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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
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MEETING OF:

STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

TIME: 9:01 A.M.

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Board Room B
One Penn Center
2601 North Third Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

September 15, 2017

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ALSO PRESENT: (Continued)

- Barbara Reiprich, Pennsylvania Dental Hygienists' Association, Public Health Dental Hygienist Practitioner
- Bruce Terry, D.M.D., President, Pennsylvania Dental Association
- Bernie Dishler, D.D.S., Pennsylvania Dental Association
- Steve Radack III, D.M.D., Pennsylvania Dental Association
- John Basile, D.M.D., Pennsylvania Dental Association
- Helen Hawkey, Pennsylvania Coalition for Oral Health
- Ron Briglia, D.M.D.
- Debra Barr, Dental Hygienist, Public Health Dental Hygienist Practitioner
- Robert Lindner, D.M.D. Oral Surgeon
- Eric Shelly, D.M.D., Trustee, Academy of General Dentistry
- Richard Knowlton, D.M.D., Pennsylvania Academy of General Dentistry
- Maria Tacelosky, Trustee, Pennsylvania Dental Association
- Matthew Zale, D.M.D., Trustee, Pennsylvania Dental Association
- Andrew Stewart, D.D.S., President, Pennsylvania Academy of General Dentistry
- Vincent Floryshak, Pennsylvania Academy of General Dentistry
- Amber Denney, Pennsylvania Academy of General Dentistry

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2 State Board of Dentistry

3 September 15, 2017

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5 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
6 Board of Dentistry was held on Friday, September 15,
7 2017. John F. Erhard III, D.D.S., Chairperson, called
8 the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. The Board held a
9 moment of silence for families of Hurricanes Harvey
10 and Irma. Chairperson Erhard thanked members of the
11 Dental Board for their commitment and participation.

12 A quorum was noted to be present.

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14 Introduction of Board and Audience

15 [Chairperson Erhard requested the introduction of
16 Board and audience members in Board Room B. Audience
17 members in Board Room A were not recorded.]

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19 Approval of Minutes of the July 28, 2017 meeting

20 CHAIRPERSON ERHARD:

21 Are there any comments?

22 [The Board discussed corrections to the Minutes.]

23 CHAIRPERSON ERHARD:

24 Are there any other comments on the

25 Minutes as edited? I need a motion to

1 approve?

2 MS. BRICKLEY-RAAB:

3 So moved.

4 MS. HUGHES:

5 Second.

6 CHAIRPERSON ERHARD:

7 All in favor? Opposed the same sign?

8 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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10 Report of Prosecutorial Division

11 [Andrea L. Costello, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
12 presented the VRP Consent Agreement for File No. 17-
13 46-06780.]

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15 [John D. Kelly, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented
16 the Consent Agreements for File No. 16-46-01994, File
17 No. 15-46-11919, File No. 16-46-02160, File No. 16-46-
18 12439, and File No. 16-46-14909.]

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20 [Paul J. Jarabeck, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
21 presented Consent Agreements for File No. 12-46-07736,
22 File No. 12-46-07737, and File No. 16-46-06736.]

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24 Correspondence

25 [Chairperson Erhard noted correspondence from the

1 American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial
2 Surgeons with regard to anesthesia safety in the
3 practice of oral and maxillofacial surgery.]

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5 Report of Board Counsel

6 [Kerry E. Maloney, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted
7 several motions for discussion as well as proposed
8 Adjudications and Orders, a Final Adjudication and
9 Order and another case file. He further noted the
10 exposure draft regulation will be discussed in detail.

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12 Status of Regulations

13 PHDHP-Expansion of Practice Sites

14 [Chairperson Erhard addressed expansion of practice
15 sites. He stated the Board received a letter from the
16 Pennsylvania Dental Hygienists' Association requesting
17 the addition of three locations to regulated settings
18 for public health dental hygiene practice. He noted
19 this initiative was presented to the Board for the
20 Board's consideration, that the Board did not initiate
21 this process. This request was made possible by the
22 passage of House Bill 25, which is now Act 60 in 2015
23 which changed the language of acceptable practice
24 sites for public health dental hygienists from
25 institutions to locations.

1 Those sites proposed for expansion are private
2 setting of hospice and homebound patients, primary
3 care setting including pediatric settings and
4 childcare settings. Chairperson Erhard indicated that
5 an ad hoc committee chaired by Dr. Lisa Deem reviewed
6 the matter further and reported back to the Board at
7 the October 2016 meeting recommending that the Board
8 go forward with deliberations. Chairperson Erhard
9 indicated the Board accepted that recommendation, and
10 on the advice of Counsel, referred it to the
11 regulations and legislative review committee of the
12 Board.

13 It was noted that the Chair of that committee at
14 that time, Dr. Ivan Lugo, conducted a special public
15 comment and input session in January 2017. Dr. Lugo
16 recommended that this Board be vigilant in moving
17 forward in order to be not interpreted as condoning
18 supervised neglect and recommended accomplishing this
19 goal by means of a process that considers evidence-
20 based implementation.

21 At the July 2017 meeting of this Board, after a
22 lengthy discussion, it was obvious that a decision
23 could not be reached. The Chairperson moved to
24 continue action on this request until today's meeting.
25 He noted the participation of representatives of

1 specifically section (c)(4), is designed to increase
2 public access to necessary dental care safely and
3 responsibly.

4 The expansion of practice sites will not expand
5 the scope of practice of the public health dental
6 hygiene practitioners and will not change the
7 requirement that the practitioner refer each patient
8 to a licensed dentist on an annual basis.

9 This expansion will serve to increase access to
10 care and is already allowed under the Dental Law and
11 the regulations of the Board. And this expansion will
12 encourage increased referrals to licensed dentists for
13 further and complete dental care.

14 Again, the Wolf administration fully supports
15 increasing access to dental care and supports all of
16 the professionals who play a role in contributing to
17 the vital dental health of our citizens.

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19 Barbara (Bonnie) L. Fowler, Public Member, commented
20 as follows:

21 I'd like to just take a moment to express my
22 appreciation for the Board process. You've explained
23 the external process with the leadership of Dr.
24 Erhard, Dr. Lugo and Dr. Deem getting us to this point
25 in time.

1 Pennsylvania is in the midst of a paradigm shift
2 in the provision of oral healthcare. It began in the
3 lead up to the establishment of the PHDHP as a
4 category of licensure in 2010, continued through the
5 expansion of authorized practice sites from public
6 health institutions to settings and to this point
7 where we now have the opportunity to significantly
8 impact the education and preventive oral healthcare of
9 the public, not just the destitute and the
10 disenfranchised. And to strategically reject a de
11 facto two-tier system of service delivery in the
12 Commonwealth by adopting in full the provisions of
13 this exposure draft.

14 Public healthcare is not site specific. The
15 education, licensure, regulations, insurance
16 requirements and commitment to comprehensive services
17 of PHDHPs does not mutate downward if she or he is
18 providing services within the scope of practice
19 independent of supervision by a dentist in a
20 pediatrician's office or at the bedside of a homebound
21 patient.

22 There is no reason to believe that PHDHPs will
23 not work diligently in the best interest of their
24 patients, the highest standard of care, to alleviate
25 confusion or concern about compliance with referral to

1 a dentist for diagnosis and treatment.

2 The new paradigm that's forming may well be
3 circular rather than vertical in which all healthcare
4 providers, dental and medical, work collaboratively
5 within their full potential to support and reinforce
6 the highest standards of care for Pennsylvanians.

7 I really look forward to Pennsylvania dental
8 health providers through leaders and their professions
9 helping to guide us through the challenging times of
10 change to positive solutions and approaches that we
11 need. We cannot improve the oral healthcare of the
12 public by withholding the services of qualified valued
13 professionals.

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15 Mariellen Brickley-Raab, R.D.H., Secretary, commented
16 as follows:

17 First of all, I would like to thank everyone for
18 their comments, whether you are for the draft or
19 opposed to the draft because you gave me the
20 opportunity to look at things from every perspective.

21 What I started to do when I was looking is I
22 thought, well, let me look at the -- I read the dental
23 hygiene practitioners, I read the dental and their
24 thoughts, and then I was curious to see what the
25 health people in Pennsylvania had to say.

