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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

F I N A L M I N U T E S

MEETING OF:

**STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE**

TIME: 10:42 A.M.

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

January 15, 2021

State Board of Dentistry
January 15, 2021

BOARD MEMBERS:

K. Kalonji Johnson, Commissioner, Bureau of
Professional and Occupational Affairs
R. Ivan Lugo, D.M.D., M.B.A., Chairperson
Brice D. Arndt, D.D.S.
Shawn M. Casey, D.M.D.
Barbara (Bonnie) L. Fowler, Public Member
Godfrey Joel Funari, M.S., D.M.D.
Theresa A. Groody, EFDA
Alice Hart Hughes, Esquire, Secretary, Public Member
April Hutcheson, Communications Director, Department
of Health designee - Absent
Joel S. Jaspan, D.D.S.
Andrew S. Matta, D.M.D.
LaJuan M. Mountain, D.M.D.
Donna L. Murray, R.D.H.
Amber Sizemore, Esquire, Office of Attorney General
Jennifer Unis Sullivan, D.M.D., J.D.

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel
Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Board Counsel
Paul J. Jarabeck, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison
Peter D. Kovach, Esquire, Senior Prosecutor in Charge
Lisa M. Burns, Board Administrator
Carolyn A. DeLaurentis, Deputy Chief Counsel,
Prosecution Division
Cynthia K. Montgomery, Esquire, Deputy Chief
Counsel/Regulatory Counsel, Department of State
Kimberly Adams, Chief of Fiscal Management, Bureau of
Finance and Operations, Department of State
Theodore Stauffer, Executive Secretary, Bureau of
Professional and Occupational Affairs

ALSO PRESENT:

Pat Connolly-Atkins, R.D.H., Senior Advisor,
Commission on Dental Competency Assessments

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2 State Board of Dentistry

3 January 15, 2021

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5 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at
6 9:00 a.m. the Board entered into executive session
7 with Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel, and
8 Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Board Counsel, for the
9 purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations on
10 a number of matters currently pending before the Board
11 and to receive the advice of counsel. The Board
12 returned to open session at 10:30 a.m.

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14 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
15 Board of Dentistry was held on Friday, January 15,
16 2021. R. Ivan Lugo, D.M.D., M.B.A., Chairperson,
17 called the meeting to order at 10:42 a.m.

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19 Introductions

20 [Chairperson Lugo requested the introduction of Board
21 members.]

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23 [Chairperson Lugo reminded the public that the meeting
24 was being recorded, and those who remained were
25 consenting to be recorded.]

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2 Approval of minutes of the November 20, 2020 meeting

3 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

4 Can I have a motion to approve the
5 minutes for November 20?

6 DR. ARNDT:

7 So moved.

8 MS. FOWLER:

9 Second.

10 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

11 Any other comments? Hearing none. Call
12 the question to vote for accepting the
13 minutes.

14

15 Dr. Arndt, aye; Dr. Casey, aye; Ms.
16 Fowler, aye; Dr. Funari, aye; Ms.
17 Groody, aye; Ms. Hughes, aye; Dr.
18 Jaspán, aye; Dr. Mountain, aye; Ms.
19 Murray, aye; Ms. Sizemore, aye; and Dr.
20 Sullivan, aye.

21 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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23 Report of Prosecutorial Division

24 MS. WALTER:

25 Items on the agenda numbers 2, 3, and 4

1 are VRP Agreements. Number 2 is Case
2 No. 20-46-010414, No. 3 is Case No. 20-
3 46-010665, No. 4 is Case No. 20-46-
4 010855.

5 I believe the Board would entertain
6 a motion to accept these VRP Agreements.

7 DR. FUNARI:

8 I'll make the motion.

9 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

10 Second?

11 DR. MOUNTAIN:

12 Second.

13 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

14 Any discussions? Call the question.

15

16 Dr. Arndt, aye; Dr. Casey, aye; Ms.

17 Fowler, aye; Dr. Funari, aye; Ms.

18 Groody, aye; Ms. Hughes, aye; Dr.

19 Jaspan, aye; Dr. Matta, aye; Dr.

20 Mountain, aye; Ms. Murray, aye; Ms.

21 Sizemore, aye; and Dr. Sullivan, aye.

22 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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24 MS. WALTER:

25 Number 5 on the agenda is Case No. 19-

1 46-005144, for which Dr. Matta, Ms.
2 Sizemore, and Ms. Hughes are recused.

