

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY
AUGUST 8, 2018

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

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; John E. Feeney, D.D.S.; Steven Goldstein D.D.S.; Roger Kriete, D.M.D; Jonathan Mangot, D.M.D; George McMurray, D.D.S.; Mr. Kevin Reich

OTHER ATTENDEES: Deputy Attorneys General Miller and Goulding; Cecilia Moreira Senior Management Assistant; Ileana Botelho, Confidential Assistant

ABSENT AND/OR EXCUSED: Linda Hecker, R.D.H

Dr. Arthur Yeager - Dr. Yeager, who has served as a case manager for the Board, passed away on August 3, 2018. The Board observed a moment of silence. Dr. Feeney offered the following tribute, which the Board Asked to be made part of the minutes:

The Talmudic essence of a human life well lived is reflected in the words: "Say not in grief he is no more but in thankfulness that he was."

Dr. Arthur Yeager is an example of an unbiased commitment to a purpose greater than himself so as to protect the citizens of New Jersey faithfully, impartially, and justly.

His "Yeager laser focused research" represents a tedious pursuit of truth and correct thinking mandated by strict neutrality in the name of public service via civic engagement for the rule of law.

The process advanced by him organized; 1.) Facts, 2.) Many opinions, 3.) Noble discussions, 4.) Honest debate.

Coming to terms with his death means remembering his life. For as long as we live, he too will live, for he is now a part of us as we remember him as a colleague, civil servant and more importantly, our friend.

The Irish people say: "Live every day as if it were your last because one day you're going to be right."

Zai G'zunt Arthur Yeager.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 25, 2018 – The Board in a motion by Dr. Clemente, seconded by Dr. Cohen, approved the minutes as amended.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Continuing Education:

The Board approved the committee's recommendations.

III. ELECTIONS FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD.

President

Dr. Kriete was elected President of the Board.

Vice-President

Dr. Clemente was elected Vice-President of the Board.

IV. APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2019.

The following are the Board of Dentistry meeting dates for 2019:

January 9 & 23	July 10 & 24
February 6 & 20	August 7
March 6 & 20	September 4 & 18
April 3 & 17	October 2 & 16
May 1 & 22	November 6 & 20
June 5 & 19	December 4 & 18

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

1. Dr. Sarah Skurnick (Rutgers School) – This was taken as informational.
2. Dr. Kristen Lovelace – This matter was moved to executive session for deliberation. The Board determined that additional information be obtained.
3. Dr. Sally-Jo Placa – This was taken as informational.
4. Dr. Mark Andrawis – This was taken as informational.
5. Dr. Shahid R. Aziz – The Board noted that the treating dentist must be the one that signs the form.

VI. REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION TO BOARD'S ORDER:

1. Dr. Scott M. Meltzer – The Board reviewed a request for modification to the Board's order filed on May 16, 2018, specifically term that prevents him from owning a dental practice or be employed as a solo practitioner.
The Board moved this matter to executive session for deliberation.
Upon returning to public session, the Board in a motion by Dr. Cohen, seconded by Clemente, declined to make any modifications to the order at this time.

VII. ORDERS AND SETTLEMENTS FILED WITH THE BOARD:

The following were taken as informational:

1. Dr. Robert J. Seckinger – Consent Order filed on July 19, 2018.
2. Dr. Laurence Articulo – Uniform Penalty Letter filed on July 23, 2018.

VIII. OTHER MATTERS:

1. Notice of INBDE (Integrated National Board Dental Examination) Implementation and NBDE (National Board Dental Examination) Discontinuation from Dr. Lisa Heinrich-Null, Chair, Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations.
The Joint Commission is providing official notification that the INBDE will be available for administration beginning on August 1, 2020. The NBDE Part I will be discontinued as of July 31, 2020. The NBDE Part II will be discontinued on August 1, 2022.
2. Correspondence from James Ruggiero, DMD, Hackensack University Medical Center requesting an appearance before the Board to discuss mandating a GPR or AEGD as a requirement for licensure to practice general practice in New Jersey. After discussing this matter, the Board thanks Dr. Ruggiero for his submission. The Board recognizes the benefits to students who avail themselves to these programs, however, this would require a statutory change.
3. (Hand-out) – The Board reviewed information from Donald Oliva, continuing education broker concerning continuing education compliance initiative.
The Board took this as informational.
4. Dr. Andrew Maron – Dr. Goldstein is recused from this matter.
The chief judge and acting director of the Office of Administrative Law advised the Board that Administrative Law Judge Scarola has requested additional time to submit the Initial Decision due to voluminous caseload. The time for filing the initial decision has been extended until September 20, 2018.

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