



Board of Dental Examiners

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Approved Meeting Minutes

Remote Meeting

**Wednesday, September 13th, 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, Toby Kravitz, Ellen Grimes, Lucille Kelly, Farid Hamidzadeh, Elizabeth Merrill & Cassandra Coakley and Linda Greaves

OPR Personnel Present: Lauren Layman, General Counsel; Emily Tredeau, Staff Attorney; Julie Bowen, Docket Clerk; and Corey Young, Licensing Administrator II.

Guests: Matthew Shafer, Patrick Gallivan, Matt Rossetto, Justin Hurlburt, John Echternach, Debora Teixeira, Heather Ross, Jamie Feehan, Jenny Pitz, Sarah Ostrander, Kimber Cobb, Tais Torezan, Diane Dumas, Mike Keel, and David Blanck.

2. Changes to the Agenda:

Items to be added to the agenda:

- Officer Elections
- National Exam Waiver Request
- CDCA WREB CITA Meeting

3. Approval of Previous Minutes:

Dr. Kravitz moved to approve the minutes of July 12th, 2023, as presented. Ms. Kelly seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Discipline:

- **9:15 a.m. – In re: David Blanck, Docket No. 2023-32; Order to Remove Conditions**
 - Dr. Kravitz moved to accept the order to remove conditions as presented. Dr. Koch seconded the motion, motion carried.

5. Other Business

- **VDH Revised Dental Findings Form**
 - Ms. Greaves and Ms. Teixeira informed the Board of VDH's updated dental finding forms.
 - Dr. Grimes moved to include a line on the form indicating that the SMART procedure had been completed by a Dental Hygienist. Dr. Kravitz seconded the motion, motion did not pass.
 - Dr. Coakley – Nay
 - Dr. Hamidzadeh – Nay

- Dr. Koch – Nay
- Dr. Ruhl – Nay
- Dr. Kravitz – Nay
- Ms. Greaves – Nay
- Dr. Grimes – Yay
- Ms. Kelly – Yay
- Ms. Merrill – Nay

b. CSG Dentist and Dental Hygienist Interstate Compact

- Matt Rossetto & Matt Shafer presented to the Board about the CSG and the CSG Dental Compact.

c. National Exam Waiver Request

- Attorney Ross spoke to the Board about a foreign dentist requesting Vermont's passage of the National Board requirement be waived.

d. CDCA WREB CITA Meeting

- Dr. Kravitz recapped the July 25th CDCA Meeting to the Board.

e. Officer Elections

- Dr. Koch moved to nominate the existing slate of officers for the next year. Ms. Kelly seconded the motion, motion carried.
 - **Chair** – Dr. Robert Ruhl
 - **Vice Chair** - Dr. William Koch
 - **Secretary** – Ms. Lucille Kelly

f. Rulemaking Update

- Attorney Tredeau provided an update on the draft administrative rules.

6. Vermont Department of Health Update

7. Public Comment:

- Dr. Echternach spoke to the Board on legislation passing the use of the SMART procedure for Dental Hygienists.
- Dr. Echternach will present to the Board what a curriculum on the SMART procedure might look like.

8. Next Meeting topics:

- **Interstate Compact Licenses**
- **SMILE curriculum outline**
- **Rulemaking**

9. Adjournment:

After inviting public comment, Dr. Ruhl adjourned the meeting at 11:23am.

Next Scheduled Meeting –
 Wednesday, December 8th, 2023
 Please check the [OPR Meeting Calendar](#) for updates