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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: 10:32 A.M.

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

July 16, 2021

State Board of Dentistry
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BOARD MEMBERS:

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7 K. Kalonji Johnson, Commissioner, Bureau of
8 Professional and Occupational Affairs
9 R. Ivan Lugo, D.M.D., M.B.A., Chairperson
10 Brice D. Arndt, D.D.S.
11 Shawn M. Casey, D.M.D.
12 Barbara (Bonnie) L. Fowler, Public Member
13 Godfrey Joel Funari, M.S., D.M.D.
14 Theresa A. Groody, EFDA
15 Alice Hart Hughes, Esquire, Secretary, Public
16 Member - Absent
17 Joel S. Jaspán, D.D.S.
18 Andrew S. Matta, D.M.D.
19 LaJuan M. Mountain, D.M.D.
20 Donna L. Murray, RDH, PHDHP, MSDH
21 Amber Sizemore, Esquire, Office of Attorney General
22 Jennifer Unis Sullivan, D.M.D., J.D.

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

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27 Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel
28 Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Board Counsel
29 Paul J. Jarabeck, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison
30 Timothy J. Henderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
31 Kayla R. Bolan, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
32 Lisa M. Burns, Board Administrator
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ALSO PRESENT:

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37 Marnie Oakley, D.M.D, Senior Associate Dean,
38 University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine
39 Mark Wolff, D.D.S., Morton Amsterdam Dean, Penn Dental
40 Medicine
41 Jessica L. Bui, Executive Director, Southern Regional
42 Testing Agency, Inc.
43 Thomas G. Walker, D.M.D., President, Southern Regional
44 Testing Agency, Inc.
45 Sherri L. Meyers, Professor/Director, Dental
46 Auxiliaries, Northampton Community College
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1 State Board of Dentistry

2 July 16, 2021

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

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13 [Lisa M. Burns, Board Administrator, reminded everyone
14 that the meeting was being recorded, and voluntary
15 participation constituted consent to be recorded.]

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17 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
18 Board of Dentistry was held on Friday, July 16, 2021.
19 R. Ivan Lugo, D.M.D., M.B.A., Chairperson, called the
20 meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. He informed everyone
21 that the Board met in executive session prior to the
22 meeting.

23 K. Kalonji Johnson, Commissioner, Bureau of
24 Professional and Occupational Affairs, was not present
25 during commencement of the meeting.

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2 Introductions

3 [Chairperson Lugo requested the introduction of Board
4 members.]

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6 Approval of minutes of the May 14, 2021 meeting

7 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

8 Could I have a motion to approve the May
9 14 minutes?

10 DR. FUNARI:

11 I'll make that motion.

12 DR. ARNDT:

13 Second.

14 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

15 Are there any corrections or amendments
16 to the minutes of May 14?

17 [The Board discussed corrections to the minutes.]

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19 Any others? On the question to approve
20 the minutes, all say aye. Any nays?

21 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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23 [Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted the
24 Board waived the request to have prosecution present
25 the consent agreements.]

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Report of Prosecutorial Division
[Paul J. Jarabeck, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
introduced new Board prosecutors, Kayla Bolan and
Gregory Liero, and provided a brief summary of their
professional background.

Chairperson Lugo welcomed Ms. Bolan and Mr.
Liero.]

MS. WALTER:

Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the
Sunshine Act, the Board entered into
executive session this morning at 9 a.m.
for the purpose of conducting quasi-
judicial deliberations on a number of
matters that are currently pending
before the Board and to receive advice
of counsel. The Board discussed the
Consent Agreements as well as agenda
items 5 through 9 and 12 through 15.

Items 2 and 3 on the agenda. Item
2 is Case No. 16-46-14913. Item 3 is
Case No. 12-46-001670.

I believe the Board would entertain
a motion to accept these Consent
Agreements.

1 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

2 Could I have a motion?

3 DR. FUNARI:

4 I will make that motion.

5 DR. JASPAN:

6 Second.

7 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

8 All in favor, say aye. Any nays.

9 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's
10 name in item 2 is Michael Peter Olinits, D.D.S. The
11 Respondent's name in item 3 is Prakash K. Sojitra,
12 D.D.S.]

