



Board of Dental Examiners

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Approved Meeting Minutes

Remote Meeting

Wednesday, January 12th, 2022 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, Elizabeth Merrill, Lucille Kelly, Cheryl Ullman, David Baasch, Linda Greaves and Mimi Kevan.

Members Absent:

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

Guests: Diane Dumas, Leslie Hills, Ratna Bollavarapu, Robin Miller, Anas Al-Tae, Prashanta Patel, Heather Blair, Patrick Gallivan, Anubhav Jain and Debora Teixeira

2. Approval of Previous Minutes:

Ms. Kevan moved to approve the minutes of December 8th, 2021 as presented. Dr. Ullman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Discipline: None

4. Other Business:

- a. Resume tabled discussion of acceptability of § 601(2)(B) programs and development of a related policy.
 - Mr. Gilman informed the Board of OPR's uniform process for foreign credential verification. As a result, Mr. Gilman and the Board constructed an updated foreign trained Dentist policy;
CODA-accredited programs are presumptively "acceptable to the Board," except those that (1) have no in-person component, or (2) have graduated BDS graduates who present without accounting for at least six years of postsecondary training with clinical experience. Those characteristics call into question the basis for the program's determination of equivalence, and the appropriate response is to invite the applicant to apply through the [Administrative Rules for Assessment of Professional Credentials Obtained Outside the United States](#). To minimize expense to applicants, the Board will accept third-party credential verification assessments prepared for admission, if the same can be obtained from the source or the registrar of the CODA-accredited program from which the applicant graduated.

Dr. Koch moved to accept the policy as presented. Ms. Kelly seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

- b. Vermont Department of Health Update – Ms. Greaves spoke to the board on Vermont Department of Health updates.

5. Public Comment:

6. Adjournment:

After inviting public comment, Dr. Ruhl adjourned the meeting at 10:31am.

Next Scheduled Meeting – Wednesday, March 9th, 2022
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