3 I believe the Board would entertain
4 a motion to approve the Consent
5 Agreement.

6 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

7 Motion?

8 MS. GROODY:

9 I'll make that motion.

10 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

11 Second?

12 DR. JASPAN:

13 Second.

14 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

15 Call the question.

16

17 Dr. Arndt, aye; Dr. Casey, aye; Ms.
18 Fowler, aye; Dr. Funari, aye; Ms.
19 Groody, aye; Ms. Hughes, recuse; Dr.
20 Jaspan, aye; Dr. Matta, recuse; Dr.
21 Mountain, aye; Ms. Murray, aye; Ms.
22 Sizemore, recuse; Dr. Sullivan, aye.

23 [The motion carried. Ms. Sizemore, Ms. Hughes, and
24 Dr. Matta were recused from deliberations and voting
25 on the motion. Dr. Arndt opposed the motion. The

1 Respondent's name is Elizabeth Renee Doubet, EFDA.]

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3 MS. WALTER:

4 Number 6 on the agenda is Case No. 19-
5 46-012196.

6 I believe the Board would entertain
7 a motion to approve the Consent
8 Agreement.

9 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

10 Could I get a motion?

11 MS. FOWLER:

12 So moved.

13 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

14 Second?

15 MS. GROODY:

16 Second.

17 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

18 Call the question.

19

20 Dr. Arndt, nay; Dr. Casey, aye; Ms.

21 Fowler, aye; Dr. Funari, nay; Ms.

22 Groody, aye; Ms. Hughes, nay; Dr.

23 Jaspan, nay; Dr. Matta, aye; Dr.

24 Mountain, aye; Ms. Murray, aye; Ms.

25 Sizemore, aye; Dr. Sullivan, nay.

1 [The motion carried. Dr. Arndt, Dr. Funari, Ms.
2 Hughes, Dr. Jaspán, and Dr. Sullivan opposed the
3 motion.]

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5 Proposed Adjudications and Orders

6 MS. WUCINSKI:

7 I believe the Board would entertain a
8 motion to direct Board counsel to draft
9 an Adjudication and Order consistent
10 with discussions in executive session
11 for Eugene Myung Ko, D.D.S., Case No.
12 20-46-006034.

13 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

14 Could I get a motion?

15 DR. MOUNTAIN:

16 Motion.

17 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

18 Second?

19 MS. GROODY:

20 Second.

21 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

22 All in favor? Opposed?

23 [The motion carried. Ms. Hughes and Dr. Matta opposed
24 the motion.]

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1 MS. WUCINSKI:

2 I believe the Board would entertain a
3 motion to direct Board counsel to draft
4 an Adjudication and Order consistent
5 with discussions in executive session
6 for Sammy Stefan Noubbissi, D.D.S.,
7 M.S., Case No. 20-46-006109.

8 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

9 Motion?

10 MS. GROODY:

11 Motion.

12 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

13 Second?

14 DR. ARNDT:

15 Second.

16 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

17 All in favor? Opposed?

18 [The motion carried. Ms. Fowler opposed the motion.]

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20 Miscellaneous

21 MS. WUCINSKI:

22 I believe the Board would entertain a
23 motion to approve Chad A. Harris, D.M.D.
24 as a practice monitor for Kevin Wade
25 Burton, D.D.S. at Case No. 16-46-02575.

1 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

2 Motion?

3 DR. FUNARI:

4 Motion.

5 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

6 Second?

7 DR. JASPAN:

8 Second.

9 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

10 All in favor? Any opposed?

11 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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13 Review of Applications

14 MS. WUCINSKI:

15 I believe the Board would entertain a
16 motion to provisionally deny the License
17 to Practice as an Expanded Function
18 Dental Assistant of William E. Jennings
19 Jr., EFDA.