1 So just to let everyone know, Keystone Rural
2 Health Consortia, they provide services to local head
3 start programs, adult daycare, primary care settings
4 and childcare settings, assisted living residents,
5 homebound patients, and other facilities; and they
6 were in favor of the draft.

7 The Pennsylvania Rural Health Association works
8 with rural areas suffering the shortage of dental
9 health professionals. They also were in favor of the
10 draft but did have some language that they would like
11 to see added. Public citizens for children and youth
12 stated that 100,000 Pennsylvania children have no
13 health insurance and do not get oral healthcare.

14 The Pennsylvania ACHIEVA supports more than
15 12,500 people with intellectual and development
16 disabilities and families. They are one of PA's
17 largest disability organizations, and they expressed
18 concern of limited transportation, unusual changes in
19 routine that affect the individuals and unfamiliar
20 environment and mobility issues. So that was why they
21 were in favor of the draft.

22 The PA Coalition of Oral Health Utilization of
23 PDHPs would advance the information of the 2017-2020
24 oral health plan.

25 AmeriHealth -- and if I'm not saying these

1 correctly, excuse my pronunciation -- Caritas
2 Pennsylvania also was in favor. And Liberty Resources
3 and Vision of Equality and the Pennsylvania Health Law
4 Project were also in favor of it. The Pennsylvania
5 Health Law states that one in three children, 33
6 percent in low income households have untreated tooth
7 decay according to data from the Department of Human
8 Services. Dental decay affects five times as many
9 children as asthma and nearly half of all children, 48
10 percent will experience dental decay by the age of 8,
11 according to their data.

12 Among the 1.2 million children enrolled in
13 Pennsylvania's Medicaid program, only 59.9 percent had
14 at least 1 dental visit in 2015. Among the 1.6
15 million adults enrolled in Medicaid, only 39 percent
16 accessed dental services in the preceding six-month
17 period, according to the program's most recent
18 consumer survey.

19 The reason I bring this to your attention is I
20 really am involved in evidence-based research, and I
21 really needed to find some statistics to look at this
22 problem. I then went to look at the people that were
23 opposed to the draft, and I was looking for themes
24 that may be what was causing all the folks to actually
25 oppose it.

1 Some of the themes that I noticed were many
2 patients and parents or guardians of minor patients
3 will believe they and their dependents' teeth and oral
4 health have been adequately treated by seeing a PHDHP
5 and a physician. I would only hope that the PHDHP
6 would be able to discuss with the parents what
7 procedures are being done and then, as they're
8 supposed to, give a referral to a dentist so these
9 people can have a dental home.

10 Another one was that PHDHPs are educated to their
11 discipline, but their education severely lacks the
12 depth of education and knowledge to keep the patient
13 safe, to diagnose, the treatment plan, and to
14 understand all the large array of patient needs,
15 desires, options, and available treatments. With that
16 one, I got a little concerned because I worked with
17 dental hygiene students at Montgo, actually, and I
18 thought, this doesn't make any sense.

19 What I think is perhaps people are unaware of
20 what the curriculum for a dental hygiene student is,
21 so I did go to the website and looked it up. They
22 take a theory and practice of dental hygiene I, dental
23 anatomy, dental radiology, theory and practice of
24 dental hygiene II, histology and pathology of oral
25 tissues, periodontics I, material in dentistry, dental

1 pain control which is local anesthesia, theory and
2 practice expanded function dental, theory and practice
3 of dental hygiene IV and periodontics II along with
4 community dentistry.

5 These courses are pretty comprehensive. I won't
6 go into it in detail, but if you go to the website,
7 you can actually get an overview of what each course
8 offers to the hygienist. I hope that would help to
9 dispel the fear that the hygienist is not capable of
10 providing their scope of practice.

11 The other thing I wanted to bring to your
12 attention is one of the main -- for us, we're calling
13 it a public health dental hygiene practitioner, but
14 across the country, it's called direct access states.
15 The definition of that is the ability of a dental
16 hygienist to initiate treatment based on their
17 assessment of patient's needs without the specific
18 authorization of a dentist, treat the patient without
19 the presence of a dentist and maintain a provider-
20 patient relationship.

21 This has been going on across the country since
22 2008. There were 28 states that participated in the
23 progression of direct access. In 2011, there were 38
24 states, and in 2017 as of June, there were 40 states
25 participating in this program. I just wanted to give

1 us an idea that we are not the cutting edge here and
2 it's not like we're creating rocket science and have
3 to be nervous; however, I do want to say that we are
4 all, as dental professionals, very concerned about
5 patients.

6 We're all kind of a type A personality. We all
7 want the best, and also change is very scary. We have
8 had a paradigm, as Bonnie had discussed, that was
9 mainly solo practice and now it's branching out, and I
10 think we really need to take a good hard look and
11 decide where we want to go. I also would like to
12 bring up the fact that we have had this position for a
13 while and never, since I've been on the Board, has any
14 public health dental hygiene practitioner been brought
15 before this Board for disciplinary actions, and I
16 think that's a pretty good thing.

17 In any event, I would hope that the Board would
18 go forward and move this draft.

19 Thank you very much.

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21 John E. DeFinnis, D.D.S., commented as follows:

22 I'm just an old dentist who's going to speak from
23 his heart. I've been in practice 50 years. I saw a
24 lot of change. I started out using silver points, and
25 now the new dentist don't even know what silver points

1 are anymore.

2 I was on Lisa's committee. We met for over two
3 hours. The only people in the room were pretty much
4 hygienists. We didn't have any dentists. We had a
5 representative from the Pennsylvania Dental
6 Association, a Secretary, who couldn't really be
7 involved in the discussion.

8 I felt that -- I'm an eye-to-eye person. You
9 need to be in a room and hash some of this out. As
10 far as I can see, the main objection is the situation
11 with the physician's office. I got a kick out of one
12 of the letters where they said some of the faux pas of
13 physicians trying to make a dental diagnosis or not
14 making a dental diagnosis. I found that over and over
15 again. I was on a hospital board at a rural hospital
16 for over 20 years, and I tried to help educate our
17 physicians in that regard so that we didn't make a lot
18 of faux pas in the emergency room area.

19 It's all about access to care and safety, and,
20 you know, I don't see a big problem from safety with
21 this expansion. I would like to see better language
22 in that area, particularly, and that's where I'm
23 coming from. Let me see if there was anything else.
24 I'm just so sorry that we seem to be polarized in this
25 issue because, to me, it's all good.

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2 Rebecca Zehring, Office of Attorney General, commented
3 as follows:

4 I share in the concerns that were presented about
5 patients being confused about the actual dental
6 services they would be receiving from the PHDHP and
7 thought that they would not seek follow-up care with
8 an actual dentist.

9 In addition, every day I deal with consumers who
10 are confused about payment for health-related
11 services. Any time there is a mixture of medical,
12 dental and/or vision benefits, there can be a question
13 of who's paying for the services. For example, an
14 individual's health insurance may not cover the
15 services of the PHDHP at say a wellness visit, which
16 could result in the claim being denied and then the
17 patient being billed for the services.

18 The letter from the PA Law Project seems to
19 indicate that medical assistance may cover this type
20 of service; however, I don't know that other insurance
21 carriers will do the same. My duty is to protect
22 consumers, so at this point, I cannot support
23 something that could potentially create more confusion
24 and have a financial impact on PA consumers.

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1 Lisa P. Deem, D.M.D., J.D., commented as follows:

2 Under enabling legislation, a licensing board is
3 charged with the responsibility and authority to
4 oversee the profession and to regulate licensed
5 professionals to protect the public health and safety.
6 Improving access to healthcare is not included in the
7 general powers of the State Board of Dentistry.

8 The Board receives many letters opposed to the
9 expansion as well as in support of it. I consider the
10 comments of the interested parties in forming my own
11 opinion. United States trained dentists complete a
12 rigorous, highly competitive, four-year professional
13 school curriculum, post a four-year college experience
14 that includes intense training and testing.