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14 MS. WALTER:

15 Item 4 on the agenda is Case Nos. 18-46-
16 003617, 18-46-005128, 18-46-005481, 18-
17 46-005832, 18-46-006677, 18-46-00707,
18 18-46-006838, 18-46-007279, and 18-46-
19 009639, for which Ms. Sizemore is
20 recused.

21 I believe the Board would entertain
22 a motion to accept this Consent
23 Agreement.

24 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

25 Could I have a motion?

1 DR. MATTA:

2 So moved.

3 DR. JASPAN:

4 Second.

5 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

6 All in favor? Any nays? Any recusals?

7 [The motion carried. Ms. Sizemore recused herself
8 from deliberations and voting on the motion. The
9 Respondent's name in item 4 is Jeffrey M. Rosenberg,
10 D.D.S.]

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12 Report of Board Counsel - Proposed Adjudications and
13 Orders

14 MS. WALTER:

15 I believe the Board would entertain a
16 motion at agenda item 5 to adopt as
17 final the Draft Adjudication and Order
18 for Gregory John Keiser, D.M.D., Case
19 No. 20-46-001176, noting that Ms.
20 Sizemore, Dr. Matta, and Dr. Sullivan
21 are all recused.

22 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

23 Could I have a motion?

24 DR. FUNARI:

25 I'll make the motion.

1 DR. MOUNTAIN:

2 Second.

3 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

4 All in favor? Any nays?

5 [The motion carried. Ms. Sizemore, Dr. Matta, and Dr.
6 Sullivan recused themselves from deliberations and
7 voting on the motion.]

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9 MS. WALTER:

10 I believe the Board would entertain a
11 motion to adopt as final the Draft
12 Adjudication and Order for Ira M.
13 Klemons, D.D.S., Case No. 15-46-07808.

14 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

15 Could I have a motion?

16 DR. FUNARI:

17 I'll make the motion.

18 DR. JASPAN:

19 Second.

20 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

21 All in favor? Any nays?

22 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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24 MS. WALTER:

25 This is agenda item 7. I believe the

1 Board would entertain a motion to adopt
2 the hearing examiner's Proposed
3 Adjudication and Order for Jeffrey N.
4 Rosen, D.M.D. at Case Nos. 18-46-003617,
5 18-46-005128, 18-46-005481, 18-46-
6 005832, 18-46-006677, 18-46-006707, 18-
7 46-006839, 18-46-007279, and 18-46-
8 009639, noting Ms. Sizemore is recused.

9 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

10 Could I have a motion?

11 DR. JASPAN:

12 I'll make the motion.

13 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

14 Second?

15 MS. MURRAY:

16 Second.

17 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

18 All those in favor, say aye. Any nays?

19 [The motion carried. Ms. Sizemore recused herself
20 from deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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22 Report of Board Counsel - Final Adjudication and Order

23 MS. WALTER:

24 This is agenda item 8. I believe the
25 Board would entertain a motion to adopt

1 as final the Draft Adjudication and
2 Order for Christine M. Mill, Case No.
3 19-46-011180, noting Ms. Sizemore and
4 Dr. Matta are both recused.

5 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

6 Could I have a motion?

7 DR. MOUNTAIN:

8 Motion.

9 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

10 Second?

11 DR. SULLIVAN:

12 Second.

13 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

14 All those in favor, say aye. Any nays?

15 [The motion carried. Ms. Sizemore and Dr. Matta
16 recused themselves from deliberations and voting on
17 the motion.]

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19 Report of Board Counsel - Miscellaneous

20 MS. WALTER:

21 I believe the Board would entertain a
22 motion to deny the appeal of Citation
23 No. 56832 for Judith B. Kravitz, RDH,
24 Case No. 18-46-006832.

25 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

1 Could I have a motion?

2 MS. MURRAY:

3 I make that motion.

4 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

5 Second?

6 DR. FUNARI:

7 Second.

8 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

9 All those in favor, say aye. Any nays?

10 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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12 Review of Applications

13 MS. WUCINSKI:

14 I believe the Board would entertain a
15 motion to grant the Application to
16 Practice as a Dentist for Thanhphuong
17 Dinh, D.M.D.