20 MS. GROODY:

21 I'll make the motion.

22 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

23 Thank you. Second?

24 MS. HUGHES:

25 Second.

1 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

2 All in favor? Any opposed?

3 [The motion carried. Dr. Funari was recused from
4 deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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6 MS. WUCINSKI:

7 I believe the Board would entertain a
8 motion to provisionally deny the
9 Application for a License to Practice
10 Dentistry of Mindy D. Broda, D.M.D.

11 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

12 Motion?

13 DR. ARNDT:

14 I'll make the motion.

15 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

16 Thank you. Second?

17 MS. GROODY:

18 Second.

19 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

20 All in favor? Any opposed?

21 [The motion carried. Ms. Hughes opposed the motion.]

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23 MS. WUCINSKI:

24 I believe the Board would entertain a
25 motion to approve the Application to

1 Practice Dentistry under Act 41 of
2 Jerome Halle, D.D.S.

3 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

4 Motion?

5 DR. ARNDT:

6 So moved.

7 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

8 Second?

9 MS. FOWLER:

10 Second.

11 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

12 All in favor? Any opposed?

13 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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15 MS. WUCINSKI:

16 I believe the Board would entertain a
17 motion to provisionally deny the
18 Reactivation Application of Candido
19 Negron-Mella, D.M.D.

20 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

21 Motion?

22 MS. FOWLER:

23 So moved.

24 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

25 Second?

1 MS. GROODY:

2 Second.

3 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

4 All in favor? Any opposed?

5 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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7 Report of Prosecutorial Division

8 [Peter D. Kovach, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented
9 the Consent Agreement for Case No. 19-46-012197.]

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11 MS. WUCINSKI:

12 I believe the Board would entertain a
13 motion to deny the Consent Agreement at
14 Case No. 19-46-012197 as too lenient

15 DR. FUNARI:

16 I'll make that motion.

17 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

18 Second?

19 MS. FOWLER:

20 I'll second.

21 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

22 All in favor? Any opposed or recusals?

23 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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25 Appointment - Bureau of Finance and Operations Annual

1 Budget Presentation

2 [Kimberly Adams, Chief of Fiscal Management, Bureau of
3 Finance and Operations, Department of State, addressed
4 licensee population from a revenue standpoint. She
5 noted a licensee population increase of 1,222 from
6 2016 to 2018 to 30,043 and another increase of 755 in
7 2018 to 2020 with a current licensee population of
8 30,798. She provided an update from this morning
9 showing an increase of 11 licensees with a current
10 licensee population count of 30,813.

11 Ms. Adams noted revenue by source. She reviewed
12 categories and actual revenue for FY 2018-2019 and FY
13 2019-2020, noting the biennial total. She noted a
14 renewal fee increase approved by the Board in November
15 2019. She noted 91.6% of revenue is coming from
16 renewals and applications.

17 Ms. Adams provided a categorical breakdown of
18 expenses for FY 2018-2019 and FY 2019-2020 with a
19 current budget for FY 2020-2021 and expenses as of
20 January 8, 2021. She noted the current expenses. She
21 noted the anticipated figure for FY 2021-2022. She
22 stated the fee and application increases approved in
23 November 2019 would go into effect in 2022. She noted
24 revenue for 2022 and 2023 and the expenses, where
25 revenue will exceed expenses.

1 Chairperson Lugo requested information regarding
2 how delaying the fee increase would affect the
3 deficit.

4 Ms. Adams explained the deficit the very first
5 year, where the Board would be in the black. She
6 stated the Independent Regulatory Review Commission
7 (IRRC) wants it spread out over 6 years, so the fee
8 increases were not raised at a high rate.

9 Ms. Hughes commented that she did not foresee a
10 positive cash flow and questioned whether there was a
11 projection for 2027. She noted learning at the last
12 presentation that a prior fee increase approved by the
13 Board had not been put in place and why the Board was
14 in the red in FY 2019-2020.

15 Ms. Adams explained that the fee increase approved
16 on November 2019 could not go into effect until the
17 2022 fee increase period because of the amount of work
18 that would need to take place. She stated an 18%
19 renewal fee increase would occur over 6 years.

20 Ms. Adams reviewed Board member expenses, noting
21 the current expenses as of January 8, 2021. She
22 stated any money budgeted not used remained in the
23 restricted account for the Board to use.

