

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION  
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MONTPELIER, VT

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE  
VERMONT BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2014 MEETING

Present: John Lavoie, Edward Pantzar, Randall Miller, Joanne Bugbee, David Baasch, Katherine Silloway, Dixie Vallie, Jennie Kendall, and Mimi Kevan; Absent: Gerald Theberge; Office of Professional Regulation Personnel: Larry Novins, Peter Comart, and Diane Lafaille. Others Present: Ellen Grimes.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. The minutes of the August 13, 2014 meeting were approved with the following correction: Number 4 Case Managers Report should read, "There are 25 pending cases. 1 case is on hold, 8 are ready for Investigative Team meetings, 7 are with investigators, 3 closings received, 2 are set for hearings, 1 charges have been filed and 3 are pending charges.
3. Hearings/Stipulations/Closing Reports/Removals:  
  
M2014-70 (2001-41) Roger Hirschberg – Petition to Modify Stipulation and Consent Order was held.
4. Case Manager's Report: This was tabled until the Board's next meeting.
5. Other
  - a. The Board discussed Boston University's program completion certification. After September 25, 2014, the Board has determined that any graduates must have officially graduated and been granted a diploma before they can be eligible for licensure. Attorney Novins was requested to notify Boston University of the Board's decision.
  - b. Dr. Jeffrey Crandall emailed the Board regarding the drug abuse epidemic that exists in Vermont and nationwide and the concerns that have been expressed that dentists are a large contributor to this global problem because of the number of prescriptions that are written by members of our profession. Attorney Novins was requested to respond the Board lacks authority to regulate how dentists prescribe. The Board appreciates and shares his concern about opiate prescription and abuse in Vermont. Please be advised the DOH is working to promulgate prescription guidelines for Vermont prescribing professions. The Board may mention the DOH efforts in its next newsletter. Dr. Crandall also stated the Board should be aware of the changes that are developing in the specialty recognition process and that the Board may wish to consider changes in the Vermont Statutes that would be more in line with the trends for the future in this area. The Board responded that it is reluctant to propose any statutory changes without a clearly demonstrated need for changes to protect the public health, safety and welfare.
  - c. Dr. David Averill is currently the Vermont Representative to the House of Representatives to ADEX. Ms. Kendall moved, seconded by Dr. Silloway, to elect Dr. Averill to continue to be the Vermont Representative for the next year. Approved.
  - d. The Board held elections.  
  
Dr. Pantzar nominated Ms. Kendall as Chair of the Board, seconded by Ms. Vallie. Dr. Miller nominated Dr. Pantzar as Chair of the Board, seconded by Ms. Kevan. Dr. Pantzar did not accept the nomination. Ms. Kendall was approved as Chair of the Board.  
  
Dr. Miller nominated Dr. Baasch as Vice Chair, seconded by Ms. Kevan. Dr. Lavoie nominated Dr. Pantzar as Vice Chair, seconded by Dr. Silloway. Dr. Pantzar did not accept the nomination. Dr. Baasch was approved as Vice Chair of the Board.  
  
Ms. Kendall nominated Ms. Vallie as Secretary of the Board, seconded by Dr. Baasch. Approved.
- c. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for October 8th.

6. The Board adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Diane Lafaille, Licensing Board Specialist