15 In general and oral pathology, oral diagnosis and
16 medicine, general anatomy and pharmacology. Dental
17 hygienists typically receive a two-year associate's
18 degree from a community college. And physicians
19 receive a total of three to five hours of oral
20 healthcare training.

21 In her letter, former Senator Patricia Vance
22 advocated expanding locations because homebound
23 patients, quote, simply want to have their teeth
24 cleaned in their own home, end quote.

25 There is nothing simple about the provision of

1 oral healthcare. And it is disappointing to see the
2 lack of appreciation that so many have for dentists
3 and the complexities that they must manage in
4 providing safe, quality care. From diagnosing dental
5 disease and oral cancer to recognizing the impact and
6 interaction of medications on a patient's oral and
7 overall health, allowing and expanding the under
8 supervised treatment of patients gives me pause. It
9 should give us all pause.

10 As a dental hygienist wrote, quote, this
11 expansion may allow more Pennsylvanians to get dental
12 care but at what cost, end quote.

13 Many of those advocating for the expansion refer
14 to the benefits that will be afforded our most
15 vulnerable citizens. It is the very vulnerability of
16 these patients who are often severely medically and
17 dentally compromised who require the most closely
18 supervised care, not less or none at all.

19 Pennsylvania legislators impose this law in the
20 interest of improving access to care. The legislator
21 saw fit to disregard and dismiss the importance of an
22 examination by a dentist. As Board members we know
23 better. However, we are bound to uphold existing law
24 which the Board had no input in enacting. Since under
25 supervised public health dental hygienists are

1 required to merely recommend an examination by a
2 dentist but not require one. More unsupervised
3 treatment could result in fewer comprehensive oral
4 evaluations by those most qualified to perform them.

5 While the Board receives many letters with
6 comments and anecdotal experiences on the issue, there
7 were no assessments of PHDH practice. Unless the law
8 is changed to require a dentist to perform an
9 examination at least once per year, I cannot support
10 expanding unsupervised treatment locations.

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12 Shawn M. Casey, D.M.D., commented as follows:

13 I'm against the proposed expansion draft for
14 public dental health hygiene practitioners and my
15 reasons are as follows: Practice settings one through
16 ten are consistent with the underlying fundamental
17 public policy and legislative intent which is to
18 provide the informed, the aged, incapacitated and
19 people in need who are unable to present themselves to
20 a dental care facility with dental care by allowing
21 the hygienist to go to the patient. I don't have a
22 problem with that.

23 What I do have an issue with is the fullest
24 expansion of law, number 11, which states, an office
25 or a clinic of a physician who was licensed by a State

1 Board of Medicine or a State Board of Osteopathic
2 Medicine completely disregards, obliterates and
3 candidly insults the underlying public policy and
4 legislative intent as it assumes that the aged, the
5 informed, the incapacitated, et cetera, is capable or
6 willing to present to a doctor's office.

7 If the proposed patient is capable of presenting
8 to the doctor's office, then logically they can also
9 go to a dental office. The bottom line here is if
10 they can go to see the doctor, they can see a dentist.

11 It is absurd the expansion that is not only
12 insulting to the dental professionals, but to the
13 Pennsylvania General Assembly, our state
14 representatives, the state senators that enacted this
15 law in the first place.

16 Number 11 does not, repeat, does not have nothing
17 to do with the prisoners lodged in correctional
18 facilities, the bedridden patients at healthcare
19 facilities, personal care homes and proliving centers,
20 et cetera. In the legal world, number 11 is called
21 nonsequestered. It's misplaced, does not fit, does
22 not follow logic and has no place in the statute.

23 Let me provide you some facts and statistics that
24 support my argument against this proposed number 11.
25 According to the Health Policy Institute, 97, repeat,

1 97 percent of the public insured children live within
2 15 minutes of a Medicaid dentist; 96 percent of the
3 public insured children live in areas where there's at
4 least 1 Medicaid dentist per 2,000 insured children
5 within a 15-minute travel time; 89 percent of the
6 population live in areas where there is at least 1
7 dentist per 5,000 population within a 15-minute travel
8 time. Therefore, this is not warranted. This is not
9 a crisis.

10 I would like to propose a question to this Board
11 and we all know they're going to be fair. But just
12 bear with my thoughts here. What happens when a
13 hygienist is at a medical office and determines that
14 the patient needs a root canal. Who's going to
15 complete the necessary treatment? We all know the
16 general practitioner, the ob/gyn and the cardiologist
17 is not going to do it because they're dental services
18 that are provided that professional dentists or dental
19 specialists are capable of providing. This example
20 demonstrates that if number 11 is included, hygiene
21 will now be practiced at the wrong place in derogation
22 of the legislative intent. And this is how we arrived
23 at these absurd scenarios which we are now discussing.
24 It's the wrong thing to do.

25 Again, I feel the bottom line is number 11 does

1 not belong in this draft.

2 I would also like to make a comment about letters
3 from the stakeholders which there was a lot of them.
4 And overwhelming amount was against this petition.
5 And the response, there was a petition that was signed
6 with over 500-plus names and 200 comments that
7 commented against this.

8 I would also like to note there was also three
9 times as much letters that were against this. Thank
10 you.]

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12 Arlene G. Seid, M.D., M.H.P., Department of Health,
13 commented as follows:

14 First, a point of clarification. The hospice and
15 home health were always part of the Healthcare
16 Facilities Act and the Healthcare Facilities Act was a
17 part of the original practice locations.

18 Now for my statement. For whatever reason, there
19 is -- access to care should proceed at least on one
20 side. And thus, the Department of Health supports
21 the current proposed draft. Because we believe it
22 provides improved access to dental care. While we
23 acknowledge not necessarily ideal dental care, DOH
24 believes that the benefits in presenting many of the
25 dental issues and the systems benefit of good

1 preventative care will help to mitigate some of the
2 issues associated on the transactional or visit
3 quality.

4 DOH believes that the regulatory components of the
5 Department of Health, the Department of Human Services
6 and the Department of State will be sufficient to
7 ensure safety and to provide feedback on the impact of
8 these changes. At the very least, it will give
9 another avenue to address complete associated quality
10 issues and at best may provide some quality oversight.

11 We acknowledge that there are many unknowns in
12 terms of the true impact of this measure. The
13 populations affected and what the ultimate cost to the
14 entire system will be. But yet we believe that this
15 measure will improve access to dental care.

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17 Alice Hart Hughes, Esquire, Public Member, commented
18 as follows:

19 First I'd like to compliment and praise each
20 member of the Board for their very thoughtful remarks.
21 I'm really impressed.

22 But what everyone has avoided, whether it's
23 because they don't want to call it out, is following a
24 trail. Part of the issue here is the reimbursement
25 rate for the care to these patients who are receiving

1 Medicaid. And it's great that 89 percent of Medicaid
2 patients live within a five-mile radius of a dentist
3 but they're not going and the dentists aren't seeing
4 them.

5 We've been told for the last 20 years that dental
6 health is important to our health and how our teeth
7 are tells us a lot about how we are physically with
8 regard to every other functionality of our bodies.

9 I am in favor of this proposal because it seeks
10 to serve those who are not served. If they were being
11 served, if the dentists were seeing these patients, we
12 wouldn't have this conundrum today. If the service
13 was being provided, we wouldn't need public health and
14 public health dental hygienist practitioners. The
15 fact of the matter is we do. I don't know how else to
16 address the issue when dental health is so important.

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18 Kerry E. Maloney, Esquire, Board Counsel, commented as
19 follows:

20 Obviously, I won't be stating whether I'm for or
21 opposed to this because that's not my role. I did
22 want to clarify a few things as far as the process
23 that got us here and where it goes from here.

24 As the Board's well-aware, the exposure draft
25 went out prior to, I believe it was in May but prior

1 to the July 2017 Board meeting. And it sought within
2 30 days comments on the exposure draft.

3 We received a good number of comments and
4 reviewed and discussed those at the July 2017 Board
5 meeting. Because of the differing opinions and the
6 inability to come to a consensus at that Board
7 meeting, we decided to table it and discuss it again
8 today.

