

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
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MONTPELIER, VT

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
VERMONT BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
APRIL 8, 2015 MEETING

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. The minutes of the March 11, 2015 meeting were approved with a minor correction.
3. Hearings/Stipulations/Closing Reports/Removals:
 - a. 2011-817; 2012-256 and 2013-210 _ Dr. LaShun Carroll – A Stipulation and Consent Order was heard at 9:30 a.m. Dr. Lavoie moved, seconded by Dr. Miller, to accept the Stipulation and Consent Order. The Board strongly suggests that the Investigative Team have direct communication with the Rhode Island Board regarding this. Approved.
 - b. Closing Reports:

2015-14 and 2015-15 – Dr. Lavoie presented this case for closure. Dr. Pantzar moved, seconded by Ms. Kevan, to close this case. Approved.

2014-605 – Ms. Kendall presented this case for closure. Dr. Theberge moved, seconded by Dr. Lavoie, to close this case. Approved.
4. Case Manager's Report:

Ms. Preston reported that the Board has 24 pending cases. 1 is under appeal, 7 are ready for Investigative Team meetings, 3 were closed at today's meeting, 7 are with investigators, 2 charges have been filed and 4 are set for hearing.
5. Other
 - a. Dr. Robert Ruhl submitted an email to the Board asking if a dental assistant is permitted to adjust dentures. The Board responded that it considers proper adjustment of dentures to involve diagnosis. Denture adjustment may also contribute to or result in an irremediable alteration of the oral anatomy. Thus, under 26 V.S.A. Section 561 it is not permitted.
 - b. Dr. Ellen Grimes has proposed Legislation to be added to the OPR Bill that would remove the prohibition against educators serving on the dental board. Deputy Secretary Winters came to speak with the Board regarding this. The Board, after considerable discussion, voted 6 to 3 in favor of striking this language from the statute.
 - c. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for May 13th.
6. Public Comment
7. The Board adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Diane Lafaille, Licensing Board Specialist