

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY
FEBRUARY 5, 2020

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

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; John E. Feeney, D.D.S; Steven Goldstein D.D.S.; Linda Hecker, R.D.H; George McMurray, D.D.S.; Asha Samant, D.M.D.; Mr. Kevin Reich

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

ABSENT AND/OR EXCUSED: Ms. Nicole DeMuro; Roger Kriete, D.M.D.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 22, 2020 – The Board in a motion by Dr. DeRobertis, seconded Ms. Hecker, approved the minutes as amended.

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 continuing education committee recommendation.

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

1. Dr. Myrna Eskandar - The Board took this as informational.

III. ORDERS FILED WITH THE BOARD:

The Board took the following as informational:

1. John V. Vecchione, D.D.S. – Final Consent Order filed on January 22, 2020.
2. Pranathi Vangapalli Reddy, D.M.D. – Consent Order filed on January 22, 2020.
3. Hector J. Carro (Unlicensed) – Consent Order filed on January 22, 2020.

IV. OTHER MATTERS:

1. The Board reviewed correspondence from Nancy L. Addy, DDS, President of American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine, requesting clarification on the scope of practice in New Jersey as it relates to the treatment of sleep apnea with oral appliance therapy. Dr. Addy posed several questions. After discussing this matter, the Board determined to request more information with regard to the monitoring devices they intend to use. Also, the Board referred this matter to the Board of Polysomnography for its review and comments and also asked that staff obtain a copy of the Board of Medical Examiners regulation.
2. The Board reviewed correspondence from Erika Knack, Program Administrator, Rutgers Health University Dental Associates, requesting clarification with regard to retention of 3D Virtual Surgical Planning Models. The Board determined that it can be scanned and stored in compliance with Board regulations, as long as the model can be recreated at a future time through use of the electronic file.
3. The Board reviewed a letter from Arthur Meisel, executive director, New Jersey Dental Association, asking for a correction to the public session minutes of November 6, 2019 with respect to an inquiry made by Robert Korwin, DMD. Dr. Korwin asked whether a dentist could perform a patient examination via a remote feed. Mr. Meisel asked that minutes reflect that the Board stated the standard of care required an in-person clinical exam. The minutes of the November 6, 2019 meeting refer to the anticipated telemedicine regulations. A discussion occurred about whether the Board had made a definitive decision concerning the standard of care applicable to Dr. Korwin's scenario. The Deputy Attorney General stated that the Board, absent more specific facts, would not usually take a position on inquiries about the scope of practice or standard of care. On a motion by Dr. Cohen, seconded by Dr. Feeney, the Board referred the topic of whether a live video feed for examinations of patients is, or could be, within the standard of care for a dentist.

V. HAND-OUT:

1. The Board reviewed the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) Annual Meeting Summary. This was taken as informational.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Arthur Meisel, NJDA, related an inquiry from a dentist about the use of platelet-rich plasma in dental treatments. The Board requested that the dentist submit the inquiry to the Board office with specific details of treatment and the process used, including collection, processing, use and disposal of blood and by-products.

VII. ADJOURNMENT: The Board in a motion by Ms. Hecker, seconded by Dr. DeRobertis, 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.