

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY
JUNE 5, 2019

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

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

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 22, 2019 – On a motion by Dr. DeRobertis, seconded by Dr. Goldstein approved the minutes as amended.

II. BOARD MEETING DATES FOR THE YEAR 2020:

The Board approved the following board meeting dates for the year 2020:

January 8	July 8
January 22	July 22
February 5	August 5
February 19	September 2
March 4	September 16
March 18	October 7
April 1	October 21
April 15	November 4
May 6	November 18
May 20	December 2
June 3	December 16
June 17	

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Continuing Education:

The Board in a motion by Dr. DeRobertis, seconded by Dr. Goldstein, approved the committee recommendations.

IV. INITIAL DECISION FROM THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW:

1. Dr. Andrew Maron – The Board received the Initial Decision from the Office of Administrative Law of May 6, 2019. The Board has 45 days to review the initial decision and reach a final decision. There may be an additional 45 days granted upon request. The Board has already scheduled June 19th to conduct a review, hearing, and potential mitigation hearing.

This matter was referred to Executive Session for further review and advice of counsel.

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

1. Dr. Natarica Franklin – The Board received this as informational.
2. Dr. Renee Cochrane – The Board received this as informational.
3. Dr. Louis Leva – The Board received this as informational.
4. Dr. Navpreet Sekhon – The Board received this as informational.
5. Rutgers School of Dental Medicine (2) – Dr. Samant was recused because of employment affiliation. The Board received both reports as informational.
6. Dr. Carlos Chavarria Najar – The Board received this as informational.

VI. ORDERS FILED WITH THE BOARD:

1. Dr. Scott M. Meltzer – Order Removing Restrictions on Licensure filed on May 10, 2019.
The Board took this as informational.

VII. OTHER MATTERS:

1. Dr. Jill Menker-Kern – Request to be recommended to become a New Jersey dental hygiene board examiner. The Board moved this matter to Executive Session for deliberation.

Upon returning to Public Session, the Board determined to send Dr. Menker-Kern a letter with the job description of a CDCA hygiene examiner and ask if she is still interested in pursuing this position.

2. Correspondence from Dr. Uma Kanikicharla concerning permissible business format. A medical doctor is inquiring whether a pediatric medical office may employ a dentist. The Board determined that employment of a dentist in a non-dental practice would not be permitted. However, a medical doctor and a dentist may jointly own a medical/dental practice provided the entity complied with all state laws and regulations governing the practices of medicine and dentistry.
3. Correspondence from James Ruggiero, DMD, MAGD, concerning the concept of mandating the GPR General Practice Residency for licensure to practice General Practice Dentistry in New Jersey.
On a motion by Dr. Cohen, seconded by Dr. DiCesare, the Board considered forming a committee to further investigate the matter. The motion failed (4 in favor).
After further discussion, the Board directed the Executive Director to respond to Dr. Ruggiero thanking him for his input, and directing him to work with legislators in order to address the statutory requirements for licensure.
The Board also requested that the Board's letter to Senator Loretta Weinberg on this issue be placed on the agenda for re-review.
4. (Hand-out) – Article concerning opioid prescriptions. The Board took this as informational.
5. Copy of Memorandum Opinion and Order in the matter of “United States Board of Oral Implantology vs. American Board of Dental Specialties.”
The Board took this as informational.

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.