24 Dr. Arndt questioned whether value engineering
25 was implemented in terms of the expenditure side.

1 Ms. Adams stated all categories, previous years,
2 and extenuating circumstances are reviewed when
3 setting the budget.

4 Chairperson Lugo mentioned the Board will be
5 voting on a possible delay in the fee increase and
6 questioned whether the Board would be able to do that
7 fiscally.

8 Ms. Adams commented that the Board has a negative
9 bottom line, noting the delay not to be a good idea
10 but left it to the Board's discretion.]

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12 Appointment - Carolyn A. DeLaurentis, Esquire, Deputy
13 Chief Counsel, Prosecution Division Presentation
14 [Carolyn A. DeLaurentis, Esquire, Deputy Chief
15 Counsel, Prosecution Division, provided highlights of
16 the prosecution division's work during the past year.
17 She commended staff for all of their hard work to make
18 telework successful. She noted all decisions were
19 made thoughtfully and with the safety of all in mind.

20 Ms. DeLaurentis stated Board prosecutors made
21 every effort to monitor the restrictions, waivers,
22 policies, and new procedures specific to the practice
23 in each profession regarding challenges imposed on
24 licensees by the COVID-19 pandemic.

25 Ms. DeLaurentis noted the Pennsylvania Licensing

1 System (PALS) to be a lifeline. She stated the Bureau
2 of Enforcement and Investigation (BEI) worked closely
3 with prosecution to continue investigations and figure
4 out the best methods during statewide shutdowns and
5 stay-at-home orders. She also noted the Professional
6 Compliance Office continued opening cases and
7 processing files, and legal assistants have been
8 working a hybrid schedule to ensure mailings and
9 filings are completed.

10 Ms. DeLaurentis commented that the Board, Board
11 staff, and counsel all have adapted to virtual Board
12 meetings and prosecution will continue to work with
13 everyone to ensure efficient and effective
14 presentation and resolution of cases. She mentioned
15 2020 was a year filled with challenges, but the
16 prosecution division led by the incredible senior
17 staff rose to the challenge and will continue to do
18 so.

19 Ms. DeLaurentis informed the Board that 449 cases
20 were opened in 2020 and 549 in 2019 with 517 cases
21 closed in 2020 for the State Board of Dentistry. She
22 noted 457 open cases as of January 1, 2021. She
23 thanked Timothy Smith for his assistance in providing
24 information for 2020.

25 Ms. DeLaurentis addressed enforcement actions

1 with 69 total cases that resulted in discipline in
2 2020 for the State Board of Dentistry. She reported
3 64 warning letters, 35 fines, 1 citation fine, 40
4 suspensions, 1 automatic suspension, 24 reprimands, 2
5 revocations, 8 voluntary surrenders, and 21 probation
6 cases in 2020.

7 Ms. DeLaurentis discussed 2020 overall
8 prosecution as a whole. She noted 44 immediate
9 temporary suspensions in 2020. She mentioned 86 of
10 the 1,223 opened COVID-19 cases are for the State
11 Board of Dentistry in 2020. She reported the total
12 number of open cases as of January 1, 2021, is 12,250
13 and the total number of files opened overall in 2020
14 is 13,394, which is down from 2019 at 16,295. She
15 noted 13,274 files were closed in 2020.]

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17 Report of Board Counsel (Continued)

18 [Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel, referred to
19 16A-4634 regarding a fee increase regulation. She
20 noted the Board received comments, including one
21 comment from IRRC, where concern has been raised about
22 financial hardships due to the COVID-19 pandemic and
23 increasing fees at this time.

24 Cynthia K. Montgomery, Esquire, Deputy Chief
25 Counsel/Regulatory Counsel, Department of State,

1 informed the Board that all of the boards except for
2 the Board of Medicine, Board of Osteopathic Medicine,
3 and Board of Podiatry participate in the Professional
4 Licensure Augmentation Account, where all of the
5 revenue goes and expenses are paid.

