

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
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MONTPELIER, VT

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE
VERMONT BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
DECEMBER 9, 2015 MEETING

Present: Edward Pantzar, David Baasch, John Lavoie, Gerald Theberge, Mimi Kevan, Sally Buell, Katherine Silloway, Randall Miller, and Dixie Vallie; Absent: Jennie Kendall; Office of Professional Regulation Personnel: Diane Lafaille, Carla Preston, Lora Nielsen, Christopher Winters and Larry Novins; Others Present: Vaughn Collins, Heather Blair and Ellen Grimes.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m.
2. The minutes of the November 4, 2015 meeting were approved with minor corrections.
3. Deputy Secretary of State Christopher Winters, presented Dr. John Lavoie a plaque for his 10 years of dedicated service to the Board. His leadership, detail for accuracy and hard work will be greatly missed.
4. Hearings/Stipulations and Consent Orders/Removal of Conditions Orders/Closings

2013-460 – Dr. Albert Hardy, III – Default Order – A Default Order was heard. Dr. Miller moved, seconded by Dr. Silloway, to not accept the Default Order. Approved. The Board has given Dr. Hardy 20 days from today’s meeting, to file an answer.
5. Case Manager’s Report:

The Board has 30 pending cases. 1 is on appeal, 18 are ready for Investigative Team meetings, 1 case is in intake, 7 cases are with investigators and 3 are pending hearing.
6. Other
 - a. Ms. Nielsen presented the Board with its budget. The ratio has decreased. The fund balance has is declining slightly. This will be monitored closely through 2016.
 - b. The Board re-reviewed the request for clinical continuing education credits being awarded for the course, “Bridging the Divide: Medical and Dental Conference”. Dr. Theberge moved, seconded by Ms. Kevan, to give 6.5 clinical credits for dental hygienists. Approved. Drs. Silloway and Baasch abstained from voting.
 - c. Dr. Lavoie updated the Board of the ADEX meeting he attended. He would be willing to be the Board representative at the next meeting in August of 2016.
 - d. The Board has formed a committee to review the current rules regarding ADA school accreditation for licensure purposes. Drs. Pantzar, Theberge and Ms. Kendall have been appointed to this committee. Dr. Pantzar will contact Dr. Jeffrey Crandall to see if he would like to be part of this committee.
 - e. Ruchika Sood applied for licensure as a foreign trained dentist. The Board has determined that she does not meet the requirements for licensure and will issue a preliminary denial. She did not graduate from a CODA accredited school; did not complete the National Boards; did not complete a Regional Board examination; does not have a social security number and does not meet the requirements for licensure on the basis of endorsement under Section 602 (a) (1).
 - f. Continuing education audits were reviewed.
 - g. The Board’s next meeting is scheduled for February 10th, 2016.
7. Public Comment
8. The Board adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Diane Lafaille, Licensing Board Specialist