

1 NEVADA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS  
2 NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING  
3 Friday, November 30, 2012 at 10:25 am  
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5 Minutes  
6 Continuing Education Committee Resource Group

7 Chair: Dr. Sill; Dr. Blasco; Dr. Soltani; Mrs. Villigan  
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9 Videoconferencing was only available at the Legislative Counsel Bureau- Grant Sawyer Building, 555 E.  
10 Washington Avenue, Room 4412, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 and the Legislative Counsel Bureau, 401 South  
11 Carson Street, Room 3137, Carson City, Nevada 89701. There was no videoconference at NSBDE Boardroom.  
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13 **Please Note:** The Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners may 1) address agenda items out of sequence to  
14 accommodate persons appearing before the Board or to aid the efficiency or effectiveness of the meeting; 2) combine  
15 items for consideration by the public body; 3) pull or remove items from the agenda at any time. The Board may  
16 convene in closed session to consider the character, alleged misconduct, professional competence or physical or  
17 mental health of a person. *See* NRS 241.030. Prior to the commencement and conclusion of a contested case or a  
18 quasi judicial proceeding that may affect the due process rights of an individual the board may refuse to consider  
19 public comment. *See* NRS 233B.126.  
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21 Public comment is welcomed by the Board, but at the discretion of the Chair, may be limited to five minutes per  
22 person. A public comment time will be available before any action items are heard by the public body and then once  
23 again prior to adjournment of the meeting. The Chair may allow additional time to be given a speaker as time allows  
24 and in his/her sole discretion. Once all items on the agenda are completed the meeting will adjourn. Prior to the  
25 commencement and conclusions of a contested case or a quasi judicial proceeding that may affect the due process  
26 rights of an individual the board may refuse to consider public comment.  
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29 Call to Order  
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31 **1. Roll call and Establish a Quorum:**  
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33 Dr. Sill called the meeting to order and Mrs. Shaffer conducted the following roll call:  
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35 Dr. J Stephen Sill -----PRESENT  
36 Dr. Byron Blasco -----PRESENT  
37 Dr. Masih H Soltani -----EXCUSED  
38 Mrs. Leslea Villigan -----PRESENT  
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40 Others present: John A. Hunt, Board Legal Counsel; Debra Shaffer, Interim Executive Director.  
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42 Public attendees: Dwyte Brooks, NDA; Brad Wilbur, NDA; Lori Benven, NNDS; Joanna Jacob; Ferrari  
43 Public Affairs for NDA; Alex Tanchek, Assistant to Neena Laxalt/NDHA; Caryn Solie, RDH.  
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45 **2. Public Comment:** No comments.  
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47 **Note: No vote may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has**  
48 **been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken. (NRS 241.020)**

53 **\*3. New Business (For Possible Action)**

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55 **(a) Discussion and Recommendations to Allow Self Study, Online Studies, Journal Studies,**  
56 **And Video Studies as 50% of Required Continuing Education Pursuant to NAC 631.175 (For Possible**  
57 **Action)**

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59 Dr. Sill indicated that currently the Board has a requirement that only 30% of all CE's may be online study or by  
60 video. He indicated that the recommendation is to change the regulation to allow up to 50% may be online,  
61 home correspondence, and Journal studies. Dr. Blasco expressed favorability for this change. Dr. Blasco  
62 indicated that there are journal entries that have the individual submit a test and are later provided with a  
63 certificate of completion. However, some journal entries do not provide CE hours, but Dr. Sill felt that the  
64 board should grant credit for articles that are read. Dr. Blasco indicated that he would be willing to approve the  
65 recommendation of changing the CE requirement to allow up to 50% of CE's to be completed online,  
66 video/home correspondence, and journal entries, so long as they are completed through approved providers and  
67 certificates of completion are provided to licensees.

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69 MOTION: Dr. Sill made the motion to amend NAC 631.175(5)(c) for courses completed through self-study,  
70 online study, journal study, or video/DVD study no more than 50% of the required CE hours as set forth in NAC  
71 631.173. Second by Dr. Blasco. No public comment. All in favor.

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73 **(b) Discussion and Recommendation of Standards and Guidelines of the Qualifications for a**  
74 **Continuing Education Provider. (For Possible Action)**

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76 Dr. Sill indicated that in the past the statutes have recognized groups such as the Associations and  
77 Universities, as providers without having to submit paperwork to become an approved provider. Those who  
78 were not automatically recognized would submit the application and required paperwork to become an  
79 approved provider recognized by the Board. He indicated that some of the applicants to become a provider  
80 are sometimes individuals who are trained by the manufacturer because they are selling the manufactured  
81 product and have no additional training. Ms. Shaffer indicated that under the regulation, the CE committee,  
82 after an application is received to become a CE provider, if the committee is not comfortable with approving  
83 an application they may always bring the application and the applicable information before the Board and  
84 discuss the application as a Board. Ms. Shaffer noted to the Board that any courses taken through AGD,  
85 ADA, CERP, or PACE approved providers are approved by the Board as indicated in the regulations.

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87 MOTION: Dr. Blasco made the recommendation to table this item until further research can be done to  
88 review the ADA, AGD, CERP, and PACE requirements for approving a CE provider for a provider number;  
89 as well as research how other state requirements to approve a CE provider. Second by Mrs. Villigan. Public  
90 comment: Ms. Rogers commented that the ADA/CERP certification is lengthy and costly; which creates a  
91 big expense to those who seek to only provide courses in the State of Nevada. Dr. Blasco indicated that he  
92 benefit of becoming an approved CERP/ADA provider is that a provider has the potential to offer the  
93 courses nationwide which can help her overcome the hurdle of the significant renewal fee for the CE  
94 provider. Ms. Benvin agreed with the Board that there are some CE providers that are endorsed by product  
95 companies, or for their own business, when they are teaching courses that are not necessarily to the standard  
96 under the requirements of CERP/PACE or state requirements. Dr. Brooks commented that he felt that the  
97 ADA/CERP, AGD/PACE both have a great concern regarding ethics. All in favor.

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99 **(c) Discussion and Recommendations to Eliminate Requirement of Licensees Having to List Continuing**  
100 **Education Courses Individually During Online Renewal and Add a Licensee Acknowledgement that**  
101 **the Completion of Minimum Required Courses Has Been Met During Online Renewal. (For Possible**  
102 **Action)**

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104 Dr. Sill indicated that currently licensees are being required to list all their CE courses, however, rather than  
105 having them list the CE's, simply have them mark a box that they attest that they have completed the  
106 required number of CE's, which may be subject to an audit.

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108 MOTION: Dr. Blasco made the motion to approve the consolidation of the online application process to

109 include an area that can be addressed where they attest to having completed the required number of CE's for  
110 re-licensure, which will be made available upon an audit; to be implemented in 2014. Second by Mrs.  
111 Villigan. All in favor.  
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113 4. **Public Comment:** No comments.  
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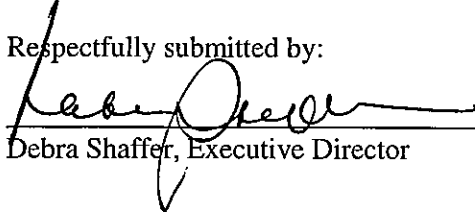
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118 5. **Announcements:** No announcements.  
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120 \*6. **Adjournment** (For Possible Action) Dr. Blasco made the motion to adjourn. Second by Mrs. Villigan. All in  
121 favor.  
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126 Meeting Adjourned at 11:06 am.

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131 Debra Shaffer, Executive Director  
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