6 Ms. Montgomery stated Board records indicate a
7 negative number, meaning the Board is borrowing money
8 from the Professional Licensure Augmentation Account
9 to continue the Board's operation. She noted the
10 Board approved a fee increase that was published as
11 proposed, but there is no way of getting the process
12 completed because renewals will be opening for the
13 2021 deadline in March.

14 Ms. Montgomery recommended pushing the 2021
15 renewal to 2023, noting the Board would not be back in
16 the black until FY 2027-2028. She explained that the
17 statute requires revenues exceed expenditures over a
18 2-year period, noting the current revenues were not
19 doing that, hence the need for the fee increase.

20 Ms. Hughes questioned what would happens if there
21 was no money in the augmentation fund to support the
22 boards in a deficit position. Ms. Montgomery stated
23 the Professional Licensure Augmentation Account (PLAA)
24 was not in any danger of running out of funds, because
25 many of the boards have rather large surpluses in

1 their individual accounts.

2 Dr. Arndt mentioned the state was looking to
3 receive \$6 billion from the Coronavirus Aid Relief and
4 Economic Security (CARES) Act and questioned whether
5 anything could be utilized from that to balance the
6 deficit. Ms. Montgomery explained that the money
7 would go to the general fund. None of the boards are
8 funded through the general revenue fund, because all
9 of the boards are required to be self-sufficient to
10 adequately fund their operations. She stated the
11 Board's fee increase should have been in place by now
12 and will research the cause of the delay. She
13 recommended the fee increase be implemented for the
14 2023 renewal period and beyond.]

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16 MS. MONTGOMERY:

17 Could we get a vote from the Board to
18 direct counsel to proceed with the final
19 rulemaking but changing the
20 implementation date which was currently
21 set for 2021 to 2023?

22 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

23 Can I get a motion from the Board?

24 DR. JASPAN:

25 So moved to delay the fee increase until

1 the 2023 renewal.

2 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

3 Second?

4 MS. FOWLER:

5 Second.

6 [The Board discussed the motion.]

7 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

8 Any other discussion before we take a
9 vote? Hearing none. Call the question.

10

11 Dr. Arndt, aye; Dr. Casey, aye; Ms.

12 Fowler, aye; Dr. Funari, aye; Ms.

13 Groody, aye; Ms. Hughes, aye; Dr.

14 Jaspan, aye; Dr. Matta, aye; Dr.

15 Mountain, aye; Ms. Murray, aye; Ms.

16 Sizemore, aye; and Dr. Sullivan, aye.

17 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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19 Report of Board Chairperson

20 [R. Ivan Lugo, D.M.D., M.B.A., Chairperson, welcomed
21 everyone back as 2021 starts and offered sympathy to
22 all who lost loved members and were impacted by the
23 pandemic. He mentioned looking forward to working
24 together to address some of the biggest challenges the
25 Board has ever faced.

1 Chairperson Lugo stated dental professionals have
2 a unique role to play in the current pandemic to
3 ensure the safety of everyone and as a Board to
4 protect and promote the health of people and all
5 communities in Pennsylvania. He commented that it is
6 the Board's responsibility to ensure the Board has
7 scientific evidence and unbiased expertise to enforce
8 regulations that protect the lives entrusted in them
9 with their oral health.

10 Chairperson Lugo noted urgent matters in public
11 health requiring the Board's voice and participation
12 with the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccination, where
13 dental professionals are ready to play a critical role
14 ensuring the vaccine gets to as many people as
15 possible throughout the state. He mentioned the
16 desire to work alongside other health care personnel
17 to protect patients and communities and appeal to the
18 Secretary of Health to include licensed dental
19 professionals to expedite the vaccinations.

20 Chairperson Lugo noted continued monitoring of
21 the state of alternative testing pathways nationally
22 and new developments of validations for these
23 alternatives. He mentioned a recent Commission on
24 Dental Competency Assessments Meeting and encouraged
25 Board members to be familiar with testing and

1 assessing competency for dentists, hygienists, and
2 expanded function dental assistants (EFDAs).

3 Chairperson Lugo referred to the Legislative and
4 Regulatory Committee, noting pending committee issues
5 will be addressed in order by committee chairs with
6 either a resolution or a response for the Board to
7 consider.

