



Board of Dental Examiners

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Approved Meeting Minutes

Remote Meeting

Wednesday, November 10th, 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, Linda Greaves, Lucille Kelly, David Baasch and Mimi Kevan.

Members Absent: Randall Miller & Cheryl Ullman.

OPR Personnel Present: Kassandra Diederich, Staff Attorney; Gabriel Gilman, General Counsel; and Corey Young, Licensing Administrator.

Guests: Diane Dumas, Heather Blair, Patrick Gallivan, Kim Laudenslager and Debora Teixeira

2. Approval of Previous Minutes:

Ms. Kevan moved to approve the minutes of October 13th, 2021 as presented. Ms. Merrill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Discipline: None

4. Other Business:

- a. The Board discussed ways to limit qualifying postgraduate programs that would be accepted towards licensure.
 - The Board engaged in a lengthy discussion regarding the statutory path for licensure by examination for dentists which requires that an applicant be a graduate of a program of foreign dental training and a postgraduate program accredited by CODA that is acceptable to the Board. 26 V.S.A. § 601(2)(B). Specifically, the Board considered what, if any, standards to apply to the required postgraduate programs accredited by CODA to deem them “acceptable” to the Board.
 - Dr. Koch moved that the minimum requirement for the postgraduate programs be a minimum of a two-year, in-person program with clinical components. Ms. Kevan seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.
 - OPR’s General Counsel division will reconcile the Board’s requested action with the text of . 26 V.S.A. § 601(2)(B) & 3 V.S.A. § 137 (calling for a uniform process for foreign credential verification) and return a draft policy for discussion at the Board’s December meeting.

- b. Ms. Greaves spoke to the board on Vermont Department of Health updates
- c. The Board was presented with the newly translated SDF consent forms.

5. Adjournment:

After inviting public comment, Dr. Ruhl adjourned the meeting at 10:15am.

Next Scheduled Meeting – Wednesday, December 8th, 2021

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