9 And while the technical due date for comments to
10 the exposure draft had elapsed a long time ago, we
11 continue to receive comments and the Board agreed to
12 receive and review those comments. And when I say
13 comments, I don't mean that they dribbled in.

14 As you've seen on the agenda, I didn't count
15 them, but there are well over 50 maybe even
16 approaching 70 or 80 comments. And of course, the
17 quantity of comments for or against don't really
18 matter, it's what's mentioned in those comments. And
19 so it's the content of the comments that matter more
20 than the number.

21 So that's what got us here today. Then going
22 forward, I believe the Board recognizes, this is an
23 exposure draft. The Board today is voting whether to
24 send it forward. So then we start to initiate the
25 rulemaking process which as the Chair has outlined

1 will include not only a Board review of the language
2 and the comments later on, but the allowances for
3 public comment again and also for the House
4 Professional Licensure Committee and the Senate
5 Consumer Protection and Licensure Committee and the
6 Independent Regulatory Review Commission, for all of
7 those to review and comment, as well as the Governor's
8 Office, the Office of General Counsel, the Office of
9 Attorney General, many, many reviews for legality and
10 policy purposes.

11 So with that context and that process in mind, as
12 you vote on this, and judged from the comments today I
13 believe that the Board understands that, but by
14 reviewing the other comments, the Public Health/Dental
15 Health Practitioner scope of practice already exists.
16 Today's vote doesn't change that. So the requirement
17 that they practice within their scope exists now and
18 will continue to exist.

19 This will not change that. This exposure draft in
20 addition to clarifying some of the public welfare and
21 health care facility language by including that
22 language that's already in the act, this location site
23 addition does not change anything else except for
24 where the health care practitioner, the public dental
25 health care practitioner may practice.

1 As you will see that's consistent throughout the
2 already allowable sites is that these are places or
3 programs that are regulated somehow. The Health Care
4 Facilities Act places obviously are regulated by
5 those, Public Welfare are regulated by those. And
6 this additional one is regulated by the State Board of
7 Medicine and Osteopathic Medicine. So these are all
8 regulated sites. These are not sites that -- for
9 example, a kiosk in the mall where they're allowed to
10 do the practice.

11 So with all of those things in mind, I believe
12 that after the Chair's words that we can move to a
13 vote. And again, the vote is to initiate the
14 rulemaking process. This is by no means final. There
15 will be more public comments and more Board
16 discussions.

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18 [There was discussion regarding whether this matter
19 would be moved forward behind the AED requirements in
20 the office, policy statement on Botox and dermal
21 fillers and mobile vans. Mr. Maloney explained these
22 additional items are in various stages of going
23 forward and the current matter regarding expansion
24 sites would not be placed ahead of the other
25 rulemaking packages.]

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2 John F. Erhard, III, D.D.S., commented as follows
3 following commending the members of the Board for
4 their exceptional, well-thought of comments on the
5 issue:

6 Let me begin by saying that the request for the
7 expansion sites has thoroughly merited in the review
8 that we have given it. Without a doubt, the proposal
9 is well intended, bringing as many citizens as
10 possible to dental health is undeniable. I think we
11 all agree on that. And I'm confident that the
12 numerous comments offered to the Board, this is
13 important, have been done so without prejudice and are
14 by no means self-serving.

15 With that in mind, I've reflected on this issue
16 fully within the context that this is by no means a
17 turf war, an attempt at independent practice by
18 hygienists, or a challenge by dentists based on
19 monetary considerations. All that -- all those
20 thoughts must be taken out of the equation when you
21 consider this.

22 Why? Because we want to arrive at an intelligent
23 decision that best serves the citizens of
24 Pennsylvania. Trust me, I've spent a significant
25 amount of time as you all have investigating and

1 reflecting on this issue.

2 And I'd like to present to this Board a comment
3 and suggestion that I think could be palatable to all
4 the parties involved. And most importantly, will meet
5 the needs of the public.

6 A little background to mention, I'll go through
7 it briefly. Dental hygienists must complete after
8 high school two years, a 32-week education. They then
9 must challenge a state and national board examination
10 for licensure. Public Health dental hygienists must
11 have a dental hygiene license and have worked 36 hours
12 approximately full time for two years -- 3,600 hours.
13 I'm sorry.

14 A Public Health dental hygienist must also carry
15 a liability insurance policy and a continuing
16 education requirements for dental hygienists and
17 Public Health dental hygienists are the same 20 hours
18 every two years. However for a Public Health dental
19 hygienists, 5 of those 20 hours must involve Public
20 Health.

21 Under general supervision, a dental hygienist or
22 a Public Health dental hygienist may treat ASA I and
23 ASA-II patients. That's under general supervision by
24 a dentist. Those ASA patients are individuals without
25 systemic disease or only exhibit mild systemic

1 disease. Each individual patient's classification is
2 determined by the treating doctor with input from the
3 dental hygienist or the Public Health dental
4 hygienist.

5 ASA III, ASA IV and ASA V patients are those
6 patients that suffer severe incapacitating or life-
7 threatening disease and may only be treated under the
8 supervision directly of a dentist who has examined the
9 patient, authorized treatment, accepted responsibility
10 for the treatment and is physically present at the
11 location of treatment.

12 Dental hygienists may perform oral hygiene
13 education and preliminary patient screening without
14 dental supervision, direct or general. Public health
15 dental hygienists are required to document annual
16 patient referrals to a dentist but are not responsible
17 for patient compliance, and they may continue without
18 compliance to provide their services regardless of
19 patient compliance.

20 Most, if not all, of the currently approved
21 locations and its institutions, are areas where there
22 are significant dental facilities. Adequate lighting,
23 auxiliary personnel who are trained in forms of life
24 support, locations in which public health dental
25 hygienists may provide services on a fairly regular

1 routine basis that enables the public health dental
2 hygienist to be familiar to a certain degree with each
3 of their patients and their personal needs.

4 Additionally, these institutions are inspected
5 for safety, among other things, on a regular basis by
6 a recognized authority. Some, perhaps very many, of
7 the proposed new locations do not offer the same
8 supporting infrastructure nor, to the best of my
9 knowledge, are they inspected for what is essential
10 for acceptable hands-on care.

11 At first blush, adoption of the requested
12 location additions might seem less controversial than
13 what we are reviewing today, an easy fix to access to
14 care, but that's in a perfect world. Who knows that
15 more than the members of this Board? If we issued a
16 dental license or a dental hygiene license and were
17 assured that that practitioner going forward would
18 adhere perfectly to our standards, there would be no
19 need for disciplinary action. Licenses would never be
20 suspended, revoked, or censured. Patients would never
21 be in harm's way. Prescription rules would be
22 followed to the letter, even here today. We don't
23 have to go any farther than that. That's not reality.

24 So when coming to the issue of expanding
25 locations, we need to consider situations that might

1 occur -- that might place people's safety and health
2 in jeopardy. We need to think about outliers because
3 it isn't a perfect world.

4 For example, if during a procedure in a private
5 home childcare setting, a young child moves
6 inadvertently, and the public health dental
7 hygienist's instrument slips and that individual's
8 tongue is cut or their mouth, I can assure that most
9 dentists in this room have seen that happen in their
10 office. Is that public health dental hygienist equipt
11 to deal with that situation through experience or
12 training? Are the necessary armamentaria available to
13 deal with that situation, when you have an emotional
14 young child bleeding profusely in a nonmedically
15 prepared environment; that's a concern?

16 What if the patient has a diabetic seizure or
17 unrelated medical emergency in a home setting? What
18 happens when things go wrong? Who assures that
19 adequate support is available? Who assures that the
20 instrument employed meet OSHA standards? Who assumes
21 responsibility in a medical office where dental
22 services are performed? Who is ultimately responsible
23 in each of these environments? These questions need
24 to be addressed.

25 In looking into the request to treat hospice or

1 homebound patients, I cannot help but believe that
2 these patients are, for the most part, ASA III, ASA
3 IV, or ASA V patients. As you know, currently these
4 patients require treatment under the direct
5 supervision of a dentist in a dental office. I'm not
6 certain exactly what treatment public health dental
7 hygienists wish to provide hospice patients or even
8 homebound patients.