8 Chairperson Lugo addressed the Accreditation and
9 Licensing Committee, noting three issues need to be
10 addressed. He requested Board members discuss issues
11 during deliberation and not challenge him in a public
12 setting. He recommended the committee look at new
13 workforce licensing. He reported dental therapist is
14 an accredited school now in another state, noting the
15 need to look into licensing dental therapists.

16 Chairperson Lugo referred to the Scope of
17 Traditional and Emerging Practice Committee and the
18 need to have feedback from counsel at the next meeting
19 regarding tooth whitening and Botox.]

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21 Report of Board Administrator - No Report

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23 Probable Cause Screening Committee

24 [Alice Hart Hughes, Esquire, Secretary, Public Member,
25 reported the committee considered one matter since the

1 last meeting.]

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3 Report of Commissioner - No Report

4 [K. Kalonji Johnson, Commissioner, Bureau of
5 Professional and Occupational Affairs, wished everyone
6 a Happy New Year.]

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8 Appointment - Commission on Dental Competency

9 Assessments Presentation

10 [Pat Connolly-Atkins, R.D.H., Senior Advisor,
11 Commission on Dental Competency Assessments, addressed
12 pandemic pathways for dental hygienist licensure. She
13 mentioned that individual boards made individual
14 decisions at the beginning of the pandemic. She noted
15 patient-based exams with modifications and Objective
16 Structure Clinical Examination (OSCE). She stated
17 provisional licenses were granted by some states
18 bypassing the examination procedure, temporary
19 licenses were granted, and some states accepted the
20 manikin examination.

21 Ms. Connolly-Atkins stated the manikin exam, like
22 the patient exam, is all American Board of Dental
23 Examiners (ADEX) for ADEX status, including the
24 Manikin Treatment Clinical Examination (MTCE) plus
25 Computer Simulated Clinical Examination (CSCE) plus

1 OSCE, which is the full two parts.

2 Ms. Connolly-Atkins noted some states used the
3 Patient Treatment Clinical Examinations (PTCE) or the
4 MTCE but did not have an accompanying CSCE that goes
5 with it, where candidates did not get full ADEX status
6 and do not get the portability.

7 Ms. Connolly-Atkins referred to an interactive
8 map available on the CDCA website to keep track of the
9 status of pathway to licensure. She reported ADEX is
10 accepted by 45 states.

11 Ms. Connolly-Atkins provided general information,
12 noting 45 states have accepted the Patient Treatment
13 Clinical Examination and 31 have accepted the Manikin
14 Treatment Clinical Examination. She reported CDCA
15 administered 3,369 exams since June with 2,680 of
16 those being manikin exams and 419 patient-based exams.
17 She noted CDCA has serviced 257 schools.

18 Ms. Connolly-Atkins addressed the CSCE OSCE
19 content and scoring, which is an integral part of the
20 ADEX exam. She noted the combination of the CSCE and
21 the hand skills examination is the full evaluation of
22 a candidate.

23 Ms. Connolly-Atkins provided a summary of a
24 patient-based and manikin-based exams. She reported a
25 12-point difference between the scoring rubric for the

1 patient exam and the manikin exam. She noted 12
2 points were redistributed in the manikin exam into the
3 criteria of calculus detection, calculus removal, and
4 periodontal probing.

5 Ms. Connolly-Atkins noted a feasibility study was
6 completed on the first-generation manikin in 2020 with
7 modifications to the amount and location of calculus
8 but was unable to be rolled out because of COVID and
9 manufacturing limitations.

10 Ms. Connolly-Atkins addressed the second
11 generation of the manikin exam, noting enhancements
12 had been made. She reported teeth for the 2021 exam
13 have been manufactured with a much harder surface that
14 better simulates a patient. She discussed
15 manufacturing adjustments and tissue management.

16 Ms. Connolly-Atkins mentioned enhancements for
17 the 2021 CSCE, noting the introduction of pilot
18 questions in 2020 that better evaluate a candidate's
19 knowledge. She also discussed multiple response,
20 extended match, fill in the blank, drag and drop, and
21 hot spot.

