



Board of Dental Examiners

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Approved Meeting Minutes

Remote Meeting

Wednesday, November 8th, 2023

at 9:00a.m.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Dr. Ruhl.

Members Present: Robert Ruhl, William Koch, Ellen Grimes, Lucille Kelly, Farid Hamidzadeh, Elizabeth Merrill, Cassandra Coakley and Linda Greaves

Members Absent: Toby Kravitz.

OPR Personnel Present: Lauren Layman, General Counsel; Emily Tredeau, Staff Attorney; Julie Bowen, Docket Clerk; Ultan Doyle, Deputy Chief Prosecutor; Agatha Kessler, Assistant Director; Dylan Bruce, Policy Analyst; Kevin Rushing, Director; George Belcher, Administrative Law Officer; and Corey Young, Licensing Administrator II.

Guests: John Lavoie, Linda Retchin, John Echternach, Jenny Pitz, Heather Blair, Diane Dumas, Patrick Gallivan, Michelle Farnham, Tammy Larocque, Debora Teixeira, Michelle Eno, Jamie Feehan, David Soloman, and Bob Frenier.

2. Changes to the Agenda:

3. Board Budget Presentation

- Ms. Kessler & Mr. Bruce presented budget data.

4. Approval of Previous Minutes:

Ms. Teixeira and Dr. Grimes proposed grammatical corrections. Dr. Grimes moved to approve the minutes of September 13th, 2023, as corrected. Dr. Coakley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Discipline:

- **9:15 a.m. – In re: Tammy Larocque, Docket No. 2022-5; Contested Hearing**
 - Ms. Larocque withdrew her request for reinstatement until her reinstatement requirements have been met.

6. Other Business

- **ADEX Annual Meeting Recap**
 - Dr. John Lavoie and Ms. Linda Retchin recapped the ADEX annual meeting changes to the ADEX exam.

b. Certification program for RDH Caries Stabilization under general supervision – Dr. Echternach

- Dr. Echternach presented his proposed certification program for caries stabilization. He commented that requiring radiographs or diagnosis by a dentist would defeat the purpose of the SMART legislation.
- Dr. Soloman asked about the standard of care being uniform.
- Ms. Teixeira explained that the VDH is in support of this program.
- Dr. Koch requested that radiographs be part of this program. And asked how are they going to be billed/charged?
- Ms. Blair informed the Board that everyone receiving the treatment is signing consent forms.
- Ms. Greaves suggested that we review the dental finding forms and supervision agreement forms prior to creating rules.
- Dr. Grimes suggested that certification programs be Board-approved to ensure program provider competence.
- Dr. Ruhl proposed that OPR counsel draft rule language for the Board to consider at its next meeting. Counsel agreed.
- Attorney Tredeau encouraged anyone interested to submit suggestions or comments to sos.opr.comments@vermont.gov.

7. Vermont Department of Health Update – Ms. Greaves

- No current update

8. Public Comment:

9. Next Meeting topics:

10. Adjournment:

After inviting public comment, Dr. Ruhl adjourned the meeting at 10:55 am.

Next Scheduled Meeting
Wednesday, January 10th, 2024
Please check the [OPR Meeting Calendar](#) for updates