



Board of Dental Examiners

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Approved Meeting Minutes

Remote Meeting

Wednesday, January 11th, 2023 at 9:00a.m.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M., by Dr. Ruhl

Members Present: Robert Ruhl, William Koch, Lucille Kelly, Toby Kravitz, Ellen Grimes, Mimi Kevan, Elizabeth Merrill, and Linda Greaves.

Members Absent:

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

Guests: John Echternach, Diane Dumas, Bob Frenier, Leslie Hills, Robin Miller, Stephanie Stead, Lyrica Stelle, Debora Teixeira, Nicole Waweru, Rudolph Fedrizzi, Carmen Negron, David Solomon, and Rebecca Foulk.

2. Changes to the Agenda:

Dr. Ruhl requested that the agenda topic *CDCA-WREB-CITA annual meeting recap* be added to the agenda.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes:

Dr. Kravitz moved to approve the minutes of November 9th, 2022 with the correction of adding in that Ms. Kelly recused herself from the disciplinary matter. Dr. Koch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Discipline: None

5. Other Business

- **Consideration of formal certification program for Vermont Dental Hygienists to utilize existing dental materials to place "no-drill" SMART restorations**

Dr. John Echternach presented to the Board the need for Vermont public health dental hygienist to be allowed to perform Silver Modified Atraumatic Restorative Technique (SMART). Dr. Echternach had Rebecca Foulk and Bob Frenier provided testimonials in support of the proposal.

Dr. Grimes moved to inquire of the relevant legislative committees whether the proposal by VDH and the hygienist community to add SMART restoration to the scope of practice permitted of a public-health hygienist is a "material" proposal to change the scope of practice necessitating a preliminary scope of practice review pursuant to 26 V.S.A. 3108. Dr. Kravitz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- **CDCA-WREB-CITA meeting recap**

Dr. Kravits spoke to the Board his observations from attending the CDCA-WREB-CITA annual meeting.

- **Vermont Department of Health Update:**

Ms. Greaves informed the Board that there were no pending items from VDH.

- Ms. Kevan gave her resignation to the Board. The Board thanked Ms. Kevan for her years of service to the Board.

6. Adjournment:

After inviting public comment, Dr. Ruhl adjourned the meeting at 11:15am.

Next Scheduled Meeting –
Wednesday, March 8th, 2023
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