



Board of Dental Examiners
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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE
VERMONT BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
MAY 12, 2020 MEETING

Present: Robert Ruhl, William Koch, Jennie Kendall, Elizabeth Merrill, David Baasch, Lucille Kelly, Randy Miller, Mimi Kevan, Cheryl Ullman, and Linda Greaves; Office of Professional Regulation Personnel: Gabriel Gilman and Diane Lafaille; Others present: This meeting was held remotely. There were many people in attendance.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. Ms. Kendall moved, seconded by Ms. Kelly, to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2020 with one typographical error corrected. Approved by unanimous vote.
3. Ms. Kendall noted items in Section 5 of the March 11, 2020 minutes that need to be placed on a future agenda for Board action.
4. Application

Dr. Baasch moved, seconded by Dr. Koch, to approve the application of Jony Suneela Palaparathi. Approved by unanimous vote.
5. Dr. Ellen Grimes requested that the Board give permission for manikin-based examinations for the dental hygiene students for the 2020 graduating class. Dr. Baasch moved, seconded by Dr. Koch, to accept a non-patient-based examination for this graduating class of 2020. Approved by unanimous vote.
6. Dental Sector Guidance Recommendations - 150 participants joined the web meeting to observe development of Dental Sector Guidance Recommendations, the maximum number the web platform could accommodate. Dr. Ruhl made an opening statement. Ms. Reed expressed concern that a small number of dentists developed guidance without input from the entire Board. Drs. Koch and Baasch acknowledged Ms. Reed's concerns and replied that they did not intend to exclude anyone from the process.

After public comment, the Board revisited the draft and made changes. This includes three specific sections where a motion was made and seconded and approved. These sections are as follows:

- (a) Section V of the Draft – Dr. Miller moved, seconded by Dr. Baasch to remove paragraph 3 of this section. Drs. Ruhl, Koch, Baasch, Miller and Ullman voted yes. Ms. Greaves, Reed and Kelly voted no. Attorney Gilman suggested a different change that would combine all three paragraphs in this section. This last option suggested by Attorney Gilman was accepted by the Board.
- (b) Section VI – Dr. Miller moved, seconded by Dr. Koch, to strike this section. Approved.

- (c) Under the section “For Patient Care”, in the text, “Aerosol-generating procedures should generally be avoided. Dental health care professionals should consider prioritizing approaches such as [ADA’s evidence-based nonrestorative management of carious lesions](#), including use of SDF and protective glass ionomer restorations (SMART),” Dr. Miller moved, seconded by Dr. Baasch, to remove the following sentence “Dental health care professionals should consider prioritizing approaches such as [ADA’s evidence-based nonrestorative management of carious lesions](#), including use of SDF and protective glass ionomer restorations (SMART).” Approved.
7. Dr. Koch moved, seconded by Dr. Baasch, to submit the Board’s recommendations to the Commissioner of Health. Approved. The Board expressed willing to entertain any questions VDH may have.
8. The Board adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Diane Lafaille, Licensing Administrator I