9 Are these patients ambulatory; are they bedridden
10 or chairridden? How would those conditions affect the
11 quality of treatment? It would not be a stretch, and
12 I think it was mentioned earlier, to believe that a
13 majority of homebound patients are those patients who
14 require the more sophisticated treatment regimens.
15 Certainly, the underserved are more likely to have
16 more complicated dental pathology than those who are
17 served on a routine basis. Usually, this means more
18 sophisticated treatments.

19 I realize there are other services that public
20 health dental hygienists can offer, and I'll address
21 that later on in my comments. Certainly, we are all
22 sympathetic for the less fortunate and the poor. We
23 acknowledge their need for care is no less essential
24 than those who are more fortunate.

25 I think this is something that came to me. At

1 our Board's last meeting, we discussed the recognition
2 of foreign-trained dentists and giving them the
3 ability to practice in a dental school environment,
4 not outside environment, not in a faculty practice, in
5 a dental school environment.

6 These were foreign-trained graduate dentists who
7 had practiced in their countries and had been vetted
8 by the administration of that school. This Board said
9 that's not good enough. We're concerned for the
10 safety of those people in that dental school. We will
11 only accept foreign trained dentists who have gone
12 through a Commission of Dental Accreditation (CODA)
13 program or CODA-equivalent program.

14 We've been vigilant in protecting the public,
15 even in a dental school. Dental schools are regularly
16 inspected and thoroughly prepared to handle
17 emergencies that may result from dental treatment that
18 has gone awry, and for that matter, they're prepared
19 to treat nondental medical-related emergencies.

20 In light of that, I ask myself, how can I grant
21 this request for a dental hygienist to treat young or
22 medically compromised patients in an environment
23 that's far less than ideal and compromise when we deny
24 that ability to foreign-trained licensed dentists who
25 have practiced and whose abilities have been vetted by

1 a dental school.

2 All that being said, I certainly recognize the
3 necessity to bring as many individuals as possible to
4 the dental care they require, make no mistake about
5 it. Yes, transportation, for many, affordability or
6 financial is a concern, not only to travel to a dental
7 office but I would think equally a concern for travel
8 to a pediatricians office. Obviously, this obstacle
9 needs to be corrected. I don't think it's the Board's
10 duty to do that.

11 It's encouraging also today that many healthcare
12 facilities are becoming multidisciplinary. This
13 certainly may help reduce the number of trips for
14 medical or dental care. During the break at our last
15 meeting, I had an opportunity to have a sidebar
16 discussion with some dental hygiene educators. Our
17 discussion was informal, certainly. Of course, our
18 discussion centered on this topic today.

19 In my gut, after reflecting on that conversation,
20 I get the sense that there is a way to achieve many of
21 the well-intention goals related to this proposal
22 without compromising or rendering patients less than
23 normally acceptable care, and I believe this can be
24 accomplished with the understanding of the
25 Pennsylvania Dental Hygienists' Association as well as

1 our stakeholders.

2 When attempting to arrive at an acceptable
3 solution to an issue that is viewed differently by
4 opposing enemies, it would surely be a win if both
5 sides were 100 percent satisfied with the outcome.
6 Each party would achieve everything they wanted.

7 On the other hand, it would be won just as well
8 if each side did not achieve all that they sought but
9 could put aside that 100 percent demand in order to
10 achieve the outcome and would be successful in
11 reaching their desired goal. In business, labor, or
12 whatever type of negotiations, very rarely does one
13 side's opinion totally prevail when the other side
14 totally surrenders its concerns.

15 That being said, I would vote to support
16 modifying or amending the request in such a fashion to
17 accept additional locations with the proviso that the
18 services performed in these new locations be limited
19 to oral hygiene evaluation and instruction,
20 preliminary screening, and recommended referrals;
21 provide triage but not diagnosis and treatment.

22 As you know, these services are services provided
23 by dental hygienists now, so there would be no need
24 for further training. More importantly, these
25 services are offered in the best interest of the

1 patients and can be offered confidently in safety.

2 In conclusion, I would ask this Board to consider
3 this approach. It may not meet all the desires of all
4 the stakeholders, but I'd like to go forward with this
5 and doing so in a manner I recommended would make us
6 as a Board feel comfortable and confident that the
7 public would be well served in accordance with our
8 obligations to them.

9 So in following this path, we can expand the
10 locations as requested, address access to care as it
11 pertains to this request, and satisfy the concerns of
12 our stakeholders. If there was no objection, I would
13 like to make a motion for that proposal.

14 [END VERBATIM AS REQUESTED.]

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16 [The Board further discussed modifications to the
17 exposure draft. It was noted that what the Board
18 would be voting on was to send the matter to
19 regulatory for them to draft a regulation for
20 approval, and that the Board was not approving the
21 exposure draft, but approving that the process moves
22 forward and the process be continued. It was further
23 opined that a no vote today means the process ends.

24 Mr. Maloney explained that the motion was to
25 initiate the rulemaking process. He detailed the

1 rulemaking process for final publication of the
2 regulation.

3 Mr. Maloney further explained that clarifying the
4 Healthcare Facilities Act and the Public Welfare Code
5 sections are controversial, so the Board may vote
6 regardless of the extra location site to move forward
7 to explain and clarify those places. He stated that
8 at least the Board would be going forward with a
9 rulemaking package.

10 Dr. Seid inquired if the Board was looking to
11 change some of the scope of practice of Public Health
12 dentist hygienists or just the scope of practice
13 within some of the expanded locations. Chairperson
14 Erhard indicated the proposal would just be the scope
15 within the expanded locations.

16 Dr. Erhard requested the Board consider the
17 motion "in order to get where we want to go, and
18 that's bringing more patients into dental care." He
19 believed the stakeholders would agree and was hopeful
20 the hygienists would also agree.

21 Dr. Casey did not oppose an amendment. The Board
22 may review and discuss questions 3 and 4 as the
23 proceedings go on. He further stated that question
24 number 11 should be eliminated if there was an
25 amendment.

1 Ms. Fowler questioned if there was vote to amend,
2 would it have to go back into the process of public
3 review and comment. It was noted that the process
4 would be extended.

5 Mr. Maloney explained the options would be to
6 approve to move forward with the draft as is, approve
7 to move forward with the draft with specified
8 amendments to the draft, or to not move forward with
9 the draft at all.

10 It was noted that three absent Board members also
11 had an interest in the draft, and that perhaps the
12 vote should be postponed until the next meeting.

13 Commissioner Harlow inquired that if a vote were
14 to be taken to move the rulemaking package as drafted,
15 would there still be the opportunity to make
16 modifications going forward.

17 Mr. Maloney explained there will be several
18 opportunities to make modifications when the entire
19 rulemaking package were brought back the Board. At
20 that point, the Board may vote to move forward. And
21 then as the rulemaking is published as proposed, the
22 public may submit their comments. Later on in the
23 process, IRRC and the others may comment. He then
24 noted that after all comments are received, the Board
25 can amend the draft at that point as there may be

1 additional issues brought up that the Board had not
2 previously considered, which is part of the process.

3 Chairperson Erhard suggested a straw vote be
4 done, but Counsel advised against it.]

5 CHAIRPERSON ERHARD:

6 I make a motion to approve the locations
7 with the amended provisions.

8 [There was no second to the motion.]

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10 CHAIRPERSON ERHARD:

11 The question on the table is does
12 this Board want to go forward with the
13 regulation as proposed? I need somebody
14 to make the motion.

15 DR. SEID:

16 I move.

17 MS. BRICKLEY-RAAB:

18 I second.

19 CHAIRPERSON ERHARD:

20 It's moved by Dr. Seid, second by Ms.
21 Brickley-Raab. On the question.
22 Discussion?

23 DR. CASEY:

24 I want to make sure I'm not out of line,
25 but I was going to make a motion to

1 amend by eliminating question number 11
2 and proceed forward.

3 CHAIRPERSON ERHARD:

4 You can make that. You need a second
5 for it.

6 [There was discussion regarding the motion.]