18 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

19 Could I have a motion?

20 DR. ARNDT:

21 So moved.

22 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

23 Second?

24 MS. GROODY:

25 Second.

1 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

2 All those in favor of granting a license
3 to Dr. Dinh, say aye. Any nays?

4 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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6 MS. WUCINSKI:

7 At agenda item 13, I believe the Board
8 would entertain a motion to
9 provisionally deny the Application to
10 Practice as a Dentist for Joshua
11 Haentges.

12 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

13 Could I have a motion?

14 DR. JASPAN:

15 I motion.

16 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

17 Second?

18 MS. GROODY:

19 Second.

20 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

21 All those in favor of provisionally
22 denying this particular license, say
23 aye. Any nays?

24 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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1 MS. WUCINSKI:

2 At agenda item 14, I believe the Board
3 would entertain a motion to
4 provisionally deny the Application to
5 Practice as a Dentist for Nikolas Mark
6 Wasylyk, noting that Dr. Funari is
7 recused.

8 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

9 Could I have a motion?

10 MS. MURRAY:

11 I make the motion.

12 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

13 Second?

14 DR. SULLIVAN:

15 Second.

16 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

17 All those in favor of provisionally
18 denying this license, say aye. Any
19 nays?

20 [The motion carried. Dr. Funari recused himself from
21 deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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23 MS. WUCINSKI:

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

1 Application for a Restricted Faculty
2 License for Rodrigo Neiva.

3 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

4 Could I have a motion?

5 MS. MURRAY:

6 I make the motion.

7 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

8 Second?

9 DR. JASPAN:

10 Second.

11 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

12 All those in favor of granting a
13 restricted faculty license, say aye.
14 Any nays?

15 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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17 Report of Board Counsel - (cont.)

18 [Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Board Counsel, addressed
19 Senate Bill 705, which authorizes telemedicine by
20 practitioners and requires insurance companies to
21 cover telemedicine visits.

22 Dr. Jaspan questioned whether it makes provisions
23 for dentists who are on-call for another dentist to be
24 able to use telemedicine to evaluate their patients
25 even though they are not the dentist of record and how

1 the Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act
2 (HIPAA) is addressed in that situation. He also
3 questioned whether it is covered if a specialist in
4 another without a Pennsylvania license is needed to
5 evaluate a case.

6 Ms. Walter explained that each board will be
7 required to promulgate regulations should a
8 telemedicine bill be passed, usually within 180 days
9 of the passage of the act, so if there are specific
10 items, like what to do in a situation where there is a
11 referral or you are covering for another physician,
12 they will be addressed in the regulations.

13 Dr. Jaspan commented that insurance mandates
14 insurance coverage and questioned how could that
15 mandate of private insurance companies to cover
16 something that they are not covering any other way.

17 Ms. Walter stated it would not augment the
18 required coverage when someone contracts with an
19 insurance provider for specific services but saying
20 that telemedicine would be included in those visits as
21 a way to deliver care.

22 Dr. Jaspan commented that it would be up to the
23 provider to warn the patient that telemedicine may or
24 may not be covered by that person's insurance.

25 Ms. Walter stated the patient could contact their

1 insurance company if a telemedicine bill passes to
2 find out what specific coverage they have for their
3 plan.]

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5 Report of Board Chairperson

6 [R. Ivan Lugo, D.M.D., M.B.A., Chairperson, announced
7 that the Commission on Dental Competency Assessment
8 (CDCA) will merge with the Western Regional Examining
9 Board (WREB) and will be called CDCA-WREB. He stated
10 WREB was administering the exam in 2022, and both
11 organizations now in those geographic areas that the
12 American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX) Exam is
13 administering will be administering the ADEX Exam in
14 the majority of the states and certain territories,
15 like Puerto Rico and others in the Caribbean.

16 Chairperson Lugo noted that states by law
17 recognize one or both of the administering
18 examinations as the basis for licensure, and many
19 examiners do both so it stands to reason that both
20 organizations will unite and decide to give and
21 expand the use of a single exam nationally, making it
22 easier for the Board to consider one national exam.
23 He mentioned the industry is probably the last health
24 profession moving in that direction to have a single
25 exam for assessing the psychomotor performance of the

1 other assessments that are done in addition to the
2 academic equivalency.

3 Chairperson Lugo stated the psychomotor
4 performance exam is now accepted as a single exam for
5 the class of 2023, and those entering their dental
6 clinical years now will be taking the ADEX Exam only,
7 which will be given via manikin or patient, and then
8 the Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE)
9 requirements. He noted it will allow state boards to
10 decide which method they want to allow, whether all or
11 for some of the clinical competencies that are
12 required to pass the ADEX Exam.