22 Ms. Connolly-Atkins provided 2020 exam results
23 and pass rates. She stated the end of the year pass
24 rates are the results of candidates receiving
25 remediation, many having their areas of weakness

1 identified by score reports and communication with
2 CDCA and receiving the remediation needed to
3 rechallenge the examination.

4 Ms. Connolly-Atkins reported the common areas
5 contributing to failure in both the patient exam and
6 manikin exam is calculus removal and calculus
7 detection.

8 Ms. Connolly-Atkins provided pass rate data for
9 the patient clinical exam and the final pass rate in
10 2018 at 87%, 2019 at 90%, and 2020 at 94%. She stated
11 exam feedback was good.

12 Dr. Jaspan requested information regarding soft
13 tissue structure and damaged.

14 Ms. Connolly-Atkins stated the soft tissue is not
15 easy to damage but has been seen in the pocket area.
16 She stated tissue was not graded and calculus removal
17 was, so schools were encouraged to remove the
18 calculus. She stated tissue damage in a patient exam
19 had never been an item that caused a pass or failure
20 rate but would be included in the 2021 exam.

21 Dr. Casey questioned whether states adjacent to
22 Pennsylvania accepted or declined the manikin
23 examination.

24 Ms. Connolly-Atkins reported that all of the
25 contiguous states to Pennsylvania have accepted the

1 manikin examination.

2 Ms. Connolly-Atkins informed the Board that a
3 formal technical report will be available in about six
4 weeks. She also noted a modified study evaluating the
5 2021 examination that has all of the enhancements will
6 be conducted the same as the CompeDont study to
7 compare the second generation results and similarities
8 to the simulation of a patient exam.

9 Dr. Funari stated a 99.5% pass rate was not a
10 discriminatory tool and questioned the validity and
11 the use of it as a licensing tool if a pass rate is
12 that high. He opined to continue with provisional
13 licensing during the pandemic and waiting on data on
14 the new manikin to see if it closely matches what is
15 already a pretty high pass rate.

16 Ms. Wucinski strongly urged the Board to consider
17 this option during the COVID-19 pandemic to be able to
18 get people working and licensed.

19 Dr. Casey agreed with Board counsel and mentioned
20 the need to have trust in schools and instructors to
21 deliver students in good standing for licensure.

22 Chairperson Lugo suggested accepting the manikin
23 test during the emergency and then reevaluate when new
24 data is available.]

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1 DR. JASPAN:

2 I make a motion that during the extent
3 of the emergency declared during the
4 COVID pandemic plus 90 days that we
5 accept the manikin exam along with the
6 OSCE for full dental hygiene licensure.

7 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

8 I need second.

9 MS. MURRAY:

10 Second.

11 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

12 Call the question.

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14 Dr. Arndt, aye; Dr. Casey, aye; Ms.
15 Fowler, aye; Dr. Funari, nay; Ms.
16 Groody, aye; Ms. Hughes, aye; Dr.
17 Jaspan, aye; Dr. Matta, aye; Dr.
18 Mountain, aye; Ms. Murray, aye; Ms.
19 Sizemore, aye; Dr. Sullivan, nay.

20 [The motion carried.]

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22 Report of Board Counsel (cont.)

23 [Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted the
24 public health dental hygiene practitioner (PHDHP)
25 regulation was published today as final.]

1 Ms. Wucinski reported she and Ms. Walter
2 developed language for advanced cardiovascular life
3 support (ACLS) and pediatric advanced life support
4 (PALS) certification. She noted the guidance will be
5 posted on the Board's website allowing certification
6 to be completed online during the declared state of
7 emergency. She also noted including a section
8 requiring the individual licensee or permit holder to
9 attend a live in-person course when the emergency is
10 over.]

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12 Adjournment

13 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

14 May I entertain a motion to adjourn?

15 DR. CASEY:

16 I make a motion.

17 DR. ARNDT:

18 Second.

19 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

20 Thank you very much.

21 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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23 [There being no further business, the State Board of
24 Dentistry Meeting adjourned at 1:56 p.m.]

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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing summary minutes of the State Board of Dentistry meeting, was reduced to writing by me or under my supervision, and that the minutes accurately summarize the substance of the State Board of Dentistry meeting.



Evan Bingaman,

Minute Clerk

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