7 CHAIRPERSON ERHARD:

8 The motion was to move forward with the
9 regulation as presented.

10 DR. CASEY:

11 I would like to amend that by
12 eliminating question number 11.

13 CHAIRPERSON ERHARD:

14 He made that motion. Is there a second?

15 DR. DEFINNIS:

16 I'll second that.

17 CHAIRPERSON ERHARD:

18 Is there any discussion on the
19 amendment?

20 [There was further discussion on the motion. It was
21 suggested that there be a clean, unamended motion to
22 vote on. There was inquiry regarding whether it was
23 necessary for the people that draft regulations to
24 require specific guidance and the comments from the
25 Board's discussion.]

1 It was noted that Board's comments were recorded
2 verbatim, so the drafters would have the Board's
3 concerns. There was inquiry as to whether it would be
4 possible to instead have a motion to go forward taking
5 into account and amending the exposure language based
6 on the Board's discussions.

7 Mr. Maloney explained the transcript would be
8 reviewed, but requested that the Board be as specific
9 as possible with its vote to change any of the draft
10 moving forward so the Board's intent would be clear.

11 There was discussion regarding a Public Health
12 dental practitioner setting up practice in a medical
13 office. It was suggested that could be edited after
14 the rulemaking process. There was discussion
15 regarding fluoride varnishes being performed by
16 medical doctors and trained nurses. It was noted that
17 allowing a Public Health dental hygienist to perform
18 these types of screenings would be better for the
19 public.]

20 CHAIRPERSON ERHARD:

21 Is there any discussion on the amendment
22 by Dr. Casey that was seconded by Dr.
23 DeFinnis?

24 [There was further discussion regarding the suggestion
25 to move the matter forward. It was suggested that a

1 vote be taken on the concept and idea and then fine
2 tune the language further on down the road.]

3 CHAIRPERSON ERHARD:

4 Is there more discussion on Dr. Casey's
5 amendment?

6 [Dr. Casey indicated that when talking about
7 eliminating question number 11, when going down line
8 items 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, which defines the
9 facilities hygienists may practice in, if the Board
10 would decide to do another number 11 or number 12,
11 more specifics can be defined on where the end result
12 of the facility would be, for example a medical place.

13 Dr. Casey felt the definitions were very general
14 and did not think it would be fair to the dental
15 population, and that if number 11 was spelled out more
16 correctly, everybody would be on the same page.

17 Mr. Maloney explained that while it stated that
18 the State Board of Medicine or State Board of
19 Osteopathic Medicine would have to license the
20 physicians at that clinic, that in no way means that
21 the Public Health dental hygienist practitioner would
22 then be under those Boards, that they would still
23 remain under the Dental Board.

24 He further explained that reference to the
25 Medical Board was only about that clinic and about the

1 licensure of the physicians at that clinic.

2 With regard to adding number 12 or even adding
3 subsections to paragraph 11 or eliminating the
4 paragraph completely, Mr. Maloney noted that was what
5 this whole discussion was about. That the Board may
6 decide to allow for number 11 by qualifying the
7 language, removing it, or adding 12 and 13 if the
8 Board desired.

9 There was discussion that the Board may want to
10 address this further and maybe tweak the language, but
11 whether it should be amended now, which would slow
12 down the process, or amended later was the concern.

13 It was noted that in view of comments,
14 suggestions and recommendations received, the Board
15 can change the language going forward.

16 Ms. Fowler asked Dr. Casey for further
17 explanation regarding his comment "not fair to the
18 dental population". Dr. Casey noted the comment was
19 regarding the dentist community and offered further
20 clarification that new number 11 or number 12 can be
21 added that references medical clinics or health care
22 facilities.

23 Ms. Brickley-Raab noted that if restrictions were
24 placed on what the Public Health dental hygienists
25 could do in a physician's office regarding screenings,

1 fluoride varnishes and caries risk assessment, there
2 could be a need to educate the parents and send them
3 to a dental home.

4 Dr. Seid noted that from past experience, seeing
5 four to seven patients in one hour will make more
6 money than the one hour of a dental hygienist's
7 cleaning. She stated she did not see this issue, in
8 terms of the spread to physician communities, as being
9 as big an issue as the time spent talking about.]

10 CHAIRPERSON ERHARD:

11 Let's have a vote on the amendment as
12 proposed by Dr. Casey. If you vote
13 aye, you are for the amendment. If you
14 vote nay, you are against the
15 amendment.

16 [The amendment was to delete paragraph 11 from the
17 proposed exposure draft.]

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19 Roll Call.

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21 Hughes, nay; Seid, nay; Casey, aye;
22 Deem, aye; Zehring, aye; DeFinnis, aye;
23 Brickley-Raab, nay; Fowler, nay; Harlow,
24 nay; and Erhard, aye.

25 [The motion failed.]

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CHAIRPERSON ERHARD:

Now, we're voting on the exposure draft as presented. I need someone to make the motion and second.

[It was a noted there was a motion and a second previously.]

CHAIRPERSON ERHARD:

It's been seconded? All right.

MS. HUGHES:

Hughes moves to amend the motion and direct Board Counsel to prepare the regulation in accordance with the discussions today, specifically dealing with the concerns about a medical facility under the supervision of a licensed physician or osteopathic doctor.

CHAIRPERSON ERHARD:

Do we have a second on that motion? I'll second that so we can have a discussion.

Is there any discussion on that motion?

MS. HUGHES:

1 We don't want to eliminate paragraph
2 11. Based on the discussion that we
3 had here, it's too vague, and we want
4 that to be better defined, and we want
5 the regulation amended in such a way or
6 the language that comes back to us the
7 next time to review it, to be amended
8 in such a way to define more
9 specifically what that is. That's what
10 the amendment is.

11 [There was further discussion regarding whether to
12 include in the amendment the types of sites at which
13 hygienists may practice or what hygienists can do at
14 that site. Ms. Hughes explained it would be what they
15 can do at the medical facility but would need to defer
16 to a colleague who are professionally trained in the
17 matter for further direction.

18 Members were referred to 33.205(b) of the
19 proposed rulemaking for further discussion with regard
20 to that already in place for PHDHPs.

21 There was discussion with regard to the
22 amendment, votes and motions. It was clarified there
23 was an amendment to the original motion, which is to
24 direct Board Counsel to edit the language already on
25 there and to move forward. Board Counsel explained

1 that for the matter to move forward, he would need to
2 have verbatim specific language. That if it were more
3 general and the language redraft according to the
4 Board's discussion, the rulemaking would have to come
5 back to the Board for approval of the revisions.]

6 CHAIRPERSON ERHARD:

7 We're voting on the motion made by
8 Attorney Hughes to redraft or whatever.

9 MS. HUGHES:

10 I want to withdraw the motion because I
11 want us to move forward to rulemaking.
12 I don't want us to go another round on
13 exposure draft. I don't. I want to
14 move it forward. My intention was to
15 provide Board Counsel with the language
16 that he might need to create a
17 regulation for us to review. It
18 doesn't mean it's going to pass. You
19 guys decided that my motion is about
20 creating another exposure draft and
21 that's not what I want. So I want to
22 withdraw my motion.

23 [It was noted the original motion was to accept the
24 exposure draft language as drafted and move forward
25 into rulemaking. The motion had been previously moved

1 and seconded.]

2 CHAIRPERSON ERHARD:

3 On the question.

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5 Roll Call.

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7 Hughes, aye; Seid, aye; Casey, no; Deem,

8 no; Zehring, nay; DeFinnis, aye;

9 Brickley-Raab, aye; Fowler, aye; Harlow,

10 aye; and Erhard, aye.

11 [The motion carried. Dr. Casey, Dr. Deem, and Ms.

12 Zehring opposed the motion.]

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14 [The Board recessed from 11:25 a.m. until 11:40 a.m.]

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16 [Ian J. Harlow, Commissioner of Professional and

17 Occupational Affairs, exited the meeting at 11:39

18 a.m.]

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20 [Shawn M. Casey, DMD, entered the meeting at

21 11:41 a.m.]

