



# **Board of Dental Examiners**

## **Office of Professional Regulation, Vermont Secretary of State**

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### **Approved Meeting Minutes**

#### **\*Remote Meeting\***

**Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 9:00a.m.**

#### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 A.M., by Dr. Ruhl

**Members Present:** Robert Ruhl, William Koch, Elizabeth Merrill, David Baasch, Lucille Kelly, Cheryl Ullman, Mimi Kevan, and Linda Greaves

**Members Absent:** Randall Miller

**OPR Personnel Present:** Lauren Layman, Staff Attorney; Corey Young, Licensing Administrator I

**Guests:** Patrick Gallivan, Diane Dumas, Heather Blair, Leslie Hills and Debora Teixeira

#### **2. Approval of Previous Minutes:**

Ms. Merrill moved to approve the minutes of June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as presented. Dr. Ullman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **3. Discipline: None**

#### **4. Other Business:**

##### **a. Understanding Act 144 (2018) amendment to 26 V.S.A. § 601 as it relates to exams**

- Attorney Layman explained the statutory requirement that all applicants must successfully complete an examination to be eligible for a dentist license, regardless of which educational program the applicant completed under 26 V.S.A. § 601(2).

##### **b. Effects of WREB/CDCA Merger**

- Dr. Koch moved that the Office draft a letter to other state licensing boards and SRTA recommending the adoption of a single competency examination as a licensing requirement. Dr. Baasch seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

##### **c. Interstate Telehealth Workgroup**

- Attorney Layman shared that the Office has convened, per Act 21, an Interstate Telehealth Working Group to study and evaluate policy methods for facilitating interstate telehealth services. Dr. Ullman moved to nominate Dr. Koch to represent the Board of Dental Examiners in the Working Group. Dr. Baasch seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

##### **d. Vermont Department of Health update**

- Ms. Greaves shared updates with the Board about the Vermont Department of Health COVID-19 response.

**5. Adjournment:**

After inviting public comment, Dr. Ruhl adjourned the meeting at 9:26am.

Next Scheduled Meeting – Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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