



Board of Dental Examiners

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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE VERMONT BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS MARCH 13, 2019 MEETING

Present: Robert Ruhl, William Koch, Gerald Theberge, Sally Buell, Mimi Kevan, Randall Miller; Cheryl Ullman, Elizabeth Merrill, David Baasch, and Jennie Kendall; Office of Professional Regulation Personnel: Director Lauren Hibbert, Gabriel Gilman, Beth St. James, Lora Marchand, Tara Grenier, Lauren Layman, and Diane Lafaille; Others present: Diane Dumas, Vaughn Collins, Robin Miller, Linda Greaves, and Ellen Grimes.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. Dr. Theberge moved, seconded by Ms. Kevan, to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2018 with a typo correction.
3. The Board noted with dismay that Dixie Vallie resigned from the Board. The Board will miss her expertise, thoroughness and dedication.
4. Director Lauren Hibbert came before the Board to discuss the budget. She stated that fee would increase as follows:

Traditional and Certified Dental Assistant – Application fees will be raised from \$60 to \$75 and renewal fees will be raised from \$75 to \$100.

Dental Hygienist – Application fees will be raised from \$150 to \$180 and renewal fees will be raised from \$125.00 to \$225.

Dentist – Application fees will be raised from \$225 to \$260 and renewal fees will be raised from \$355 to \$600.

The Board asked Director Hibbert why the budget projections in the “off years” were so high and what the projections were for FY2021 (B20), FY2022 (B22), and FY2023 (B24). She said she would find this information and report this back to the Board.

5. Beth St. James came before the Board to discuss changes in staffing. She stated that a fourth prosecuting attorney has been hired. With this, cases should move more quickly. She also notified the Board that its case manager will now be Ellen Leff in place of Carla Preston.

Tara Grenier came before the Board to discuss changes in staffing. She notified the Board that Ashley Piro will now be the Boards Licensing Administrator in place of Diane Lafaille.

6. Disciplinary Hearing

2018-81 – Dr. Richard Venmar – A Stipulation and Consent Order was heard. The Stipulation and Consent Order was approved by the Board. Dr. Baasch, Dr. Koch and Ms. Kendall recused themselves.

Removal of Conditions Order

2013-460 – Dr. Albert Hardy – Dr. Theberge moved, seconded by Dr. Miller, to approved the Order to Remove Conditions. Approved.

7. Correspondence:

- a. Deborah Teixeira notified the Board of an inconsistency on the General Supervision agreement. On the fourth page it should state, “Unless modified before, this agreement shall expire on _____(not more than two years after effective date). The Board changed the number to two years, instead of one.
- b. Ellen Grimes emailed the Board regarding question 23 on the dental hygiene jurisprudence exam. The Board stated that the penalties are not different and no change is needed.
- c. Discussion on the Northern Counties Health Care program – This is pending action from the Legislature. The Board will discuss this again at a later date.

8. Continuing Education

- a. Bullying on the Job – Ms. Kevan moved, seconded by Ms. Kendall, to not approved this
- b. 2019 Mid-Year Tooth Tutor meeting – Ms. Kendall moved, seconded by Ms. Kevan, to approve this course for clinical continuing education.
- c. Stepping Forward Together: Promoting Cultural Competence and Equity in Communities Ms. Kendall moved, seconded by Dr. Baasch, to approved this course for non clinical continuing education. Approved. Dr. Ruhl, Dr. Koch were opposed. Ms. Kevan abstained from voting.
- d. Cultural and Linguistic Competence to Address Disparities and Inequities – Ms. Kevan moved, seconded by Ms. Kendall, to approve this course for non clinical continuing education. Approved. Dr. Ruhl and Dr. Koch were opposed.

9. Applications

- a. Dr. Theberge moved, seconded by Ms. Merrill, to approve the application of Najib Ghadri. Approved.

10. Other:

- a. Ellen Grimes emailed the Board requesting a consideration to allow the administration of nitrous oxide by dental hygienist to the rules. Dr. Koch moved, seconded by Dr. Theberge, to direct the Office of Professional Regulation to draft a rule. This rule should state that to administer nitrous oxide one would need to have graduated from a nitrous oxide program accredited by an ADA CODA school, have successfully completed the CDCA nitrous oxide examination, and that the administration of nitrous oxide would need to be under direct supervision of a Vermont licensed dentist. Approved.
- b. The Board discussed digital impressions and its relationship to its current rules.
- c. WREB was in contact with Attorney Gilman stating that its willingness to conform its exam to the Board's expectation in some areas. Attorney Gilman will confer with the Chair and Vice Chair. He will share the findings with the all Board members and will then relay the feedback to WREB.
- d. The Board has decided to put draft rules at the beginning of its agenda for future meetings.
- e. The Board reviewed draft rules. At the next meeting the Board will define CPR and EOP requirements.
- f. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2019.

11. Public Comment

12. The Board adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Diane Lafaille, Licensing Administrator I