

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY  
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES  
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY  
NOVEMBER 2, 2016

NOTE: The Public Session was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by President Nicholas C. DeRobertis, DMD

ATTENDANCE: The following members were in attendance:  
Elizabeth Clemente, DDS; Peter Clemente, DMD; Nicholas C. DeRobertis, DMD; Daniel M. Di Cesare, D.M.D.; Steven Goldstein, DDS; Linda Hecker, RDH; Roger Kriete, DMD; Jonathan Mangot, DMD; George McMurray, D.D.S.

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

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Beverly Kupiec, PhD, RN; John E. Feeney, D.D.S.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** October 19, 2016 - The Board in a motion by Ms. Hecker, seconded by Dr. DiCesare, approved the minutes as amended.

**II. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**A. Continuing Education:**

**III. PROPOSED LEGISLATION:**

1. S-90 - Permanently designates October 6 as “Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day” in New Jersey. The Board took this as informational.
2. A-4268(Hand-out) - Requires forms for informed consent for health care to be separate from forms related to assignment of insurance benefits or financial arrangements. The Board in a motion by Ms. Hecker, seconded by Dr. Goldstein, were neutral with regard to this legislation. Current Board regulations do not require signed informed consent.
3. A-4273 - Requires State supervision of certain professional and occupational licensing boards. The Board supports the concept to address questions related to state action immunity in anti-trust matters. The legislation should provide the resources and the funding and should not hamper the Board’s work to protect the public.

**IV. PROVISIONAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE TO BE FINALIZED:**

1. Anthony Lewis, RDH - Provisional Order of Discipline (POD) filed on August 11, 2016 based on action taken against his license in a sister state.  
No response was received from Mr. Lewis.  
The Board moved to find Mr. Lewis in default.  
The Board in a motion by Dr. P. Clemente, seconded by Dr. Mangot, moved to Executive Session for deliberations.  
Upon returning to public session, the Board in a motion by Dr. Mangot, seconded by Ms. Hecker, determined to finalize the POD are written.

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

1. Dental Center/Morristown Medical Center - Dr. E. Clemente was recused because she is the Director of the clinic at Morristown Medical Center.  
The Board took this as informational.
2. Rutgers School of Dental Medicine (3 reports) - The Board took all reports as informational.
3. Dr. Meredith Blitz - Moved to Executive Session for deliberation.  
Upon return to public session the Board took this as informational.

**VI. ORDERS/SETTLEMENTS FILED WITH THE BOARD:**

The Board took the following orders as informational.

1. Dr. Mark J. Berkowitz - Settlement Letter filed on July 27, 2016.
2. Dr. Randee L. Gevertz - Final Consent Order filed on August 23, 2016.
3. Dr. Frederick D. Bailey - Interim Consent Order filed on September 7, 2016.
4. Julie Fuson, RDH - Consent Order of Voluntary Surrender of Licensure filed on September 15, 2016.
5. Dr. Anthony Mancino - Final Order of Discipline filed September 28, 2016.
6. Dr. John Vecchione - Interim Consent Order filed October 6, 2016.

**VII. OTHER MATTERS:**

1. The Board reviewed a request from Donna L. Kurc, DMD, MHA, from the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services questioning whether dental hygienists may apply silver diamine fluoride to carious teeth.  
The Board requested that minutes be reviewed to determine the Board's previous decision.
2. American Association of Dental Boards - The Board reviewed information concerning its Assessment Services Program. The Board took this as informational.

**VIII. FORMAL HEARING:**

1. 1:00 P.M. - Mohammad Rabah, D.D.S. - In the matter of the suspension or revocation of the license of Dr. Rabah to practice dentistry in the State of New Jersey.

On November 1, 2016 Dr. DeRobertis signed a Second Interim Consent Order and Agreement of Voluntary Suspension of license. Dr. Rabah voluntarily agrees to the temporary suspension of his license to practice dentistry pending the disposition of the application for temporary suspension, which is adjourned until December 21, 2016, or any subsequent date agreed to by the parties. Also signed was a motion to seal certain exhibits in the amended Order to Show Cause.

The Board in a motion by Dr. Kriete, seconded by Dr. Goldstein, ratified this decision and filed the Order.

**IX. ITEMS MOVED FROM EXECUTIVE TO PUBLIC SESSION:****REPORTS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 13:30-8.8.:**

1. Dr. Mitchel L. Friedman - On July 6, 2016 the Board reviewed an incident report and determined additional information be obtained.  
After reviewing the additional information, the Board took this as informational.
2. Dr. Soheil Shahmiri - On July 6, 2016 the Board reviewed an incident report and determined to obtain additional information.  
After reviewing the additional information, the Board determined to take this as informational.
3. Dr. Natarica Franklin - On July 6, 2016 the Board reviewed an incident report and determined additional information be obtained. After reviewing the additional information, the Board determined to take this as informational.

**X. 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.