13 Chairperson Lugo addressed the new paradigm in
14 assessment. He noted the Board will be depending on
15 the Integrated National Board of Dental Examination by
16 its new name and on the psychomotor performance exam,
17 the (ADEX), along with the American Dental Association
18 (ADA)-accredited equivalent education for schools that
19 are the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)
20 approved and accredited.

21 Chairperson Lugo noted the importance of
22 understanding when there are changes in the names and
23 what they are assessing for the Board to be able to
24 deliberate understanding what substantially equivalent
25 means for the state of Pennsylvania.

1 Dr. Funari reminded everyone in the public to use
2 the raise hand function or chat function when they
3 want to pose a question or make a comment.]

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5 Report of Board Administrator - No Report

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7 Report of Committees - Scope of Traditional and
8 Emerging Practice

9 [Joel S. Jaspan, D.D.S., thanked Ms. Murray for
10 posting her research on the Pennsylvania government
11 email website on nitrous oxide by dental hygienists in
12 various states and localities. He noted the need to
13 pursue that and see how that stands for Pennsylvania.

14 Dr. Jaspan stated it seems equivocating what
15 Pennsylvania's regulations are as far as a dentist
16 starting nitrous oxide for a dental hygiene patient
17 and the dentist going back to treat their patient
18 while the hygienist is performing their duties and
19 just coming back to dismiss the patient. He
20 questioned how that falls within the scope of practice
21 now, noting it is unclear whether that is legal in
22 Pennsylvania.

23 Dr. Matta stated that clarification of that issue
24 would be addressed in committee to provide a
25 recommendation. He noted it not to be specific in the

1 regulation and trying to interpret them but also
2 determine whether there is a need for more language.

3 Dr. Jaspan expressed concern of whether there is
4 a liability if there is a malpractice suit because of
5 scope of practice issues.

6 Ms. Walter explained that it would be part of the
7 civil case whether or not the doctor violated the
8 standard of care, and they would have expert testimony
9 about the standard of care but is not something
10 counsel or Board members are asked to opine on or
11 provide an advisory opinion or get into a hypothetical
12 malpractice case.

13 Dr. Funari responded to a question from the
14 public, noting that the committee met prior to the
15 last meeting. He stated data has been collected from
16 other states, where other states have specific
17 delineations of dental hygienists licensed to provide
18 either the ability to monitor or to administer and is
19 a specific aspect of their license.

20 Dr. Funari commented that it is lacking in the
21 state of Pennsylvania and would be a gray area should
22 the legal question come up, where either the judge or
23 jury would have to draw their own conclusion. He
24 noted the Board is trying to clarify that so there are
25 no issues.

1 Dr. Funari stated it is a legal liability on the
2 practitioner's part if he provided sedation, left the
3 room, and the patient had a problem. He stated
4 practitioners who hold the restricted permit II need
5 to be cognizant of that fact.

6 Dr. Sullivan requested that any information, even
7 though a specific committee, be sent to the entire
8 Board.

9 Chairperson Lugo stated the Board will provide
10 access to information and resources committees are
11 using in SharePoint. He mentioned the importance of
12 being informed as to what is happening in other
13 states. He commented that the need to be able to
14 license dental assistants is becoming more necessary
15 and mentioned perhaps advising the Governor's Office
16 address the issue on a fast-track basis to protect the
17 public.

18 Ms. Wucinski referred to a question from Linda
19 Straub-Bruce asking when the committee working on this
20 last met or whether the committee is just doing
21 research.

22 Ms. Murray stated the committee has not met
23 formally to discuss the whole regulation piece on
24 nitrous. She noted the committee is gathering pieces
25 and has mentioned that during public session. She

1 stated she and Dr. Matta are both on the Scope of
2 Practice Committee and working to set up a meeting to
3 probably during the next Board meeting. She noted not
4 being certain whether nitrous is going to be on that,
5 but there will be a public meeting that will be
6 announced and shared with the public for comments.

7 Ms. Wucinski referred to another question from
8 Dr. Marnie Oakley requesting comments from a letter
9 she and Dr. Mark Wolff sent to the Board regarding
10 manikin exams.

