



**Board of Dental Examiners**  
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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE  
VERMONT BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS  
JANUARY 8, 2019 MEETING

Present: Robert Ruhl, William Koch, Mimi Kevan, Elizabeth Merrill, David Baasch, Lucille Kelly, Randall Miller, Linda Greaves. Absent: Cheryl Ullman and Jennie Kendall; Office of Professional Regulation Personnel: Gabriel Gilman and Diane Lafaille; Others present: Ellen Grimes, Vaughn Collins, Elizabeth Walker, Deborah Teixeira, Stephanie Winters and Leah Pearl.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. The Board welcomed Linda Greaves.
3. Ms. Kevan moved, seconded by Ms. Merrill, to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2019 meeting as written. Approved.
4. Applications:
  - a. Laabs, Elizabeth – Dr. Miller moved, seconded by Ms. Merrill, to accept the Canadian Boards and to grant licensure. Approved. Dr. Baasch was opposed.
  - b. Pathagunti, Srinivasa Dr. Koch moved, seconded by Ms. Merrill, to grant licensure. Approved. Ms. Kevan abstained from voting.
5. Other:
  - a. The Board reaffirmed its position that the statutory scope of dental practice, set out at 26 V.S.A. Section 561(3), speaks for itself. Dental practice is focused upon ‘deficiencies of the human oral cavity, teeth, gingiva, maxilla, or mandible or adjacent associated structures.’ Clinical application of Botox by dentists must bear a rational and legitimate nexus to a disorder or deficiency in those areas of the oral anatomy.
  - b. The Board received comments from The Vermont Society of Anesthesiologists and from the Voices for Vermont’s Children and as well as from the Nurse Anesthetists regarding the draft rules. Specifically addressing deep sedation and/or general anesthesia of a pediatric patient in a dental facility and that there must be at least 2 individuals present with the patient throughout the procedure.  
  
Ms. Kevan moved to decline inserting this language that was proposed into the draft rules. Seconded by Dr. Koch. Approved.  
  
Discussion regarding PGY-1 draft rules was heard. Dr. Baasch moved, seconded by Ms. Kevan, to accept in the draft rules, PGY 1 plus 2 years experience. Approved.  
  
The draft rules are now finalized and will be filed.
  - c. Continuing Education request – Caries Stabilization – A schedule is needed before a determination can be made on the number of hours to approve.

- d. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2020.
- 6. Public Comment
- 7. The Board adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Diane Lafaille, Licensing Administrator I