTLEMENTS FILED WITH THE BOARD:**

The following were accepted as informational:

1. Dr. Patrick E. Ryan – Settlement Letter filed on October 28, 2019.
2. Dr. Kevin Ward – Final Consent Order filed on November 1, 2019.
3. Dr. Franz Reck – Consent Order filed on November 1, 2019.
4. Dr. Andrew Maron – Final Decision and Order filed on November 1, 2019.

#### **VI. CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Inquiry from Robyn Merkel-Walsh, MA, CCC-SLP questioning whether registered dental hygienists are allowed to practice orofacial myology as a stand-alone practice in New Jersey without the supervision of a DDS/DMD.

The Dental Practice Act prohibits a registered dental hygienist from providing any traditional hygiene services as an independent practitioner (see N.J.S.A. 45:6-64). If an individual has additional training, education and professional credentials (a license from another board), they should consult with that board concerning whether those credentials include orofacial myology and permits them to practice independently.

2. Dr. Robert R. Rickards – Request for extension to complete the continuing education credits for licensure renewal. The Board moved this matter to Executive Session for discussion. Upon returning to Public Session, the Board granted Dr. Rickards a six month extension to complete the records.

#### **VII. OTHER MATTERS:**

1. Division of Consumer Affairs Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) Initiative – All dentists must affirmatively register with the PMP within the Division of

Consumer Affairs. There are approximately 1,700 dentists who have not yet registered with the PMP. The Division of Consumer Affairs will be sending letters to those dentists advising them that if they don't register by the time CDS registration expires in February, their CDS registration will not be renewed and they will not be authorized to prescribe controlled dangerous substances.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:** The Board in a motion by Dr. DeRobertis, seconded by Dr. Goldstein, 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.