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23 Report of Board Chairperson

24 [John F. Erhard III, D.D.S., Chairperson, noted his

25 attendance at the American Board of Dental Examiners

1 (ADEX) meeting in August. Chairperson Erhard
2 discussed the need for a dentist representative for
3 this meeting, which is usually the first weekend in
4 August. Chairperson Erhard addressed the decision of
5 the Appeals Court in Texas regarding specialty
6 recognition.

7 Chairperson Erhard discussed opioid courses and
8 guideline content.]

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10 Report of Commissioner - No Report

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12 Report of Board Administrator
13 [Lisa M. Burns, Board Administrator, noted that the
14 PALS system was on schedule. She noted one
15 reappointment, Dr. Lugo, on the senate nomination
16 calendar. Ms. Burns stated that the Board member
17 training seminar at the end of October was cancelled
18 and will possibly be rescheduled for March of next
19 year.

20 The Board was informed to contact the IT help
21 desk for difficulties with passwords.]

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23 Report of Committees
24 Licensure
25 [Shawn M. Casey, DMD, discussed across-the-board

1 licensure increases. Dr. Casey noted that licenses
2 should be reviewed individually and addressed the four
3 proposed options.]

4 DR. DEFINNIS:

5 I move to take option 1 at 40 percent
6 increase of all classes.

7 MS. BRICKLEY-RAAB:

8 Second.

9 CHAIRPERSON ERHARD:

10 Any other discussion on the motion made
11 by Dr. DeFinnis?

12 [The Board held further discussion on the motion.]

13 CHAIRPERSON ERHARD:

14 The motion on the floor is 40 percent,
15 and it was seconded. Any other
16 discussion on the motion? We can have
17 another motion if this one is defeated.
18 On the 40 percent motion, I guess we
19 have to take an individual vote.

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21 Roll Call.

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23 Hughes, nay; Seid, aye; Casey, aye;
24 Deem, nay; Zehring, nay; DeFinnis, aye;
25 Brickley-Raab, aye; Fowler, nay; Harlow,

1 aye; Erhard, aye.

2 CHAIRPERSON ERHARD:

3 Okay, that's it. Thank you.

4 [The motion carried. Ms. Hughes, Dr. Deem, Ms.
5 Zehring, and Ms. Fowler opposed the motion.]

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7 Newsletter

8 [Barbara (Bonnie) L. Fowler, Public Member, noted the
9 draft of the September-October Newsletter was sent to
10 Ms. Burns and Dr. Erhard for revisions. She noted Dr.
11 Matta's new Board member biography and the article on
12 recordkeeping by Dr. Erhard.]

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14 Probable Cause Screening Committee

15 [Alice Hart Hughes, Esquire, Public Member, noted
16 three matters reviewed during the Probable Cause
17 Screening Committee meeting.]

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19 Practice Ownership

20 [John E. DeFinnis, DDS, noted no complaints on large
21 group practices.

22 Mr. Jarabeck explained that the Board disciplines
23 the individual licensee or for fictitious names, not a
24 large group.]

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1 Scope of Practice - No Report

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3 For the Board's Information/Discussion

4 Proposed Budget Information

5 [Chairperson Erhard expressed his thoughts that the
6 Board has been fiscally responsible.]

7 Chairperson Erhard noted his request response was
8 unanswered with regard to the American Association of
9 Dental Boards (AADB) meeting.]

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11 AMOS Letter

12 [Chairperson Erhard noted Dr. Lindner's comment on the
13 American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial
14 Surgeons (AAOMS) letter.]

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16 Recusal Guidelines

17 [Chairperson Erhard noted the recusal guidelines for
18 the Board's review.]

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20 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at
21 12:17 p.m. the Board entered into Executive Session
22 with Kerry E. Maloney, Esquire, Board Counsel, for the
23 purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations.
24 The Board returned to open session at 2:32 p.m.]

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1 MOTIONS:

2 CHAIRPERSON ERHARD:

3 Attorney Hughes?

4 MS. HUGHES:

5 Hughes move to accept the Consent
6 Agreement for File No. 17-46-06780.

7 DR. DEEM:

8 Second.

9 CHAIRPERSON ERHARD:

10 On the question.

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12 Roll Call.

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14 Hughes, aye; Seid, aye; Casey, aye;
15 Deem, aye; Zehring, aye; DeFinnis, aye;
16 Brickley-Raab, aye; Fowler, aye;
17 Derrick, aye; and Erhard, aye.

18 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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20 CHAIRPERSON ERHARD:

21 Dr. Casey?

22 DR. CASEY:

23 I move to reject Consent Agreements for
24 File No. 12-46-07736 and File No. 12-46-
25 07737 as too lenient.

1 MS. BRICKLEY-RAAB:

2 Second.

3 CHAIRPERSON ERHARD:

4 On the question.

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6 Roll Call.

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8 Hughes, aye; Seid, abstained; Casey,
9 aye; Deem, aye; Zehring, aye; DeFinnis,
10 aye; Brickley-Raab, aye; Fowler, aye;
11 Derrick, aye; and Erhard, aye.

12 [The motion carried. Dr. Seid abstained from voting
13 on the motion.]

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15 DR. SEID:

16 Seid moves to reject the Consent
17 Agreement for File No. 16-46-06736 as
18 too lenient.

19 DR. DEEM:

20 Second.

21 CHAIRPERSON ERHARD:

22 On the question.

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24 Roll Call.

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1 Hughes, nay; Seid, aye; Casey, aye;
2 Deem, aye; Zehring, aye; DeFinnis, aye;
3 Brickley-Raab, aye; Fowler, aye;
4 Derrick, aye; and Erhard, aye.

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

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7 DR. DEEM:

8 Deem moves to accept the Consent
9 Agreement for File No. 15-46-11919.

10 MS. FOWLER:

11 Second.

12 CHAIRPERSON ERHARD:

13 On the question.

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15 Roll Call.

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17 Hughes, aye; Seid, aye; Casey, aye;
18 Deem, aye; Zehring, aye; DeFinnis, aye;
19 Brickley-Raab, aye; Fowler, aye;
20 Derrick, aye; and Erhard, aye.

21 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's
22 name is Karen F. Wright.]

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24 MS. ZEHRING:

25 Zehring moves to accept the Consent

1 Agreement for File No. 16-46-01994.

2 MS. BRICKLEY-RAAB:

3 Second.

4 CHAIRPERSON ERHARD:

5 On the question.

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7 Roll Call.

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9 Hughes, abstained; Seid, aye; Casey,
10 aye; Deem, aye; Zehring, aye; DeFinnis,
11 aye; Brickley-Raab, aye; Fowler, aye;
12 Derrick, aye; and Erhard, aye.

13 [The motion carried. Ms. Hughes abstained from voting
14 on the motion. The Respondent's name is Harvey Jay
15 Goldberger, DMD.]

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17 DR. DEFINNIS:

18 DeFinnis moves to accept the Consent
19 Agreement for File No. 16-46-02160.

20 MS. BRICKLEY-RAAB:

21 Second.

22 CHAIRPERSON ERHARD:

23 On the question.

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Hughes, aye; Seid, aye; Casey, aye;
Deem, aye; Zehring, aye; DeFinnis, aye;
Brickley-Raab, aye; Fowler, aye;
Derrick, aye; and Erhard, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's
name is Chandon Ahuja, DDS.]

MS. BRICKLEY-RAAB:

Brickley-Raab moves to accept the
Consent Agreement for File No. 16-46-
12439.

MS. FOWLER:

Second.

CHAIRPERSON ERHARD:

On the question.

Roll Call.

Hughes, aye; Seid, aye; Casey, aye;
Deem, aye; Zehring, aye; DeFinnis, aye;
Brickley-Raab, aye; Fowler, aye;
Derrick, aye; and Erhard, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's
name is Ronald Joseph Briglia, DMD.]

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2 MS. FOWLER:

3 Fowler moves to approve the Consent
4 Agreement for File No. 16-46-14909.

5 MS. HUGHES:

6 Second.

7 CHAIRPERSON ERHARD:

8 On the question.

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10 Roll Call.

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12 Hughes, aye; Seid, aye; Casey, aye;
13 Deem, aye; Zehring, aye; DeFinnis, aye;
14 Brickley-Raab, aye; Fowler, aye;
15 Derrick, aye; and Erhard, aye.

