NEVADA STATE BOARD of DENTAL EXAMINERS



BOARD TELECONFERENCE

DECEMBER 1, 2016 6:00 p.m.

<u>ADDITIONAL ITEMS</u>
PUBLIC BOOK

ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENCE from DR. ERIKA SMITH

Reconsideration Request for Reinstatement of Dental License

The suspension placed on my license only involves money and has nothing to do with patient care, competency, compliance, etc. In fact, I have complied with all aspects of the stipulation agreement with the exception of the final payments. Unfortunately, the "fees and costs" charged to me and associated with the stipulation agreement forced me to close my practice in Pahrump, NV. I have enclosed the letter received from your Executive Director, Debra Shaffer-Kugel, wherein she stated:

"Upon receipt of the default amount(\$1960.50) and consistent with the terms and conditions of the corrective action non disciplinary stipulation, your dental license will be automatically be reinstated to active status"

Here is what I have complied with as part of my Stipulation Agreement:

- . 12 month monitoring where I was required to submit monthly patient logs on periodontal and crown and bridge procedures, which ended September 18, 2016;
- . Completion of an additional 30 hours of continuing education in scaling and root planing, crowns, record keeping and billing practices which was completed in June 2016;
- . Reimburse one patient \$1,432 in October 2015;
- . Reimburse another patient \$433 in October 2015:
- . Retook Jurisprudence exam in December 2015;
- . Started a payment plan to pay "fees and costs" of \$830.25 monthly payments that began in January 2016 and was supposed to end in August 2016 (but i was unable to pay for July and August due to being out of work).

I am respectfully requesting the board to reconsider the denial of my request to reinstate my dental license. I am requesting the board to waive the \$300 reinstatement fee because currently I am prevented from finding a job due to the suspension of my license and I am also requesting an extension of 6 months to pay the default amount of \$1660.50.



ATTORNEY SALARIES (2015)

Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners



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			Total of Both
Nevada Board of Pharmacy•	Regular Pay	Total Benefits	Columns
General Counsel (Full-time)	\$125,340.12	\$49,207.68	\$174,548.40
Administrative Assistant (Full-time)	\$36,982.32	\$17,036.52	\$54,018.84
Total Regular Pay & Benefits paid (2015)	\$162,322.44	\$66,244.20	\$228,566.64
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners•			
General Counsel (Full-time)	\$96,732.94	38,834.25	\$135,567.19
General Counsel (Part-time)	\$48,031.50	\$13,633.14	\$61,664.64
Legal Assistant (Full-time)	\$44,658.39	\$22,740.62	\$67,399.01
Total Regular Pay & Benefits paid (2015)	\$189,422.83	\$75,208.71	\$264,630.94
Nevada State Board of Nursing**			
General Counsel (Fulltime)	\$122,406.00	\$33,371.06	\$156,147.06
Receptionist (Fulltime)	\$23,109.00	\$5,236.98	\$38,608.04
Total Regular Pay & Benefits paid (2015)	\$145,515.00	\$38,608.04	\$ 194,755.10