

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE
VERMONT BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
MARCH 11, 2015 MEETING

Present: Jennie Kendall, David Baasch, John Lavoie, Randall Miller, Joanne Bugbee, Gerald Theberge, Katherine Silloway, Mimi Kevan, Randall Miller, Dixie Vallie, Edward Pantzar and Sally Buell; Office of Professional Regulation Personnel: Diane Lafaille, Carla Preston, George Belcher, Administrative Law Officer, and Peter Comart. Others Present: Ellen Grimes, Vaughn Collins and Attorney William Dagger.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.
2. The minutes of the February 11, 2015 meeting were approved as written. Dr. Pantzar abstained from voting.
3. Hearings/Stipulations/Closing Reports/Removals:
 - a. 2013-603 – William McDonald – Motion for Stay was heard at 9:30 a.m.
4. Case Manager's Report:

Ms. Preston reported that the Board has 21 pending cases. 1 is under appeal, 10 are ready for Investigative Team meetings, 4 are with investigators, 4 charges have been filed and set for hearing and 2 are pending charges.
5. Other
 - a. Dr. Jeffrey Blasius emailed the Board regarding procedures dental assistants can perform. The Board responded that it is not its practice to answer specific legal questions regarding matters not specifically covered by its statutes and rules. It is possible that the scope of practice questions he poses are ones which the Board may have to address in its adjudicatory function. The Board referred him to sections 642 and 129a (a) (13) of the statutes and Rule 7.2. The Board also noted that dental assistants must practice under the direct supervision of a Vermont licensed dentist.
 - b. Audrey Champagne, RDH, submitted a request for continuing education approval. The Board needs additional information before they can make a determination. She will be sent a letter requesting this information.
 - c. Dr. Ellen Grimes has proposed Legislation to be added to the OPR Bill that would remove the prohibition against educators serving on the dental board. She asked that the Board submit a letter of support or contact Deputy Secretary Christopher Winters in support of this bill. The Board has decided that it would like to discuss this in more depth with Mr. Winters before making any declarations of support or non-support. Mr. Winters will be invited to attend the Board's April 8th meeting for further discussion.
 - d. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for April 8th.
6. Public Comment
7. The Board adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Diane Lafaille, Licensing Board Specialist