16 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's
17 name is Joytilak Majumdar DMD.]

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19 MS. HUGHES:

20 In the case of Elaine M. Hoppes-
21 Goroshko, DDS, File No. 14-46-10020, I
22 move that the Board grant the Motion to
23 Enter Default and Deem Facts Admitted
24 and that Board Counsel be directed to
25 prepare an Adjudication and Order in

1 accordance with our discussions in
2 Executive Session.

3 DR. SEID:

4 Second.

5 CHAIRPERSON ERHARD:

6 On the question.

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8 Roll Call.

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10 Hughes, aye; Seid, aye; Casey, aye;
11 Deem, aye; Zehring, aye; DeFinnis, aye;
12 Brickley-Raab, aye; Fowler, aye;
13 Derrick, aye; and Erhard, aye.

14 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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16 DR. SEID:

17 Seid moves in the case of Jeffery James
18 Becker, DDS, File No. 15-46-04922. I
19 move that the Board grant the Motion to
20 Enter Default and Deem Facts Admitted
21 and that Board Counsel be directed to
22 prepare an Adjudication and Order in
23 accordance with our discussions in
24 Executive Session.

25 MS. HUGHES:

1 Second.

2 CHAIRPERSON ERHARD:

3 On the question.

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5 Roll Call.

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7 Hughes, aye; Seid, aye; Casey, aye;

8 Deem, aye; Zehring, aye; DeFinnis, aye;

9 Brickley-Raab, aye; Fowler, aye;

10 Derrick, aye; and Erhard, aye.

11 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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13 DR. CASEY:

14 In the case of Boris Karlusic EFDA,
15 File No. 15-46-13917, I move that the
16 Board grant the Motion to Enter Default
17 and Deem Facts Admitted and that Board
18 Counsel be directed to prepare an
19 Adjudication and Order in accordance
20 with our discussion in Executive
21 Session.

22 MS. HUGHES:

23 Second.

24 CHAIRPERSON ERHARD:

25 On the question.

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Roll Call.

Hughes, aye; Casey, aye; Seid, aye;
Deem, aye; Zehring, aye; DeFinnis, aye;
Brickley-Raab, aye; Fowler, aye;
Derrick, aye; and Erhard, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously.]

DR. DEEM:

In the case of Helly Patel, File No.
15-46-13927, Deem moves that the Board
grant the Motion to Enter Default and
Deem Facts Admitted and that Board
Counsel be directed to prepare an
Adjudication and Order in accordance
with our discussion in Executive
Session.

MS. BRICKLEY-RAAB:

Second.

CHAIRPERSON ERHARD:

On the question.

Roll Call.

1 Hughes, aye; Seid, aye; Casey, aye;
2 Deem, aye; Zehring, aye; DeFinnis, aye;
3 Brickley-Raab, aye; Fowler, aye;
4 Derrick, aye; and Erhard, aye.

5 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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7 MS. ZEHRING:

8 In the case of Mukuka Kapilikisha, DDS,
9 File No. 16-46-02163, I move that the
10 Board grant the Motion to Enter Default
11 and Deem Facts Admitted and that Board
12 Counsel be directed to prepare an
13 Adjudication and Order in accordance
14 with our discussion in Executive
15 Session.

16 DR. DEFINNIS:

17 Second.

18 CHAIRPERSON ERHARD:

19 On the question.

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21 Roll Call.

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23 Hughes, aye; Seid, aye; Casey, aye;
24 Deem, aye; Zehring, aye; DeFinnis, aye;
25 Brickley-Raab, aye; Fowler, aye;

1 Derrick, aye; and Erhard, aye.

2 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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4 DR. DEFINNIS:

5 DeFinnis moves that the Board adopt the
6 Hearing Examiner's proposed
7 Adjudication and Order in the case of
8 Michael S. Taras, DMD, File No. 14-46-
9 01973, and direct the Board Counsel to
10 prepare the Board's Final Order.

11 MS. HUGHES:

12 Second.

13 CHAIRPERSON ERHARD:

14 On the question.

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16 Roll Call.

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18 Hughes, aye; Seid, aye; Casey, aye;
19 Deem, aye; Zehring, aye; DeFinnis, aye;
20 Brickley-Raab, aye; Fowler, aye;
21 Derrick, aye; and Erhard, aye.

22 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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24 MS. BRICKLEY-RAAB:

25 In the case of Michael Allen Moore,

1 DDS, File No. 14-46-10356, I move that
2 Board Counsel be directed to edit the
3 Adjudication and Order consistent with
4 our discussion in Executive Session.

5 DR. DEFINNIS:

6 Second.

7 CHAIRPERSON ERHARD:

8 On the question.

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10 Roll Call.

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12 Hughes, aye; Seid, aye; Casey, aye;
13 Deem, aye; Zehring, aye; DeFinnis, aye;
14 Brickley-Raab, aye; Fowler, aye;
15 Derrick, aye; and Erhard, aye.

16 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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18 MS. FOWLER:

19 Fowler moves to dismiss the case of
20 Elaine Payne, File No. 16-46-01079.

21 DR. DEEM:

22 Second.

23 CHAIRPERSON ERHARD:

24 On the question.

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1 Roll Call.

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3 Hughes, aye; Seid, aye; Casey, aye;
4 Deem, aye; Zehring, aye; DeFinnis, aye;
5 Brickley-Raab, aye; Fowler, aye;
6 Derrick, aye; and Erhard, aye.

7 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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9 DR. SEID:

10 I move that the Board adopt the
11 Adjudication and Order presented by
12 Board Counsel in the name of Nicole
13 Baruffi, RDH, and direct Board Counsel
14 to prepare the Board's Final Order.

15 DR. DEFINNIS:

16 Second.

17 CHAIRPERSON ERHARD:

18 On the question.

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20 Roll Call.

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22 Hughes, recused; Seid, aye; Casey, aye;
23 Deem, aye; Zehring, recused; DeFinnis,
24 aye; Brickley-Raab, aye; Fowler, aye;
25 Derrick, aye; and Erhard, aye.

1 [The motion carried. Ms. Hughes and Ms. Zehring
2 recused from deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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4 MS. HUGHES:

5 I move that we adopt the Adjudication
6 and Order as presented by Board Counsel
7 for File No. 16-46-14701. The name is
8 Jonathan Richter, DDS.

9 DR. SEID:

10 Second.

11 CHAIRPERSON ERHARD:

12 On the question.

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14 Roll Call.

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16 Hughes, aye; Seid, aye; Casey, aye;
17 Deem, nay; Zehring, aye; DeFinnis, aye;
18 Brickley-Raab, aye; Fowler, aye;
19 Derrick, aye; and Erhard, aye.

20 [The motion carried. Dr. Deem opposed the motion.]

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22 DR. CASEY:

23 In the case of Susan A. Fox, DMD, File
24 No. 15-46-06423, that file will be
25 tabled and delayed until the next

1 meeting, because so many of the members
2 were recused for previous participation
3 in the Probable Cause Screening
4 Committee, we lost quorum. So we'll
5 have to try again next month when
6 hopefully we have more members here.

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8 MS. FOWLER:

9 Fowler moves to adopt the proposed order
10 of the Hearing Examiner for Deron T.
11 Kovac, DMD, File No. 16-46-13991.

12 DR. BRICKLEY-RAAB:

13 Second.

14 CHAIRPERSON ERHARD:

15 On the question.

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17 Roll Call.

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19 Hughes, recused; Seid, aye; Casey, aye;
20 Deem, aye; Zehring, aye; DeFinnis, aye;
21 Brickley-Raab, aye; Fowler, aye;
22 Derrick, aye; and Erhard, recused.

23 [The motion carried. Ms. Hughes and Dr. Erhard
24 recused from deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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1 [Chairperson Erhard noted that the next State Board of
2 Dentistry meeting as scheduled for November 17, 2017.]

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4 Adjournment

5 MS. HUGHES:

6 Do we need a motion to adjourn?

7 DR. DEFINNIS:

8 I second that.

9 [There being no further business, the State Board of
10 dentistry meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.]

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12 CERTIFICATE

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

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