

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY
JUNE 1, 2016

NOTE: The Public Session was called to order by President Dr. Emil Cappetta.

ATTENDANCE: The following members were in attendance:

Joseph Battaglia, DMD; Emil Cappetta, DDS; Elizabeth Clemente, DDS;
Peter Clemente, DMD; Nicholas C. DeRobertis, DMD; Linda Hecker, RDH;
Roger Kriete, DMD; Richard D. Riva, DDS

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

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Steven Goldstein, DDS; Beverly Kupiec, PhD, RN;
Jonathan Mangot, DMD

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 18, 2016 - Approved as amended.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Continuing Education:

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

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

1. Dr. Brian Bachrach – This matter was referred to executive session.
Upon return to public session, the Board determined that additional information be obtained.
2. Dr. Anthony G. DeVincentis – This matter was referred to executive session.
Upon return to public session, the Board determined that additional information be obtained.

IV. ORDERS FILED WITH THE BOARD:

1. Dr. Jack Martin Gelb - Consent Order Reinstating License with Restrictions filed on May 4, 2016.
2. Dr. Scott M. Meltzer - Final Consent Order filed on May 4, 2016.
3. Dr. Mehmet Dikengil - Settlement Letter filed on May 9, 2016.
4. Dr. Sandeep Singla - Settlement Letter filed on May 13, 2016.
5. Dr. David I. Kalter - Uniform Penalty Letter filed on May 16, 2016.
6. Dr. Tina Merrick Levitt - Consent Order of Reinstatement filed on May 18, 2016.
7. Krystle Baron, RDH - Order of Summary Suspension filed on May 18, 2016.

These matters were received as informational.

V. OTHER MATTERS:1. Additional information concerning use of “Halimeter” in public areas:

The Board discussed the additional information provided concerning an inquiry regarding a plan to use a Halimeter (class I medical device) in non-dental offices (malls, nursing homes, etc.). The Board was concerned that the public would be vulnerable to aggressive sales tactics by unlicensed individuals who, when reviewing the reading from the device, lack training or qualifications to make diagnoses or medical recommendations about symptoms and conditions that may underlie the Halimeter results.

On a motion by Dr. Kreite, seconded by DeRobertis, the Board determined that having this modality as described by the writer, being performed by an unlicensed individual is not in the public’s best interest and may negatively affect public health, safety and welfare. The Board requested that this information be submitted to the Board of Medical Examiners for its comment and asked the Attorney General for further review.

2. Inquiry from Dr. Susan Armstrong questioning whether RDA, and RDHs can apply silver nitrate to arrest decay.

The Board discussed the issue, and noted that this activity is not recommended by the ADA or the FDA for this situation. The Board president directed that the Board office refer this matter to the ADA, and the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, to obtain their position on this matter.

3. Correspondence from Dr. Luis J. Fujimoto, Chair, Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations concerning Integrated National Board Dental Examination (INBDE).

The Board reviewed the information presented by Dr. Fujimoto. The Board appreciates the advance notice provided concerning the change to the National Board Examination. The Board also expressed its opinion that it needs to be able to review the results of each section in order to properly assess the qualifications of applicants. Pass/Fail results must be reported for each section (i.e., operative, endo, perio, etc.) in order to be able to ascertain whether a dentist is competent to practice in New Jersey.

The American Association of Dental Boards will be addressing issues related to testing at its meeting in October.

On a motion by Ms. Hecker, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, the Board determined to send one or more board members, the executive director, and at least one DAG to the AADB conference in Denver in October 2016. The Board determined to use Board funds to pay for the travel expense (airfare, hotel and meals). The vote of the Board was unanimous.

The Board also requested that the Board’s September 7th meeting be devoted to discussion concerning testing for licensure. The Board office will contact the various agencies for representatives to attend this meeting.

VI. HANDOUT:

1. A-3778 – A bill that would require electronic prescribing systems to default to three-day supply of opioid drugs, with ability for prescribers to issue prescriptions in any authorized quantity deemed medically appropriate. The Board was not persuaded the bill would address issues related to the prescribing of opioid drugs.

1. Letter from ADEX dated May 17, 2016 concerning previous correspondence from the ADA and ADEA concerning dental licensure. Informational.

VII. ITEMS PREVIOUSLY MOVED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

1. 112674 - Dr. Imani Molock-Smith - The Board reviewed an incident report on April 6, 2016 and requested additional information. The Board took this as informational.

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.