

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE
VERMONT BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
DECEMBER 14, 2016 MEETING

Present: David Baasch, Gerald Theberge, Edward Pantzar, Mimi Kevan, Robert Ruhl, Randall Miller, Elizabeth Merrill, Sally Buell, Katherine Silloway and Jennie Kendall; Absent: Dixie Vallie; Office of Professional Regulation Personnel: Director Colin Benjamin, Diane Lafaille, Carla Preston, Lauren Hibbert and Larry Novins. Others present: Ellen Grimes, Vaughn Collins and Michelle Fay.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. The minutes of the November 9, 2016 meeting were approved with the following corrections:

#5 Correspondence, letter b should read: Email from Nancy DuMont and Robert Keene. It should not read Robert Schmidt.

Letter d should read, "Dr. Paul Davoren emailed the Board regarding the renewal of Dr. James Booth's dental license. Dr. Booth will need to complete the required continuing education before renewal of his license can be considered."

#6 Other letter c should read, "Ms. Kevan moved, seconded by Dr. Theberge, to leave fees as they are with no adjustments and discuss a fee increase in 2019. Approved."
3. Hearings/Stipulations and Consent Orders/Removal of Conditions Orders/Closings

2013-460 – Albert Hardy, III – A Stipulation and Consent Order was heard at 9:30. Dr. Pantzar moved, seconded by Dr. Silloway, to approve the Stipulation and Consent Order. Approved.
Closing Reports:
4. Case Manager's Report:

The Board has 33 pending cases. 2 are on hold, 3 have been recommended for closing, 11 are ready for Investigative Team meetings, 1 is in intake, 7 are with investigators, 1 is set for hearing and 8 are pending charges.
5. Other
 - a. Attorney Novins presented the Board a rough draft of rules for dental therapists. The Board will continue this discussion at its January meeting.
 - b. Attorney Novins submitted to the Board a proposed amendment to 26 V.S.A. Section 612(b) Dental Therapists. Licensure by endorsement. The proposal strikes out section (b). This was approved by the Board and the Board approved for this to be added to the Office Bill.
 - c. Attorney Novins submitted proposed statute changes for 26 V.S.A. Section 602 by adding (c) and (d). These read:

(c) The board may grant a license to an applicant who is a graduate of a dental college outside the United States or Canada not accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association and who:

(1) is currently licensed in good standing to practice dentistry in any jurisdiction of the United States or Canada which has licensing requirements, other than requiring graduation from a Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association accredited dental college, deemed by the board to be substantially equivalent to those of this state;

(2) has practiced under such a license for no fewer than 1,250 hours per year for five years preceding the application.

(3) has successfully completed an approved emergency office procedures course;

(4) has successfully completed the dentist jurisprudence examination; and

(5) has met other requirements established by the board by rule.

(d) The board may grant a license limited to practice in a dental specialty to an applicant who:

(1) is a teaching faculty member of a dental college accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association;

(2) has taught a dental specialty for no less than five years;

(3) has provided the Board with letters of recommendation and other documentation upon which the Board, in its sole discretion, can determine that the applicant is competent to practice the dental specialty taught;

(4) has successfully completed an approved emergency office procedures course; and

(5) has successfully completed the dentist jurisprudence examination.

(e) If the Board determines that the requirements of subsection (d) above are met, the applicant may be issued a license limited to practice in the specialty area taught.

(f) A person licensed under subsection (d) may become eligible to receive a full license without limitation by successfully completing one of the licensing examinations approved by the Board by rule, and by meeting active practice and other requirements set by the Board by rule.

The board will discuss option c at the Board's next meeting. At this time they do not want it put in the Office Bill. Letter c the Board will not discuss further.

c. Attorney Hibbert gave the Board guidance on the definition of "mitigating" and aggravating".

d. Director Benjamin came to the meeting to present Dr. Pantzar with a plaque for his years of dedicated service to the Board and the public. The Board and the Office of Professional Regulation thank him for his years of service.

e. The Board thanks Attorney Novins for his service to the Board.

f. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2017.

6. Public Comment

7. The Board adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Diane Lafaille, Licensing Board Specialist