



NEVADA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Friday, March 22, 2019
1:17 p.m.

COMMITTEE on DENTAL HYGIENE

(Chair: RDH Betty Pate; RDH Yvonne Bethea; RDH Joan Shadler; Dr. Gregory Pisani)

Meeting Minutes

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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.*

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

Ms. Betty Pate, Chair of the Committee called the meeting to order and asked the Executive Director, Debra Shaffer-Kugel, to conduct the following roll call:

Ms. Betty Pate, RDH ----- PRESENT (Chair)
 Mrs. Yvonne Bethea, RDH ----- PRESENT
 Ms. Joan Shadler, RDH ----- PRESENT
 Dr. Gregory Pisani, DDS ----- PRESENT

Others Present: Kevin Moore, DDS; Melanie Bernstein Chapman, Esquire, General Counsel; Rosalie Bordelove, Esquire, Deputy Attorney General/Co-Counsel; Debra Shaffer-Kugel, Executive Director.

Public Attendees: Winnie Furnarie, ADHA (via teleconference)

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

There was no public comment.

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56 may affect the due process rights of an individual, the board may refuse to consider public comment. See
57 NRS 233B.126

58 Note: No vote may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has
59 been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken. (NRS 241.020)

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61 ***3. New Business:** (For Possible Action)
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- 63 (a) Discussion regarding whether a dental hygienist can perform cold sore treatments
64 on patients with a laser – NAC 631.210 (For Possible Action)
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66 Board Member Pate explained NAC 631.210 as it pertained to dental hygienists scope of
67 practice when utilizing a laser. She noted the regulation pertaining to the utilization of a laser
68 does not address aphthous ulcers and herpes labialis. She inquired on entertaining the
69 recommendation to amend the regulation to allow dental hygienists to be able to use lasers
70 to treat active ulcers. Executive Director stated a public workshop to draft language to
71 change the regulation could not take place until after the conclusion of the current
72 legislative session. She noted that a public workshop would need to be held to draft
73 language or consider any propose language. Should the board approve the language to
74 change the regulation, then they would forward the language to the LCB for review. Upon
75 LCB returning the language, a Notice to Act upon Regulations Hearing would be noticed
76 and held. There was discussion amongst the committee members both in favor and
77 opposition of potentially changing the regulation to allow dental hygienists to utilize a laser to
78 treat active ulcers. There was discussion to recommend to the Board a regulation change to
79 NAC 631.210 to allow dental hygienists to utilize lasers to treat active ulcers.
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81 MOTION: Committee Member Bethea moved that the Committee recommend to the
82 Board to change NAC 631.210 to allow Dental Hygienists to use lasers to treat
83 active ulcers. Motion seconded by Committee Member Shadler. No further
84 discussion, motion passed. Committee Member Bethea opposed.
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- 86 (b) Request from the American Academy of Dental Hygiene to become an
87 automatic approved provider of continuing education related to dental hygiene
88 pursuant to NAC 631.173(4) (For Possible Action)
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90 Winnie Furnari explained that the American Academy of Dental Hygiene is the entity that
91 approves the courses brought to them by the providers, such the American Dental Hygienists
92 Association, colleges, and universities. Executive Director noted that currently the way the
93 regulation reads that the Board must accept any courses approved by the American Dental
94 Hygienists' Association. Executive Director stated that it would, perhaps, be best to change
95 the regulation to include the American Academy of Dental Hygiene as an automatic
96 approved provider, since they are the entity that approves the courses for the American
97 Dental Hygienists' Association.
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99 MOTION: Committee Member Shadler moved that the Committee make a
100 recommendation to the Board to change the regulation to
101 include the AADH as an approved provider. Motion seconded by
102 Committee Member Pisani. No further discussion, vote was unanimous,
103 motion passed.
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- 106 (c) Discussion to determine if the Board would like to define intrasulcular periodontal
107 procedures (For Possible Action)

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109 Board Member Pisani believes the current regulation(s) are clear and therefore does not
110 require a change to the regulation or need to be defined any further.
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112 **MOTION:** Committee Member Pisani moved that the Committee does not define
113 The term any further. Motion seconded by Committee Member Shadler.
114 No further discussion, vote was unanimous, motion passed.
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116 (d) Discussion regarding the proposed bill pertaining to the following: (Informational only)
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- 118 (1) Self-regulating
119 (2) Local Anesthesia & Nitrous Oxide
120 (3) Dental therapy
121 (4) Tele-dentistry
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123 General Counsel noted that SB366 bill proposes higher charges for renewal fees and licensure
124 application fees. Betha noted that Nevada is the most expensive state for dental and dental
125 hygiene licensure and renewal. General Counsel noted further that they have copied the
126 Board's statute language and applied it to their own dental hygiene self-regulating board.
127 The committee members expressed that the dental hygienists are represented in all aspects of
128 the board, from serving as board members with a voice to vote, to being investigators, and
129 evaluators. However, the Board is neutral on the bill other than the fiscal impact this proposed
130 change would have on the dental board.
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132 **4. Public Comment:** (Public Comment is limited to three (3) minutes for each individual)
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134 There was no public comment.
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138 may affect the due process rights of an individual, the board may refuse to consider public comment. See
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142 **5. Announcements:** No announcements were made.
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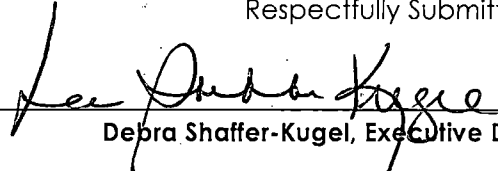
144 ***6. Adjournment** (For Possible Action)
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146 Committee Member Pate called for a motion to adjourn.
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148 **MOTION:** Committee Member Pisani motioned the March 22, 2019 meeting of the
149 Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners Committee on Dental Hygiene is
150 adjourned. Motion seconded by Committee Member Shadler. Without
151 discussion, the vote was unanimous, motion passed.
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153 Meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.
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156 *Minutes approved at the May 10, 2019 Board Meeting*
157 Respectfully Submitted by:
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161 Debra Shaffer-Kugel, Executive Director
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