



# **Board of Dental Examiners**

## **Office of Professional Regulation, Vermont Secretary of State**

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### **Approved Meeting Minutes**

#### **\*Remote Meeting\***

**Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 9:00a.m.**

#### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 A.M., by Dr. Ruhl.

**Members Present:** Robert Ruhl, William Koch, Toby Kravitz, Ellen Grimes, Elizabeth Merrill, and Linda Greaves

**Members Absent:** Lucille Kelly

**OPR Personnel Present:** Lauren Layman, General Counsel; Noura Eltabbakh, Staff Attorney; Agatha Kessler, Assistant Director; Dylan Bruce, Senior Policy Analyst; and Corey Young, Licensing Administrator

**Guests:** Diane Dumas, Patrick Gallivan, Justin Hurlburt, Stephanie Stead, Lyrica Stelle, Debora Teixeira, Steve Rayes, Carmen Negron, and David Solomon.

#### **2. Changes to the Agenda: None**

#### **3. Approval of Previous Minutes:**

Ms. Merrill moved to approve the minutes of January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 with the correction of adding in that Ms. Kevan provided her resignation to the Board. Dr. Grimes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **4. Discipline: None**

#### **5. Other Business**

- **Board Budget Discussion**

- Ms. Kessler & Mr. Bruce presented budget data to the Board and discussed upcoming 2023 fee adjustments. In consideration of inflation, the Board's negative fund balance, the Board suggested increasing the renewal fee for dental hygienists rather than increasing the initial licensing fee for dental hygienists by \$25.

- **Dental Administrative Rules Update**

- Attorney Layman introduced OPR's new staff attorney Noura Eltabbakh to the Board.
- Attorney Layman suggested the Office incorporate the Board's new credentialing process for foreign-trained dentists into the pending draft Dental Rules and bring the draft rules to the Board for its full review at the next meeting. The Board agreed with the suggestion. Attorney Layman and Attorney Eltabbakh will amend the pending rules and provide it to the Board at their next scheduled meeting.

**6. Vermont Department of Health Update**

- Ms. Greaves informed the Board that there were no pending items from VDH.

**7. Public Comment:** None

**8. Adjournment:**

After inviting public comment, Dr. Ruhl adjourned the meeting at 9:55am.

Next Scheduled Meeting –  
Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
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