

NEVADA STATE BOARD
of
DENTAL EXAMINERS



BOARD TELECONFERENCE MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2021

6:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT BOOK

Public Comment:

Minette Galura-Boquiren, RDH, BS
President, Nevada Dental Hygienists' Association



January 4, 2021

To: Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners (NSBDE)

From: The Nevada Dental Hygienists' Association (NDHA)

RE: Public Comment for January 5, 2021 NSBDE meeting

For agenda item 9 (b):

The NDHA would like to voice concerns that the Subcommittee on Dental Hygiene and Dental Therapy has, to date, failed to become a fully functioning subcommittee and has still not held adequate meetings to discuss the proposed dental therapy language. The subcommittee was formed with the intent to utilize dental therapy content experts to assist in the implementation of dental therapy and to assist in drafting language. This subcommittee is still in the process of being formed with the addition of new members, mission statement work, and assignments. It is our request to postpone adoption of any dental therapy language until the Committee and Subcommittee has had the opportunity to thoroughly discuss the proposed language.

For agenda item 9 (g):

As the NSBDE considers new board appointments for committee positions in 2021, it is with much respect that NDHA continue to reasonably request that the chair of the Committee on Dental Hygiene and Dental Therapy be a licensed dental hygienist. In the past, the NSBDE has had one of their dental hygienist board members chair this committee (i.e.: Ms. Pate (2019), Ms. Gabriel (2018), Ms. Guillen (2015-2017), etc.). Therefore, the NDHA is in support of Ms. Solie to receive consideration for the 2021 chair position based on her experience as a dental hygienist serving on various national and local committees, and her past knowledge as a NSBDE board member who has served on this committee before.

Please feel free to reach out if any additional information is needed. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Minette Galura-Boquiren, RDH, BS
President, Nevada Dental Hygienists' Association



Public Comment:

Hannah Lee, RDH, BS

Nevada Dental Hygienists' Association Delegate Chair

From: Hannah Lee [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 3, 2021 7:16 PM
To: Frank DiMaggio
Subject: Public Comment for Agenda item 9 (g) for NSBDE meeting on 1/5

To Whom it May Concern,

I, as a NV RDH, am in support of a dental hygienist to chair the Committee on Dental Hygiene and Dental Therapy in 2021.

Sincerely,

Hannah Lee, RDH, BS
NDHA Delegate Chair

Public Comment:

Annette Lincicome, RDH, BS

From: Annette Lincicome [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 3, 2021 5:03 PM
To: Board of Dental Examiners; Frank DiMaggio
Subject: Public Comment for NSBDE Meeting Tuesday, January 5, 2020

Good evening,

As a member of the NDHA Legislative Committee, I have a number of comments regarding tonight's agenda:

- **#5. Secretary-Treasurer's Report:**

- a. Minutes**

- (4) Infection Control Committee Meeting -12/02/2020 (Public book page 24)

The minutes are confusing, and I believe inaccurate in item **#5 Review, discussion and consideration of whether Public Health Dental Hygiene Program is abiding by Covid-19 Infection Control Requirements and possible recommendation to the board to approve/reject the program - NAC 631.210.** Within the paragraph references are made to both the Senior Smiles program and the Heavenly Smiles Mobile Dental Program. It is not clear in the minutes what entity was being discussed - please clarify and rectify.

- **#9. New Business**

- b. Discussion, consideration and possible approval/rejection of the Committee on Dental Hygiene and Dental Therapy's recommendation to appoint members to the Public Health Dental Hygiene and Dental Therapy Subcommittee**

Appointment to the Public Health Dental Hygiene and Dental Therapy Subcommittee should be reserved for those with expertise and experience in public health dental hygiene and dental therapy. It is crucial to utilize content experts while developing the NACs for dental therapy in Nevada. Other dentists, dental hygienists, and members of the public who may have an interest in these policies, while not recommended for appointment to the subcommittee, still have an avenue for providing input through public comment during workshops, committee meetings, and board meetings. The NDHA requests that appointments to the subcommittee be based on expertise, not interest.

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g. Appoint Board Members to Board Committees

(1) Appointment of Members to existing Committees

All committee chairs should be persons with content knowledge and expertise in the committee's subject content. NDHA requests that the chair of the Committee on Dental Hygiene and Dental Therapy be a licensed dental hygienist. Further, NDHA recommends Caryn Solie, RDH, for the chair position of the Committee on Dental Hygiene and Dental Therapy based on her venerable service record and her vast, broad-based knowledge of the dental hygiene profession.

Thank you for this opportunity to make public comment and please acknowledge receipt of this email.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Lincicome, BS, RDH

Cell: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Public Comment:

Nichelle Venable, RDH, BS

Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners,

This letter is regards to the Committee of Dental Hygiene and Dental Therapy. It is my deep belief that a hygienist should be a chaired on this board. Our involvement in the future of our profession should include our interests and opinions. It is important we represent ourselves in a committee that is solely aimed to discuss, change, and/or set guidelines and laws that will effect us.

Thank you,
Nichelle Venable RDH BS

Public Comment:

Sheri Wesley, RDH

From: sheri wesley [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 3, 2021 10:05 AM
To: Board of Dental Examiners; Frank DiMaggio
Subject: Public Comment - NSBDE meeting 1/5 item 9 (g) Committee on Dental Hygiene and Dental Therapy

PUBLIC COMMENT

NSBDE meeting 1/5 item 9 (g) Committee on Dental Hygiene and Dental Therapy

Dental hygienists play a vital role in the dental setting and in the overall health of Nevadans. No one understands this role better than an RDH themselves. The NSBDE is made up of a group of dentists and dental hygienists for a reason. As a practicing dental hygienist in Nevada, I feel that it is imperative that dental hygienists be effectively and accurately represented on the NSBDE by our peers. I am in support of a dental hygienist to chair the Committee on Dental Hygiene and Dental Therapy in 2021.

Sheri Shafer Wesley, RDH

Public Comment:

Lilian Braner, RDH, BSDH

President, Southern Nevada Dental Hygienists' Association



Dear board members,

Thank you for holding this meeting and allowing discussion on these important agenda topics. I am writing regarding agenda item 9g: Appoint Board Members to Board Committees. The Southern Nevada Dental Hygienists' Association would like to formally request that the chair of the Committee on Dental Hygiene and Dental Therapy be held by a licensed dental hygienist. As we continue to discuss the implementation of dental therapy in our state, it would be prudent to have a committee chair with deep knowledge and experience on the dental therapy language to make educated and appropriate recommendations to the board.

We would also like to request that the board consider Caryn Solie, RDH to chair the Dental Hygiene Committee. Mrs. Solie has been a practicing hygienist for over 49 years and has held a variety of positions which has given her a vast amount of experience. Mrs. Solie has held leadership positions on numerous boards: local, state, and national. Mrs. Solie has also served as ADHA President and NDHA Speaker of the House, which required her to manage meetings and have vast knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order and parliamentary procedures. She has also been involved in legislative efforts and has developed the duties, scope of practice, and recommended educational courses on dental therapy.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Lilian Braner, RDH, BSDH
President, Southern Nevada Dental Hygienists' Association