11 Ms. Wucinski stated the Board did not discuss the
12 topic yet, and there were no comments from the public
13 at that time.

14 Dr. Lugo reminded the chairs of committees to
15 prepare their preliminary agenda for approval.]

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17 Report of Committees - Probable Cause Screening
18 Committee

19 [Amber Sizemore, Esquire, Office of Attorney General,
20 noted the Probable Cause Screening Committee
21 considered one matter since the last meeting.]

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23 [R. Ivan Lugo, D.M.D., M.B.A., Chairperson, welcomed
24 Bonnie Fowler back to the Board.]

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1 For the Board's Information/Discussion
2 [Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel, stated the
3 Board agreed to temporarily accept the manikin
4 examination offered by CDCA for dentists and dental
5 hygienists during COVID-19. She explained that it
6 technically was not a waiver because there is no
7 requirement in Board regulations that the examination
8 has to be on a live person, so it was issued as a
9 guidance for the duration of the emergency
10 declaration.

11 Ms. Wucinski questioned whether the Board is
12 going to continue to accept the CDCA Manikin
13 Examination moving forward for the dentists and the
14 dental hygienists.

15 Ms. Wucinski mentioned that the Southern Regional
16 Testing Agency (SRTA), Inc., is attending the meeting
17 today. She also noted WREB is going to be combining
18 with CDCA. She noted the Board has approved other
19 testing organizations as approved test providers and
20 the manikin examinations offered by those.

21 Ms. Wucinski informed the Board that saying no to
22 the manikin exams for other testing organizations will
23 cause their licenses to be denied. She also noted the
24 board will have to change the regulations because the
25 regulations currently state that the Board accepts

1 examinations administered by SRTA, and they are moving
2 to the manikin format, which technically is not true
3 because the Board does not accept all of their
4 examinations.

5 Ms. Wucinski commented that the Board is going to
6 move forward with CDCA after the emergency declaration
7 and continue to accept it but requested a decision
8 regarding other testing agencies.

9 Chairperson Lugo questioned whether the Board has
10 to vote on something or have something for guidance
11 going forward and whether the Board is subjected to
12 the September deadline.

13 Ms. Wucinski explained that the Board technically
14 did not issue this as a waiver because there was no
15 regulation to waive and does not have a regulation
16 that requires a test on a live patient.

17 Ms. Wucinski stated many organizations were now
18 using the manikin examination as an option, and the
19 Board voted to accept the CDCA during the emergency
20 time. She noted that technically the declared state
21 of emergency is over and because this was not a waiver
22 there are concerns over scheduling the manikin
23 examination now for some time in November or December.

24 She requested Board guidance as to whether or not the
25 Board going to accept the manikin exam.

1 Chairperson Lugo explained that the Board needed
2 to make a decision whether the evidence-based research
3 had been done in assessing live patient versus
4 manikins and whether it was researched and documented
5 before the Board would feel comfortable in
6 substituting because now it will be the new normal.

7 Chairperson Lugo stated the Board was doing
8 everything to share information from testing agencies
9 and the reason for today's presentation.]

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11 Appointment - Southern Regional Testing Agency, Inc.
12 [Thomas G. Walker, D.M.D., President, Southern
13 Regional Testing Agency, Inc., stated SRTA has been in
14 business for 45 years and offered a lot in manikin-
15 based exams with the development of a tyodont in 2018
16 through Acadental. He noted SRTA provides mock boards
17 to get the students ready, offers one free sessional
18 if an individual fails, and are accepted in 76 percent
19 of the United States.

20 Dr. Walker commented that there is no difference
21 between SRTA's exam and the Council of Interstate
22 Testing Agencies (CITA) Exam and ADEX Exam. He stated
23 SRTA tests on the same standards as ADEX and is
24 requesting SRTA be accepted in Pennsylvania.

25 Chairperson Lugo requested Dr. Walker provide

1 evidence in comparing manikin results with other
2 competitors that has evidence-based comparisons and
3 research done to provide substantial equivalency to
4 licensing and for the Board's deliberations.

5 Dr. Walker offered to have Ms. Bui send SRTA
6 manikin results. He stated other agencies do not
7 share their results of manikin versus live but would
8 be happy to share SRTA's information with the Board.

