

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
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MONTPELIER, VT

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE
VERMONT BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
APRIL 13, 2016 MEETING

Present: Edward Pantzar, David Baasch, Gerald Theberge, Mimi Kevan, Sally Buell, Robert Ruhl, Randall Miller, Jennie Kendall, and Elizabeth Merrill; Absent: Katherine Silloway, and Dixie Vallie; Office of Professional Regulation Personnel: Diane Lafaille, Carla Preston, Director Colin Benjamin, and Larry Novins.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. The minutes of the March 9, 2016 meeting were approved with minor typo corrections. Also, Number 5 Correspondence letter c was changed to read, "Ellen Grimes submitted a request to the Board for a revision to Rule 7.10 How to Become Registered as an Expanded Function Dental Assistant. She requests that the rule be changed to require these individuals take the newly created CDCA EFDA exam. The Board will take this under advisement when it discusses rule changes."
3. Hearings/Stipulations and Consent Orders/Removal of Conditions Orders/Closings
Closing Reports:

2014-430 – Dr. Miller moved, seconded by Dr. Theberge, to close this case. Approved.

2014-713 – Dr. Theberge moved, seconded by Ms. Merrill, to close this case. Approved.

2015-95 – Ms. Kendall moved, seconded by Dr. Baasch, to close this case. Approved.

2015-117 and 2015-153 – Dr. Miller moved, seconded by Ms. Buell, to close this case. Approved.

2015-189 – Ms. Kendall moved, seconded by Ms. Kevan, to close this case. Approved.

2015-260 – Dr. Miller moved, seconded by Ms. Kendall, to close this case. Approved.

2015-329, 2015-330 and 2015-426 – Dr. Theberge moved, seconded by Dr. Miller, to close this case. Approved.

2015-504 – Ms. Kendall moved, seconded by Dr. Ruhl, to close this case. Approved.
4. Case Manager's Report:

The Board has 45 pending cases. 1 is on hold, 1 is on appeal, 1 is pending hearing, 5 are ready for Investigative Team meetings, 2 are in intake, 12 the Investigative Team has recommended for closure, 20 are with the investigators and 3 the Investigative Team has recommended charges.
5. Correspondence:
 - a. Rebecca Carr submitted a request for dental continuing education credits for the Annual Preceptor Calibration and Training Session. Ms. Kendall moved, seconded by Dr. Theberge, to approve 6 continuing education credits. Approved.

- b. Dr. George Nieters submitted a renewal application and asked the Board for an exemption of the continuing education requirements for his renewal. The Board stated that the requirements for continuing education cannot be waived and that he would be required to obtain the required 30 continuing education credits before renewal of his license can be considered.
 - c. Colleen Senecal submitted a letter to the board and her CV. It was determined that she would need to apply for licensure to the Board. The Board did discuss the rule and the rule states that one needs to take an examination.
6. Other
- a. Director Benjamin attended the Board meeting to discuss the Board's March 9th minutes regarding dental assistants being registered and how future Stipulations and Consent Orders should reflect this. The Director and the Board discussed the Board's expectations for Stipulations and the legal requirements they must meet. The Director explained the relationship between the prosecutors and the board. All had a better understanding of the matters discussed.
 - b. Attorney Novins updated the Board on the non ADA accredited school requirement. He stated that he is waiting to hear from the Minnesota Board. He will continue to work on this and update the Board at its next meeting.
 - c. Attorney Novins updated the Board on bills S.20 and S.243.
 - d. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2016.
7. Public Comment
8. The Board adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Diane Lafaille, Licensing Board Specialist