

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE
VERMONT BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
June 14, 2017 MEETING

Present: David Baasch, Gerald Theberge, Mimi Kevan, Elizabeth Merrill, Sally Buell, Robert Ruhl, William Koch, and Dixie Vallie; Absent: Jennie Kendall, Katherine Silloway and Randy Miller. Office of Professional Regulation Personnel: S. Lauren Hibbert and Diane Lafaille; Others present: Ellen Grimes, Vaughn Collins, Falko Schilling and Michelle Fay.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.
2. The Board welcomed Dr. William Koch to the Board.
3. The minutes of the May 10, 2017 meeting were approved as written.
4. M2014-68 (2011-42 & 2011-215) Carmen M. Alcala – Petition to Amend Board Order – The Board went into Deliberative Session to discuss.
5. Case Manager’s Report:

The Board has 46 pending cases. 2 are on hold, 18 Investigative Team meetings need to be scheduled, 6 the Investigative Team has recommended for closure; 11 are under investigation and 9 the Investigative team has recommended charges.
6. Correspondence:
 - a. Debora Teixeira submitted a request for continuing education for a course entitled, “Application and Benefits of Silver Diamine Fluoride in the Dental Clinic” for 6 credits. This was approved by the Board.
7. Other:
 - a. Draft rules for dental therapists – The Board made comments/corrections to a draft of this rule. This will be reviewed further in the rule making process.
 - b. Review of a proposed amendment for statute changes for 26 V.S.A. Section 602 by adding (c) and (d). The Board will continue discussion on this at future meetings.
 - c. Discussion and resolution on how many continuing education credits the Board will accept for dental/dental hygiene examiners from the CDCA. This will be discussed further in the rule making process.
 - d. Remediation option for dentists at Tufts. The Board discussed this. No action was taken.
 - e. New anesthesia guidelines – Ms. Kevan moved, seconded by Ms. Merrill, authorizing a sub-committee be formed to assist the Board in rewriting the guidelines. Approved. The sub-committee established by the Board will draw from the following populations: board members, general dentists, oral surgeons and other specialists for a maximum of seven members. This sub-committee will begin having public meetings in September of 2017 on an as needed basis and it’s recommendations would be sent to the Board for final approval.

- f. At the next meeting the Board will go through its rules.
 - g. The Board will review the Jurisprudence Examinations for Dentists and Dental Hygienists at its next meeting.
 - h. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2017.
7. Public Comment
8. The Board adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Diane Lafaille, Licensing Board Specialist