

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

BOARD OFFICE
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

JANUARY 2, 2013

NOTE: The Public Session meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M.

ATTENDANCE: The following members were in attendance:
Emil Cappetta, DMD; Lydia David, DMD; Sheila Dashkow, DDS;
Nicholas C. DeRobertis, DMD; Peter DeSciscio, DMD; Maxine Feinberg,
DDS; Beverly Kupiec, RN, PhD; Richard D. Riva, DDS

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

ABSENT AND/OR EXCUSED: Mr. Steven Brisgel; Herbert Dolinsky, DDS; Roger M.
Kriete, DMD;

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 19, 2012 - Approved as amended.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Applications: (No applications were reviewed.)
2. Continuing Education: (No applications were reviewed.)

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

1. Dr. Jon R. Ferrari - The Board received this as informational.
2. UMDNJ - New Jersey Dental School - The Board received this as informational.
3. Dr. Tracy R. Ginsburg - Moved to executive session for discussion.
4. Dr. Prathima Mamilla - The Board received this as informational.

IV. ORDERS/SETTLEMENT LETTERS FILED WITH THE BOARD:

1. Dr. Bruce Speiser - Final Order of Discipline filed on December 5, 2012. This was received as informational.
2. Dr. Daniel Markham - Consent Order filed on December 5, 2012. This was received as informational.

V. OTHER MATTERS:

1. Inquiry from Kim Moller in follow-up to the “new general supervision law for dental hygienists.” Specifically, is there any specific way or obligation to notify patients that they will be seen without a doctor in the office; and do the patients need to return for an examination by the doctor within a certain amount of time?

The Board noted that the statute is silent on this issue, and that regulations are currently being developed for proposal to address this new statutory provision. At the current time, the Board expects all of its licensees to exercise their best clinical judgment, and that the hygienist should proceed with treatment according to the treatment plan developed by the dentist. The Board thanks Ms. Moller for bringing these questions to its attention, and will add this issue to its discussion.

2. Inquiry from Pinal Patel questioning whether a registered dental hygienist can perform in office teeth whitening at a plastic surgeon’s office under his supervision. The Board indicated that under the Dental Practice Act, specifically N.J.S.A. 45:6-49(d), a hygienist must work under the supervision of a licensed dentist.
3. Inquiry from Dr. Elana Wolf questioning whether the “60 continuing education credits given by the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry for passing the oral clinical examination” can be used toward the continuing education requirement for licensure renewal.

The Board requests that Dr. Wolf submit a list of all the continuing education course work that she has completed during the last two years, and a certificate from the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry for this clinical exam, with any additional supporting documentation.

The Board referred this matter to the regulations committee to recommend proposing a new regulation to consider whether and how many credits may be earned for studying for and passing a speciality board exam.

- VI. ADJOURNMENT:** The Board adjourned at 10:40 A.M. 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.