

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
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MONTPELIER, VT

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE
VERMONT BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
SEPTEMBER 14, 2016 MEETING

Present: Edward Pantzar, David Baasch, Gerald Theberge, Mimi Kevan, Robert Ruhl, Randall Miller, Sally Buell, Elizabeth Merrill, and Katherine Silloway, Dixie Vallie and Jennie Kendall; Office of Professional Regulation Personnel: Diane Lafaille and Larry Novins. Others present: Ellen Grimes, F. Schilling, Michelle Fay and Jeff Crandall.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. The minutes of the August 10, 2016 meeting were approved as written.
3. Hearings/Stipulations and Consent Orders/Removal of Conditions Orders/Closings
 - a. 2016-486 – Lura Pratson – TDA – A Stipulation and Consent Order was heard. Dr. Miller moved, seconded by Dr. Baasch, to approve the Stipulation and Consent Order. Approved.
 - b. 2013-603 – William J. McDonald – Appeal of Board Decision – The Board voted that the reference of x-ray will be redacted. The original sanction the Board voted to leave as is as Dr. McDonald has fulfilled them.
4. Case Manager's Report:

The Board has 32 pending cases. 1 is on hold, 4 are in intake, 16 are ready for Investigative Team meetings, 3 have been recommended for closure, 2 are set for hearing, 5 are with investigators and 1 case is pending charges.

Ms. Hibbert and Ms. Preston discussed process ideas with the Board. They presented each member of the Board with a worksheet to be completed and return to Ms. Preston with each investigation they are assigned to.
5. Other
 - a. Dr. Jeffrey Crandall came to speak with the Board regarding licensure for foreign trained dentists who have completed two year, CODA approved post-grad programs. He presented the Board with draft legislation that it may use. The Board will take his comments under advisement and will review the language that he submitted for this change. This will be a continued discussion at future Board meetings.
 - b. Attorney Novins and Dr. Grimes will meet to begin drafting rules regarding Bill S.20 Dental Therapists. They will bring these back to the Board for review and approval.
 - c. The Board discussed adopting a policy on the use of opioid for chronic pain. Attorney Novins presented the Board with a policy from the Vermont Board of Medical Practice. The Board has adopted this policy and it will be uploaded to its web page.
 - d. Allowable functions for dental assistants – Ms. Vallie discussed the possibility of a jurisprudence examination to be required for dental assistants. It was determined that the best way to reach dental assistants and educate them on the rules may be through the Vermont Dental Society. Ms. Vallie will contact them.

e. Elections:

Ms. Kendall moved, seconded by Ms. Kevan, to elect Dr. Baasch as chair of the Board. Approved.

Dr. Silloway moved, seconded by Ms. Kevan, to elect Dr. Theberge as vice-chair of the Board. Approved.

Ms. Vallie moved, seconded by Ms. Kendall, to elect Ms. Kevan as secretary of the Board. Approved.

f. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2016.

6. Public Comment

7. The Board adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Diane Lafaille, Licensing Board Specialist