



# **Board of Dental Examiners**

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### **Approved Meeting Minutes**

#### **\*Remote Meeting\***

**Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 9:00a.m.**

#### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 A.M., by Dr. Ruhl.

**Members Present:** Robert Ruhl, William Koch, Elizabeth Merrill, David Baasch, Lucille Kelly, Cheryl Ullman, Mimi Kevan, Linda Greaves and Randall Miller

**OPR Personnel Present:** Gabriel Gilman, General Counsel; Corey Young, Licensing Administrator I; and Dylan Bruce, policy/planning analyst.

**Guests:** Diane Dumas, Patrick Gallivan, Ellen Grimes, Jenny Pitz, Darren Boles, Debora Teixeira and Ceire Lennox.

#### **2. Approval of previous minutes:**

Dr. Ullman moved to accept the minutes of December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Board meeting as presented. Dr. Baasch seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **3. Discipline: None**

#### **4. Other Business:**

- St. Johnsbury Dental Associates.
  - Dr. Darren Boles spoke to the Board, requesting a waiver of Vermont's administrative rule 7.13(c), based on the difficulty of finding DHCP.
  - Dr. Koch moved that the Board waive the six-month employment requirement found in Administrative Rule 7.13(c), such that, for calendar year 2021, a dental assistant with four months of lawful employment may qualify for the radiographic endorsement. Dr. Baasch seconded the motion
    - The motion passed with a divided roll call as follows:  
Ruhl (y); Koch (y); Merrill (y); Baasch (y);  
Kelly (n), Ullman (y) Kevan (y); Greaves (y); Miller (y).
- Check-in on Licensing of Foreign-trained dentists under 26 V.S.A., § 601(2)(B) .
  - Mr. Gilman explained that the General Assembly, with Act 144 (2018), amended [26 V.S.A. § 601\(2\)\(B\)](#) to recognize equivalence of primary dental training based on completion of a CODA-accredited postgraduate specialty program. Thus, the Board has a dentistry-specific credential equivalence system of the type required of the professions generally by the newer [3 V.S.A. § 137](#) (2019). The Board observed CODA accrediting standards and discussed the relationships between the training path and scope of practice.
  - Dylan Bruce provided data on the number of persons licensed under the new law, how many came to reside and practice in Vermont, and prevailing source specialties. OPR will continue to monitor uptake and effects of § 601(2)(B) to ensure appropriate public protection and will update the Board periodically.

- CDCA exam
  - Dr. Baasch brought to the Board's attention that applicants have been taking the CDCA exam multiple times for passage. Dr. Ruhl suggested that more research is to be done, prior to moving forward; looking into what other states require for exam attempt limits.

## **5. Adjournment:**

After inviting public comment, Dr. Ruhl adjourned the meeting for lack of further business at 10:09am.

Next Scheduled Meeting – Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
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