



Board of Dental Examiners

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Approved Meeting Minutes

Remote Meeting

Wednesday, June 9th, 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, David Baasch, Lucille Kelly, Cheryl Ullman, Mimi Kevan, Randall Miller, and Linda Greaves.

Members Absent: None

OPR Personnel Present: Gabriel Gilman, General Counsel; Corey Young, Licensing Administrator I; Traci Leibowitz, Prosecuting Attorney; Ellen Leff, Case Manager; Kristin Donnelly, Case Manager; and Elizabeth Kneen, Docket Clerk.

Guests: Patrick Gallivan, Diane Dumas, and Debora Teixeira.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes:

Ms. Kevan moved to accept the minutes of May 12th, 2021 as presented. Ms. Merrill seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

3. Discipline:

a. 9:30 am – Stipulation & Consent Order: *In re: Jonathan Mason* – Docket no. 2021-1

- The matter was taken up early, upon confirmation that those wishing to participate were present. Dr. Koch moved to accept the stipulation and consent order as presented. Dr. Baasch seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Dr. Ruhl recused from the vote.

b. 9:30 am – Request Removal of Conditions: *In re: Howard Novak* – Docket no. 2020-97

- The matter was taken up early, upon confirmation that those wishing to participate were present. Dr. Koch moved to accept the stipulation and consent order as presented. Ms. Kevan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Dr. Ruhl recused from the vote.

c. 9:30 am – Stipulation & Consent Order: *In re: Tammy Larocque* – Docket no. 2019-154

- Ms. Kevan moved to accept the stipulation and consent order as presented. Dr. Baasch seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Ms. Kelly recused from the vote.

4. Other Business:

a. Dr. Michael Dick, CE Waiver Request

- Dr. Michael Dick emailed the Board to request a waiver of CE requirements in hopes of reducing costs associated with maintaining his license, which he uses to offer *pro bono* services. The Board discussed that OPR has implemented highly flexible CE policies incident to the covid-19 pandemic and that the Board does not have ready means to limit licenses to correspond with CE waivers. Low-cost or free and online options are readily available.
- Dr. Koch moved to deny the waiver request and ask OPR to contact Dr. Dick to thank him for his *pro bono* work and ensure he is aware of CE flexibility and low-cost options for satisfying the requirement. Dr. Ullman seconded; motion passed unanimously.

b. Vermont Department of Health update:

- Ms. Greaves spoke to the board on Vermont Department of Health updates, including COVID-19 response.

5. Adjournment:

After inviting public comment, Dr. Ruhl adjourned the meeting for lack of further business at 9:49am.

Next Scheduled Meeting – Wednesday, July 14th, 2021
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