



Board of Dental Examiners

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Approved Meeting Minutes

Remote Meeting

Wednesday, July 13th, 2022 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 (left prior to adjournment but after Board vote on the Petition for Waiver), William Koch, Elizabeth Merrill, Toby Kravitz, Ellen Grimes, and Linda Greaves.

Members Absent: Mimi Kevan, David Baasch & Lucille Kelly.

OPR Personnel Present: Cassandra Diederich, Staff Attorney; Lauren Layman, Staff Attorney, and Corey Young, Licensing Administrator.

Guests: Diane Dumas, Heather Blair, Patrick Gallivan, Debora Teixeira, Michael Keel, and Leslie Hills.

2. Changes to the Agenda

Attorney Diederich requested that the agenda be amended to include the Board's consideration of a Petition for Waiver of Rule 7.13(c) that had recently been filed with the Office.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes:

Ms. Merrill moved to approve the minutes of May 11th, 2022 as presented. Dr. Kravitz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Discipline: None

5. Other Business

- **Petition for Waiver of Rule 7.13(c)**

The Board was presented with, and considered, a request for a waiver and modification of Rule 7.13(c) on behalf of Rutland Dental Care. Michael Keel from Rutland Dental spoke to the Board about their request to waive the six-month requirement for employment as a dental assistant down to four months for purposes of obtaining a Radiographic Endorsement as a dental assistant.

Dr. Koch moved to allow Rutland Dental Care to reduce the employment requirement from six months to four months but only for the six employees who currently do not have six months of employment as a dental assistant. The Board considered the request for a waiver of 6 months for any dental assistants employed by the practice for one year but declined to waive the rule for a period of time. Rather, the Board moved to waive Rule 7.13(c) for the six employees currently seeking licensure who did not currently have six months of employment.

Dr. Kravitz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Developing Telehealth Licensing Rules**

Attorney Layman explained to the Board OPR's new registrations and licenses for telehealth that affect certain professions, including all professions licensed by the Board. The process for adopting rules for implementing the telehealth licenses and registrations was explained.

- **Vermont Department of Health Update**

Ms. Greaves stated there was no update at this time.

6. Adjournment:

After inviting public comment, Dr. Koch adjourned the meeting at 10:44am.

Next Scheduled Meeting –
Wednesday, September 14th, 2022
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