



NEVADA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS  
 6010 S. Rainbow Boulevard, Suite A1  
 Las Vegas, NV 89118



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PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday, April 3, 2018  
 6:34 p.m.

**MINUTES**

Board Meeting Agenda

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Public Comment time is available after roll call (beginning of meeting) and prior to adjournment (end of meeting). Public Comment is limited to three (3) minutes for each individual. You may provide the Board with written comment to be added to the record.

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*Asterisks (\*) denote items on which the Board may take action.  
 Action by the Board on an item may be to approve, deny, amend, or table.*

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1. Call to Order, roll call, and establish quorum

Dr. Blasco called the meeting to order and Mrs. Shaffer-Kugel conducted the following roll call:

Dr. Timothy Pinther ("Dr. Pinther") ----- PRESENT  
 Dr. R. Michael Sanders ("Dr. Sanders") ----- PRESENT  
 Dr. Byron Blasco ("Dr. Blasco") ----- PRESENT  
 Ms. M Sharon Gabriel ("Ms. Gabriel") ----- PRESENT  
 Dr. Jason Champagne ("Dr. Champagne") - PRESENT  
 Ms. Betty Pate ("Ms. Pate") ----- PRESENT  
 Dr. Gregory Pisani ("Dr. Pisani") ----- PRESENT  
 Ms. Yvonne Bethea ("Ms. Bethea") ----- PRESENT  
 Dr. Brendan Johnson ("Dr. Johnson") ----- PRESENT  
 Ms. Nikki Harris ("Ms. Harris") ----- PRESENT  
 Dr. Ali Shahrestani ("Dr. Shahrestani") ----- PRESENT

Others Present: Melanie Bernstein Chapman, Board General Counsel; Debra Shaffer-Kugel, Executive Director; Sophia Long, Esquire, Deputy Attorney General, Co-Counsel.

Public Attendees: There were no public attendees present.

2. Public Comment: (Public Comment is limited to three (3) minutes for each individual)

60 There was no public comment.  
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63 Note: No vote may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself  
64 has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken. (NRS 241.020)

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66 \*3. Grant or Denial of Erika Smith, DDS' Motion for Continuance of Formal Board Hearing; Oral  
67 Argument regarding Same at Discretion of Board – NAC 631.310 (For possible action)  
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69 Mrs. Bernstein Chapman stated that the hearing was scheduled and properly noticed on March 3<sup>rd</sup>,  
70 however, that they have been presented with a motion to continue from Dr. Smith's attorney, Mr.  
71 Lawrence Semenza. She stated that Mr. Semenza had advised her that he received the notice the  
72 beginning of March, however, did not speak with his client until March 14<sup>th</sup>, and was now  
73 requesting a continuance. Dr. Blasco stated that should the Board grant the continuance, they  
74 would require an approved future date for the hearing. Mrs. Bernstein Chapman noted that should  
75 the next available date be less than 30 days, she asked that Mr. Semenza and his client, Dr.  
76 Smith, waive the thirty (30) day notice requirement.  
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78 There was lengthy discussion of possible meeting dates, Board members and counsels noted  
79 conflicting dates.  
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81 Dr. Pisani inquired when the formal hearing was originally noticed. Mrs. Bernstein Chapman gave  
82 the history of how the original notice was posted in July 2017 for a hearing date in August 2017,  
83 and explained that history that lead to the notice of the April hearing date. Mrs. Sophia Long  
84 advised the Board that because Mr. Semenza had now been obtained by Dr. Smith, that the Board  
85 grant the motion for a continuance. Mrs. Bernstein Chapman requested that should the Board  
86 approve the motion that the motion to include that the hearing will proceed on whichever date is  
87 selected, regardless of whatever is presented. There was additional discussion on tentative dates  
88 for the hearing.  
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90 The Board appeared to be in agreement with holding the hearing on Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 p.m.,  
91 with the possibility of continuing onto Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. It was clarified and reiterated that this  
92 would be the final continuance approved for the Formal Hearing of Dr. Erika Smith. Mr. Semenza  
93 concurred to the selected date of July 13, 2018 and stated that his client, Dr. Smith, and he  
94 would be present.  
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96 MOTION: Dr. Pisani moved that the Motion for a Continuance be approved and be rescheduled for  
97 Friday, July 13, 2018, at 1:00 p.m.; and that the Board will proceed on said date  
98 regardless if Dr. Smith and/or her Counsel do not participate. Discussion: Mrs. Bernstein  
99 Chapman reiterated to Mr. Semenza that the Board would move forward on the date  
100 stated in above and that no other continuances would be granted. Mr. Semenza stated  
101 that he understood the motion. With no further discussion, the motion was approved  
102 unanimously.  
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104 4. Public Comment: (Public Comment is limited to three (3) minutes for each individual)  
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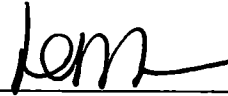
5. Announcements: No announcements were made.

\*6. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

MOTION: Dr. Pisani moved that the April 3, 2018 meeting of the Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners be adjourned. Motion was seconded by Dr. Sanders, and without discussion, unanimously approved by the Board. Meeting adjourned at 7: 09 p.m.

*Minutes approved at the May 11, 2018 Board Meeting*

Respectfully Submitted by:



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Debra Shaffer-Kugel, Executive Director