



Board of Dental Examiners

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Meeting Minutes

Remote Meeting

Wednesday, March 9th, 2022 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, Elizabeth Merrill, Lucille Kelly, Linda Greaves and Mimi Kevan.

Members Absent: David Baasch & Cheryl Ullman

OPR Personnel Present: Gabriel Gilman, General Counsel; Cassandra Diederich, Staff Attorney; Corey Young, Licensing Administrator; Rachel Heath, Prosecuting Attorney; Kristin Donnelly, Case Manager; Kara Shangraw, Licensing Administrator; and Michael Kupersmith, Administrative Law Officer.

Guests: Diane Dumas, Heather Blair, Patrick Gallivan, Ellen Grimes.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes:

Ms. Merrill moved to approve the minutes of January 12th, 2022 as amended. Ms. Kelly seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Discipline:

- **9:30 – Summary Suspension, In re: Tammy Larocque – Docket # 2022-5**

Dr. Koch moved to accept the summary suspension presented by OPR for Tammy Larocque. Ms. Merrill seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

4. Other Business

- **CITA Exam for Dental Hygienists**

The Board broke out into a brief discussion on the acceptance of the CITA exam for dental hygienist licensure. The topic will be tabled to the May Board meeting.

- **Dental Therapy education requirements for licensure**

Heather Blair spoke to the Board about VTC's question regarding dental therapist's obtaining licensure via endorsement. The topic will be tabled until the May meeting. OPR will do more research into licensure requirements.

- **Vermont Department of Health Update**

Ms. Greaves provided an update from the Department of Health to the Board.

- **Policy Review Regarding Radiographs for Vermont Patients**

Dr. Ruhl asked the Board & OPR to consider providing clarification on the requirement to promptly provide radiographic records to address concerns of poor quality radiographic records being provided with delays that may affect patient care. The topic will be tabled to the May Board meeting.

5. Adjournment:

After inviting public comment, Dr. Ruhl adjourned the meeting at 10:33am.

Next Scheduled Meeting – Wednesday, May 11th, 2022
Please check the [OPR Meeting Calendar](#) for updates

