

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY
JUNE 7, 2017

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:
Peter Clemente, DMD; Nicholas C. DeRobertis, DMD; Daniel M. Di Cesare, D.M.D.; John E. Feeney, D.D.S.; Steven Goldstein, DDS; Linda Hecker, RDH; Roger Kriete, DMD; Jonathan Mangot, DMD; George McMurray, D.D.S.

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

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Elizabeth Clemente, DDS; Beverly Kupiec, PhD, RN

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 3, 2017 - Approved as amended.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. The Board in a motion by Dr. Kriete, seconded by Dr. Goldstein, approved the continuing education committee recommendations.

III. PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

1. S-3203 - Requires notification to certain medical and dental boards outside of New Jersey of actions against medical or dental licenses or practices. The Board in a motion by Dr. Feeney and Ms. Hecker, are opposed to this bill. It is not clear what is meant by "any action." The requirement to notify every state Board is already covered under Data Bank reporting requirements.
2. S-3117 - Reduces continuing education credit requirements for dentists who have been in practice for more than 50 years. The Board in a motion by Dr. Feeney, seconded by Ms. Hecker, are opposed to the legislation as written. The Board would like to enforce the current requirement of forty hours of continuing education during each renewal period, noting that the Board has a provision to grant waivers for continuing education upon request. The vote was 7-2 (Dr. P. Clemente and Dr. DeRobertis opposed.)

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

1. Dr. Albert L. Porreca, Jr. - The Board took this as informational.
2. Dr. Nicole Niebudek - The Board took this as informational.
3. Dr. Sally Awad - The Board took this as informational.
4. Dr. Maria Graye - The Board took this as informational.
5. Dr. Mitchell E. Kaltz - The Board took this as informational.
6. Rutgers School of Dental Medicine - The Board took this as informational.
7. Dr. Christopher Marsh - The Board took this as informational with a letter thanking him for his vigilance and a thorough report.

V. ORDERS FILED WITH THE BOARD:**The following were received as informational:**

1. Dr. Michael Jefferson - Order Reinstating License filed on April 27, 2017.
2. Dr. Philip Mollica - Settlement Letter filed on May 2, 2017.
3. Dr. Steven L. Weiner - Consent Order filed on May 3, 2017.
4. Dr. Ahmad Sedehi - Consent Order filed on May 8, 2017.
5. Dr. Robert Lorino - Uniform Penalty Letter filed on May 15, 2017.

VI. REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION TO THE BOARD'S ORDER:

1. Dr. Nicholas F. Breen - The Board reviewed a report from the Professional Assistance Program along with a request for the Board to consider vacating Dr. Breen's Consent Order filed on June 17, 2010.
The Board moved this matter to Executive Session for deliberation.

VII. OTHER MATTERS:

1. DOCS - Request for approval of an IV Sedation Re-certification course for New Jersey Dentists.
After reviewing the information available, the Board determined to request more

information. What didactic guidelines are included to assess, recognize and test patients who have entered deep sedation/general anesthesia.

Are the DOCS administrators aware of the new American Society of Anesthesiology drafted guidelines for Moderate Procedural Sedation and Analgesia.

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2. The Board reviewed a request from Dr. Sunita Merriman for approval of a continuing education course concerning dental sleep medicine. The Board moved this matter to Executive Session for advice of counsel.
Upon returning to Public session, the Board approved this continuing education course.
3. Inquiry from the following seeking clarification on the use of silver diamine fluoride by a dental hygienist:
 - Rebecca Welch Pugh, RDH, NJDHA Executive Director
 - Juli Hentschel, RDH
 - Donna L. Kurc, DMD, Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services.

During discussion of this matter, the Board noted that the current regulations permit dental hygienists to provide fluoride treatments. It would be up to the dentist to order this for the office, examine the patient and prescribe the treatment. On a motion by Dr. Kriete, seconded by Dr. DiCesare, the Board determined to table the discussion in order to obtain guidelines from the Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, and other available information about this modality. The motion did not pass.

On a motion by Ms. Hecker, seconded by Dr. P. Clemente, the Board determined to approve the use of this treatment by hygienists under the general supervision of a dentist. The motion passed. Dr. Kriete was opposed. Dr. Mangot and Dr. DiCesare abstained.

VIII. HANDOUT:

1. Inquiry from Dr. Mindy Ok concerning the use of “PDO threading” in the practice of dentistry. The Board’s initial decision is that this is not under the practice of dentistry, but Dr. Ok may provide additional information about the technique and a rationale for why it should be included in the scope of practice of dentistry.
2. The Board reviewed an invitation by the Commission on Dental accreditation (CODA) for board member participation in the CODA site visit evaluation at Newark Beth Israel in November. The Board approved Dr. DiCesare as its representative.
3. The Board determined to cancel its meeting of July 5, 2017.

IX. 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.