9 Dr. Walker commented that the manikin is here to
10 stay and invited anyone from the Board to observe one
11 of the manikin. He also offered to supply the Board
12 with all of the requested information.

13 Dr. Walker provided information regarding the
14 manikins, noting that CITA has a proprietary tooth and
15 copyright there tooth, so a student cannot buy that
16 tooth from Acadental. He stated SRTA's tooth is not
17 proprietary and students can buy the teeth through
18 Acadental and practice.

19 Ms. Wucinski suggested the Board make a decision
20 on whether to continue to accept the ADEX exam through
21 CDCA for dentists and dental hygienists after
22 September 30 and then between now and the next Board
23 meeting obtain as much information about the other
24 manikin examinations offered by the other agencies and
25 put that topic back on the next agenda to decide

1 whether you want to accept the manikin exam from SRTA
2 and anybody else who wants to submit data on those.

3 Dr. Lugo agreed with Ms. Wucinski's suggestion,
4 noting it would be good to evaluate the evidence that
5 is submitted and would also help in at least extending
6 the one the Board already looked at, evaluated, and
7 deliberated.

8 Dr. Casey addressed the importance of relying on
9 dental schools in educating their students to become
10 licensed professionals in Pennsylvania and in taking
11 first priority in protecting the public. He mentioned
12 that schools are putting their name on students when
13 they leave as a product of that school, whether it be
14 a dental school or a hygiene school.

15 Dr. Casey stated the manikin is a great
16 opportunity to take some stress off the table to
17 become a better licensee in Pennsylvania, and the
18 pathway to licensure through that will be a successful
19 program.

20 Dr. Lugo addressed the importance of having
21 evidence that shows equivalency and not just anecdotal
22 data. He mentioned the Board's position to protect
23 the public and that the Board decides whether even an
24 ADA CODA-accredited school does not fit.

25 Chairperson Lugo suggested continuing the

1 guidance for ADEX and gathering all of the information
2 to evaluate the evidence that exists. He agreed with
3 counsel and suggested providing the guidance extension
4 and then the deep dive into the equivalency and
5 evidence-based information for the other testing
6 agencies.

7 Ms. Wucinski requested a vote from the Board to
8 continue accepting the ADEX Exam through CDCA for
9 dentists and dental hygienists.

10 Sherri L. Meyers, Professor/Director, Dental
11 Auxiliaries, Northampton Community College, commented
12 that it was the first year their college had the
13 opportunity to have the manikin exam that also saved
14 cost for the institution as far as staffing. She
15 believed it was a fair test that met the competency
16 required in combination with the OSCE and also with
17 their clinical requirements from CODA accreditation.

18 Ms. Meyers noted the way of the future is going
19 to be these non-patient-based exams and implored the
20 Board to consider moving toward this now with the
21 statistics that are available.

22 Chairperson Lugo addressed the importance of
23 gathering more information and providing fairness to
24 other agencies before making any determinations.

25 Ms. Wucinski offered to have Ms. Burns, Ms.

1 Walter, and herself contact different testing agencies
2 and inform them of the manikin discussion on a future
3 agenda.

4 Ms. Wucinski requested comments from the Board
5 regarding continuing the CDCA ADEX Exam in the future.

6 Ms. Burns noted CDCA provided an updated document
7 for the Board's review.

8 Dr. Funari proposed a motion to extend the
9 guidance on the CDCA testing to accept the manikin
10 portion of the exam through December 31, 2021.

11 Ms. Murray addressed problems with limiting the
12 exam to December due to scheduling, where CDCA is
13 already planning exams for November-December. She
14 noted difficulty for students to get those exams and
15 then the presentation provided by ADEX.

16 Ms. Murray mentioned that there continues to be
17 enhancements with manikins and opined that evidence is
18 moving forward and showing continual improvement, and
19 she would be in favor of making a vote today to just
20 go with the manikin exams.

21 Dr. Funari offered to amend his proposal to
22 accept the CDCA exam permanently.

23 Chairperson Lugo understood the question of the
24 date because academic institutions have to be planning
25 a year ahead of time and suggested "until further

1 notice" to provide satisfaction of moving in that
2 direction but is not a set deadline. He again noted
3 the importance of giving the opportunity to all
4 testing agencies to present their evidence so the
5 Board can deliberate.

