



Board of Dental Examiners

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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE VERMONT BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS SEPTEMBER 12, 2018 MEETING

Present: Gerald Theberge, Robert Ruhl, David Baasch, Sally Buell, Elizabeth Merrill, William Koch; Mimi Kevan, Jennie Kendall, Randall Miller, and Cheryl Ullman; Absent: Dixie Vallie; Office of Professional Regulation Personnel: Gabriel Gilman and Diane Lafaille; Others present: Vaughn Collins, Diane Dumas, John Lavoie, Shayle Livingston, Cheyanne Warren, Linda Greaves, and Debora Teixeira.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.
2. Dr. Theberge moved, seconded by Dr. Koch, to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2018 with one typo correction and with an amendment to #4, Topics for Discussion (b). It should read:

After listening to testimony from several attendees at the meeting from various public health positions in support of the use of silver diamine fluoride, the Board had an extensive discussion on the issue. Attorney Gilman made the suggestion that if the Commission of Health opines in a formal sense that there is an urgent oral health situation warranting emergency rule adoption, the Board could adopt a rule expanding permitted Public Health Hygienist services to include SDF. Dr. Baasch moved, seconded by Dr. Ruhl, to approve Attorney Gabriel Gilman to develop language with the Vermont Department of Health as an emergency rule. This will be brought back to the Board for approval before it is submitted. Approved. Dr. Koch was opposed to doing this as an emergency rule. He feels it needs more discussion.
3. Correspondence:
 - a. Winnie Furnari submitted an email to the Board requesting that the American Academy of Dental Hygiene, Inc. be approved as a sponsor for continuing education. Ms. Jennie Kendall will look into this further and will report back to the Board at its October meeting.
4. Topics for Discussion:
 - a. Consistency among exam programs: SRTA; CDCA/CITA (ADEX); CRDTS; and WREB, including whether updated administrative rules should continue to recognize WREB was discussed. Dr. Koch moved, seconded by Dr. Ruhl, to strike WREB as a testing agency effective July 1, 2019. Approved. Drs. Theberge and Baasch recused themselves. General Counsel advised the Board that it is wise to have the Director of the Office of Professional Regulation come in to address the issues as to why they wish to remove WREB pursuant to 123 (f) Title 3.
 - b. The use of Silver Diamine Fluoride by public-health hygienists. The Board received a draft rule and documentation for review. Dr. Miller moved, seconded by Dr. Koch, to table this discussion until next meeting. Approved. Dr. Koch suggested that 10.6 be looked at while reviewing draft rules.

5. File Review:
 - a. Dr. Ruhl moved, seconded by Dr. Miller, to approve the foreign trained application of Sevin Barghan pending verification that this program is CODA accredited. Approved.
6. Other:
 - a. Draft rules were reviewed. Dr. Koch moved, seconded by Ms. Kendall, to table reviewing section 10.6 Public-health hygienists section of the rules until the October meeting. Approved.
 - b. The Board revised the General Supervision Agreement forms. This will be updated for Board review.
 - c. Dr. John Lavoie attending the meeting to present a summary report to the Board of the ADEX Annual Meeting he attended in Chicago.
 - d. Elections:

Ms. Kevan nominated Dr. Ruhl as Chair, seconded by Dr. Koch. Approved.
Dr. Baasch nominated Dr. Koch as Vice-Chair, seconded by Dr. Ruhl. Approved.
Ms. Kendall nominated Ms. Vallie as Secretary, seconded by Dr. Miller. Approved.
 - e. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2018.
7. Public Comment
8. The Board adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Diane Lafaille, Licensing Administrator I