



# **Board of Dental Examiners**

## **Office of Professional Regulation, Vermont Secretary of State**

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### **Approved Meeting Minutes**

#### **\*Remote Meeting\***

**Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 9:00a.m.**

#### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 A.M., by Dr. Ruhl.

**Members Present:** Robert Ruhl, William Koch, Elizabeth Merrill, David Baasch, Lucille Kelly, Cheryl Ullman, Mimi Kevan, and Linda Greaves.

**Members Absent:** Randall Miller.

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

**Guests:** Patrick Gallivan, Ellen Grimes, and Debora Teixeira.

#### **2. Approval of previous minutes:**

Dr. Baasch moved to accept the minutes of April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as presented. Dr. Ullman seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Kevan abstained, as she was absent from April's meeting.

#### **3. Discipline:**

- a. 9:30 am – Stipulation & Consent Order, *In re: Albert Hardy* – Docket # 2021-5
  - The matter was taken up early, at 9:09, upon confirmation that those wishing to participate were present. Dr. Koch moved to accept the stipulation and consent order as presented. Dr. Ullman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Dr. Baasch recused from the vote.

#### **4. Other Business:**

##### **a. Dental records retention:**

- Between meetings, OPR received an inquiry concerning the obligation to retain dental impressions of patients known to have passed away. The Board discussed the general, seven-year retention rule in statute, and there was brief discussion of the rare need to use dental records for identification. It was generally agreed that records of deceased patients should be retained on par with records of living patients; however, members agreed that photographs or other digitized versions of dental impressions may be an appropriate and less space-consuming alternative to retaining physical impressions.

##### **b. EMGY 90-day licensing:**

- On behalf of OPR, to ensure appropriate application of Covid-related emergency licensing statutes, Mr. Gilman inquired of members as to the

availability of clinical exams. Dr. Baasch and Ms. Ellen Grimes both informed the Board that there is no present need for graduates to have the EMGY licensing. Exam locations are presently operational.

**c. 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 9:48am.

Next Scheduled Meeting – Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
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