



## **Board of Dental Examiners**

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#### **UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE VERMONT BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS JUNE 12, 2019 MEETING**

Present: Robert Ruhl, William Koch, Gerald Theberge, Sally Buell, Mimi Kevan, Elizabeth Merrill, Jennie Kendall and Lucille Kelly. Absent: Randall Miller, Cheryl Ullman and David Baasch; Office of Professional Regulation Personnel: Director Lauren Hibbert, Gabriel Gilman, Tara Grenier, and Diane Lafaille; Others present: Diane Dumas, Vaughn Collins, Ellen Grimes and Debora Teixeira.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.
2. The Board welcomed Lucille Kelly to the Board.
3. Tara Grenier notified the Board that Ashley Cota had resigned her position. Diane Lafaille will be returning to the Board as its Licensing Administrator.
4. Ms. Kevan moved, seconded by Ms. Buell, to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2019 as written. Approved.
5. 2018-65 – Darshna Patel. A Proposed Default Order was heard. Ms. Kendall moved, seconded by Ms. Merrill, to accept the Proposed Default Order. Approved.
6. Director Lauren Hibbert came before the Board to discuss the budget. She stated that the raise in renewal fees has decreased by 10% since she last spoke to them. The fees will increase as follows:

Traditional and Certified Dental Assistant –Renewal fees will be raised from \$75 to \$90.

Dental Hygienist –Renewal fees will be raised from \$125.00 to \$215.

Dentist –Renewal fees will be raised from \$355 to \$575.

At the Boards March 2019 meeting they asked Director Hibbert why the budget projections in the “off years” were so high. She indicated that this was an error in the Business Office and the budget has been revised.

Director Hibbert was asked about the length and questions that are on the Vermont Department of Health’s Census, which is included with the Renewals. Director Hibbert directed them to the Department of Health with any questions they may have.

7. Other:
  - a. Dr. Mark Christensen, a Representative of WREB, came before the Board with a presentation. Attorney Gilman would like to see a comparison of pass rates for all Regional Board Examinations. Ms. Kevan moved, seconded by Dr. Koch, to table this discussion until this information is obtained. Approved.

- b. Tooth Tutor collaborative Agreements was discussed. Attorney Gilman stated that Dental professionals who provide dental health education and screenings is not regulated under Chapter 12 of Title 26 and is not required to do a collaborative agreement. It was requested that the Dental Hygienist General Supervision Agreement reflect this.
  - c. Attorney Gilman asked the Board about a hygienist's use of OMT and related training. It was noted that this is not part of the dental hygiene curriculum. The Board stated that the general rule on delegate is found at 3 V.S.A. §129a(a)(6), which prohibits "[d]elegating professional responsibilities to a person whom the licensed professional knows, or has reason to know, is not qualified by training, experience, education or licensing credentials to perform them or knowingly providing professional supervision or serving as a preceptor to a person who has not been licensed or registered as required by the laws of that person's profession."

"A dental hygienist may perform duties for which the dental hygienist has been qualified by successful completion of the normal curriculum offered by programs of dental hygiene accredited by the American Dental Association or in a continuing education courses approved by the Board. A dental hygienist may perform tasks in the office of any licensed dentist consistent with the rules adopted by the Board." 26 B.S.A. § 624(a).
  - d. Draft Rules – The Board will finalize the rules at its next meeting. The Board has determined it would like the current rules, Part I, Scope of Practice, to be added back into the Proposed Rules.
  - e. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2019.
8. Public Comment
9. The Board adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Diane Lafaille, Licensing Administrator I