

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF DENTISTRY

July 22, 2022

ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Dentistry was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Dean Cope, DDS, Chairperson, in the Husker Room at the Hampton Inn & Suites, located at 7343 Husker Circle, Lincoln, Nebraska, 68504. The Agenda and Revised Agenda (revised more than 24 hours prior to the commencement of the meeting and posted/available for public inspection at the Board's office more than 24 hours prior to the meeting) were sent to the Board members and other interested parties prior to the meeting. The following members answered the roll call:

Dean Cope, DDS - Chairperson
Melanie Steckelberg, DDS, Vice-Chairperson
Michael J. O'Hara, JD, PhD – Secretary
Yoshiharu Ameku, DDS
Lisa Kucera, RDH
Terrence Lanphier, DDS
Hannah Randell, RDH (via WebEx)
Gene Giles, DDS
John Thomas, DMD
Lynlee Medhi

Also present were: Jesse Cushman, Program Manager; Vonda Apking, Health Licensing Coordinator; Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General; T.J. O'Neill, Assistant Attorney General; Teresa Hampton, Department Attorney (via WebEx); Anna Harrison, RN, BSN, Compliance Monitor; and Jeff Newman, Investigator.

Cope announced that there is a copy of all the public documents being reviewed at this meeting available in the meeting room pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Steckelberg moved, seconded by Kucera, to adopt the Agenda with the ability for the Chairperson to rearrange as necessary. Voting aye: Ameku, Cope, Giles, Kucera, Lanphier, Medhi, O'Hara, Randell, Steckelberg, Thomas. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 1, 2022

Page 1: No changes.
Page 2: No changes
Page 3: No changes.

O'Hara moved, seconded by Thomas, to approve the April 1, 2022 minutes as presented. Voting aye: Ameku, Cope, Giles, Kucera, Lanphier, Medhi, O'Hara, Randell, Steckelberg, Thomas. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

INVESTIGATIONAL REPORTS AND APPLICATION REVIEW – CLOSED SESSION

Steckelberg moved, seconded by Ameku, to go into closed session at 9:02 a.m. for the purpose of review and discussion of investigative reports, licensure applications, and other confidential information, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals. Voting aye: Ameku, Cope, Giles, Kucera, Lanphier, Medhi, O'Hara, Randell, Steckelberg, Thomas. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The Board returned to Open Session at 11:32 a.m.

LICENSURE APPLICATION(S)

Dental Application(s)

Kucera moved, seconded by Thomas, to issuing a dental licensure application Patrick Ferraro. Voting aye: Ameku, Cope, Giles, Kucera, Lanphier, Medhi, O'Hara, Randell, Steckelberg, Thomas. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

General Anesthesia Application(s)

Steckelberg moved, seconded by Lanphier, to recommend issuing a General Anesthesia/Deep Sedation permit to Adam Robinson. Voting aye: Ameku, Cope, Giles, Kucera, Lanphier, Medhi, O'Hara, Randell, Steckelberg, Thomas. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Reinstatement After Discipline Application(s)

Steckelberg moved, seconded by Thomas, to recommend denying the reinstatement after discipline application of Laura Biga, DA. The basis for this denial is that there was insufficient evidence to warrant reinstatement. Voting aye: Ameku, Cope, Giles, Kucera, Lanphier, Medhi, Randell, Steckelberg, Thomas. Voting nay: None. Abstain: O'Hara. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Steckelberg moved, seconded by Kucera, to recommend reinstating the dental license of Farrah Plate without probationary terms and conditions. Voting aye: Ameku, Cope, Giles, Kucera, Lanphier, Medhi, Randell, Steckelberg, Thomas. Voting nay: None. Abstain: O'Hara. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Giles moved, seconded by Thomas, to recommend reinstating the dental license of Daniel Ellingson without probationary terms and conditions. Voting aye: Ameku, Cope, Giles, Kucera, Lanphier, Medhi, Randell, Steckelberg, Thomas. Voting nay: None. Abstain: O'Hara. Absent: None. Motion carried.

E-MAIL BALLOTS SINCE THE LAST MINUTES

The email ballot approving the remedial course for Laramie Lindgren, DDS, was read into the record.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Nothing to discuss at this time.

REGULATIONS UPDATE

Mr. Cushman explained that Chapters 53, 56, 57, and 58 are waiting to be scheduled for a second hearing because the experience language changed to clarify specific requirements.

TEETH WHITENING

The Board reviewed the teeth whitening product(s) offered through Smile Brilliant and did not voice any objection. If offered by an unlicensed individual, patients are required to apply the product(s) themselves.

QUESTION ABOUT EXPANDED FUNCTION RESTORATIVE 1 & 2 – UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

The Board reviewed the courses offered by University of Colorado and approved them at their April meeting. The individual applying would need to provide proof of obtaining 1500 hours of experience, provide proof of successful completion of the courses, and provide proof of passing the acceptable clinical examination.

SEDATION PERMITS CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

The Board suggested making changes in the regulations under the Acceptable Continuing Education Topics and Activities section item (H) adding Advance Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) with requiring a hands-on portion. The intent is that the hands-on component requirement for moderate sedation and general anesthesia/deep sedation will be met by the hands-on portion of ACLS.