6 Marnie Oakley, D.M.D, Interim Dean, University of
7 Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine, expressed
8 concern with using the term "further notice," where
9 something may be scheduled in the spring and the Board
10 decided not to honor that. She mentioned currently
11 scheduling for the graduating class of 2022 and
12 requested the Board base decisions on that class.

13 Chairperson Lugo commented that the Board would
14 not do something that would be punitive by pulling
15 something that they have been pushing toward. He
16 reminded the Board that WREB and CDCA will be together
17 and offering the ADEX, and that the manikin exam is
18 the one being considered for extension.

19 Chairperson Lugo commented that the Board will
20 work with the schools to ensure it is not punitive to
21 the students or institutions concerning any decision
22 the Board takes in terms of licensing. He again noted
23 the board moving in a careful manner by evaluating all
24 of the evidence from all the players to be able to
25 make a decision to move forward, not only now but in

1 the future. He noted looking at all of the
2 regulations and updating the regulations with
3 information that will be part of new regulations that
4 will be promulgated.

5 Dr. Jaspán requested Dr. Funari entertain an
6 amendment to his proposal to be applicable to
7 graduates of both dental and dental hygiene schools of
8 the spring of 2022 in light of Dr. Oakley's and Ms.
9 Meyers' comments.

10 DR. FUNARI:

11 I will amend my motion that we extend
12 the acceptance of the CDCA manikin exam
13 until December 31, 2022.

14 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

15 Could I have a second?

16 DR. JASPAN:

17 Second.

18 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

19 Comments?

20 DR. SULLIVAN:

21 I think and I said this before. I think
22 we need to include the OSCE Exam along
23 with the manikin exam together, so we
24 have a better gage of what is going on.

25 I made that proposal back when we

1 okayed the manikin for hygiene during
2 the pandemic. I think it was back in
3 January or March. One of the speakers
4 that was in the question and answer
5 session did say they are using the
6 manikin and the OSCE together, and I
7 think that would be a good idea.

8 DR. FUNARI:

9 I make a motion that the Board extend
10 the acceptance of the CDCA and the OSCE
11 manikin exams through December 31, 2022.

12 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

13 Could I have a second?

14 DR. JASPAN:

15 I originally seconded that, so I agree
16 with the amendment Dr. Funari just
17 presented.

18 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

19 Any discussions? Anyone else?

20 [The Board discussed a comment in the chat regarding
21 CDCA and CITA wanting to ensure that since OSCE was
22 added that all the acronyms of different types of
23 exams are clear in the motion as to what the Board is
24 extending versus what was approved back in February.]

25 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

1 Any other questions at this moment? All
2 in favor, please say aye. Any nays?

3 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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5 [K. Kalonji Johnson, Commissioner, Bureau of
6 Professional and Occupational Affairs, entered the
7 meeting.]

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9 Report of Commissioner

10 [K. Kalonji Johnson, Commissioner, Bureau of
11 Professional and Occupational Affairs, addressed the
12 extension of the waiver until September 30, 2021,
13 noting the virtual platform will continue until then.

14 Commissioner Johnson also addressed physical
15 travel requests, noting physical travel is considered
16 up to the pre-COVID limit of two members with the rest
17 of the Board having the option of attending virtually.
18 He encouraged everyone to submit travel requests as
19 soon as possible.]

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21 [R. Ivan Lugo, D.M.D., M.B.A., Chairperson, reminded
22 Board members of the Association of Black American
23 Dental Boards and the CDCA. He requested those who
24 wish to participate allow time for the registration
25 process before the deadline.]

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2 Adjournment

3 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

4 Motion to adjourn?

5 DR. CASEY:

6 I motion.

7 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

8 Second?

9 DR. FUNARI:

10 Second.

11 CHAIRPERSON LUGO:

12 All in favor, say aye.

13 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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15 [There being no further business, the State Board of
16 Dentistry Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.]

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11	10:32	Official Call to Order
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13	10:32	Introduction of Board Members
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15	10:35	Approval of Minutes
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17	10:36	Report of Prosecutorial Division
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19	10:48	Report of Board Counsel
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23	10:51	Report of Board Counsel (cont.)
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25	10:53	Report of Board Chairperson
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27	11:00	Report of Committees
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29	11:14	For the Board's Information/Discussion
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