



Board of Dental Examiners

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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE VERMONT BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS FEBRUARY 12, 2020 MEETING

Present: Robert Ruhl, William Koch, Elizabeth Merrill, David Baasch, Lucille Kelly, Randy Miller, Mimi Kevan, Randall Miller, and Linda Greaves Absent: Cheryl Ullman; Office of Professional Regulation Personnel: Lauren Hibbert, Kelsi Alger, Gabriel Gilman, Lauren Layman and Diane Lafaille; Others present: Ellen Grimes, Diane Dumas, Debora Teixeira, Vaughn Collins.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. Ms. Kevan moved, seconded by Dr. Baasch, to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2020 meeting as written. Approved.
3. Hearing
 - a. 2019-77 – Dr. William McDonald – Ms. Kevan moved, seconded by Ms. Greaves, to bifurcate the hearing. Approved.

The Board denied a motion to dismiss.

The Board voted that the State proved the 1 and 2nd violation. The State did not prove the violation for number 3.

The Board voted to revoke Dr. McDonald’s license effective immediately as of the close of business today.
4. Continuing Education
 - a. 2020 Vermont Caries Stabilization Course – approved for 7 continuing education credits.
 - b. 802 Smiles – approved for 4 continuing education credits.
5. Other:
 - a. Draft Rule Discussion:

Robin Miller wrote the Board a letter regarding the Board’s consideration of removing WREB as a pathway to licensure. The Board notes that in her letter she indicated that the proposal would limit the number of hygienists who could be interested in coming from other states to practice. The Board’s proposal does not include dental hygienists. The Board appreciates her input regarding this, but it stands by its initial decision to remove WREB as an acceptable examination for dentists for licensure in Vermont.

Addition to rules regarding general practitioner sedation limitations – tabled.

- b. Diane Dumas emailed the Board regarding retention of records. The Board stated that digital scans are ample for records. Physical models from scanned files do not need to be retained.
 - c. American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine regarding the scope of practice as it relates to the treatment of sleep apnea with oral appliance therapy – tabled.
 - d. Discussion on minimal education requirements for deep sedation and general anesthesia tabled.
 - e. Dental Therapy Collaborative Agreement – tabled.
 - f. The Board’s next meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2020.
6. Public Comment
7. The Board adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Diane Lafaille, Licensing Administrator I