CENTRAL REGIONAL DENTAL TESTING SERVICE (CRDTS)

CRDTS Steering Committee Report – John Thomas, DMD

Dr. Thomas provided a written report to the Board members. There was discussion about not being provided an opportunity to have Lunch & Learns at both College of Dentistry's in Nebraska. Dr. Thomas also provided excerpts from the CRDTS July 2022 Newsletter to the Board members.

Dental Hygiene Steering Committee Report – Lisa Kucera, RDH

Kucera explained that the DH Steering Committee reviewed similarities and differences between simulated and patient examinations and noticed similar pass/fail rates for both types of examinations. The simulated probing was very realistic. Kucera would recommend approving both types of examinations offered by CRDTS for dental hygiene. CRDTS offers the OSCE at the same time as the clinical examination.

CRDTS ANNUAL MEETING AUGUST 2022

CRDTS Annual meeting will be the last weekend in August. The following Board members expressed intentions to attend the meeting: Thomas, Kucera, Ameku, Cope, and O'Hara.

DISCUSSION REGARDING ACCEPTABLE EXAMINATIONS FOR THE 2022-2023 TESTING SEASON

Dr. Sam Jacoby, President
CRDTS
1275 SW Gage Blvd
Topeka KS 66604-3333

Dr. Jacoby commented that the dental periodontal portion and the dental hygiene examination are the same. He also mentioned that the simulated examination allows everyone to be on the same testing level.

Kimber Cobb, RDH, BS
Director, Dental Hygiene Examinations
National Director, Licensure Acceptance and Portability
CDCA-WREB-CITA
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Ms. Cobb mentioned that the ADEX dental hygiene clinical examination does include a probing portion. Ms. Cobb also mentioned that their examinations are standardized but the portions within the examinations are not.

Dr. Jacoby mentioned that most failures are typically critical errors such as starting on the wrong tooth or are a problem with hand skills. The virtual hepatics can be used to weed out potential students that do not have the hand skills.

Darlene Carritt, RDH
UNMC College of Dentistry
Lincoln NE 68583

Ms. Carritt mentioned that she would recommend that the Board accept both the simulated and live patient examinations offered by CRDTS.

The feeling of the Board is that it the Board's responsibility to determine what examinations are acceptable. Mr. Cushman asked whose responsibility is it to make sure the examinations are administered the way the Board approved it.

Cynthia Gaskill, RDH,
CRDTS
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Ms. Gaskill mentioned that CRDTS would like to know why the colleges would not allow them to have a lunch and learn regarding the CRDTS examinations. She wants the students to know that they have options.

O'Hara moved, seconded Thomas, to accept the examination is based on when the candidates start the examination. Voting aye: Ameku, Cope, Giles, Kucera, Lanphier, Medhi, Randell, Steckelberg, Thomas. Voting nay: None. Abstain: O'Hara. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Lanphier moved, seconded by Ameku, to accept both the simulated patient examination and/or live patient-based examination in perpetuity. Voting aye: Ameku, Cope, Giles, Kucera, Lanphier, Medhi, Randell, Steckelberg, Thomas. Voting nay: None. Abstain: O'Hara. Absent: None. Motion carried.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF DENTAL BOARDS (AADB)

Mid-Year Meeting Report – Melanie Steckelberg, DDS

Dr. Steckelberg thanked that Board and Department for allowing her to attend. Dr. Steckelberg discussed highlights from the meeting such as Medicaid/Medicare reimbursement regarding chronic conditions, ADEA surveys students every year to determine when they decided to attend dental school before college, licensure mobility issues, Access to Care and Teledentistry issues, and best practices.

The following Board members expressed interests in attending the AADB Annual meeting in October 2022 are as follows: Thomas, O'Hara, Kucera, and Cope.

AADB Dental ACE Program

Tonia Socha-Mower, MBA, EdD, Chief Executive Officer
AADB
200 East Randolph Street STE 5100
Chicago IL 60601

Ms. Socha-Mower provided information about the AADB Ace program regarding continuing education. Steckelberg asked if they were approving courses or providers. Ms. Socha-Mower explained that they are approving the courses. Thomas asked how presenters are vetted. AADB has a online portal to apply and staff reviews everything submitted. Ms. Apking mentioned that other professions submit the printouts of the continuing education in a similar fashion. Mr. Cushman asked whether any states have declined to accept ACE. Ms. Socha-Mower explained that no states has declined, however some have asked to follow-up with attorneys. Cope requested additional information. Staff will get additional information and have it on the next agenda.

O'Hara and Randell left the meeting at 2:20 pm

Since the AADB Annual meeting is the same day as the next Board meeting. The Board rescheduled so their next meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2022.

ACCREDITATION SITE VISIT

Information was provided to the Board members that explained that no Board member can participate because of conflict of interest.

Thomas moved, seconded by Giles, to recommend that Mr. Cushman be the Board's representative for the accreditation site visit.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the meeting at 2:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

(signature on file with the Department)

Michael J. O'Hara, JD, PhD, Secretary
Board of Dentistry