



NEVADA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS



Meeting Location:

Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners
6010 S. Rainbow Blvd, Suite A-1
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BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS NOTICE OF AGENDA & TELECONFERENCE

EMERGENCY MEETING

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Note: Asterisks (*) "**For Possible Action**" denotes items on which the Board may take action.

Note: Action by the Board on an item may be to approve, deny, amend, or tabled.

1. Call to Order

- Roll call/ Quorum

Board Member Moore called the meeting to order and Ms. Stratton conducted the following roll call:

Dr. D. Kevin Moore -----	PRESENT (President)
Dr. David Lee -----	PRESENT (Secretary-Treasurer)
Dr. J. Brian Allman -----	PRESENT
Dr. W. Todd Thompson -----	PRESENT
Dr. Ronald West -----	PRESENT
Dr. Ronald Lemon -----	PRESENT
Dr. Elizabeth Park -----	PRESENT
Ms. Betty Pate -----	PRESENT
Ms. Joan Shadler -----	PRESENT
Mrs. Jana McIntyre -----	PRESENT
Ms. Gabrielle Cioffi ("Ms. Cioffi") -----	PRESENT

58 **Others Present:** Brad Slighting, Interim Board General Counsel; Candice Stratton, Interim Executive
59 Director.
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- 61 **2. Public Comment:** The public comment period is limited to matters specifically noticed on the agenda. No action may be
62 taken upon the matter raised during public comment unless the matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as
63 an action item. Comments by the public may be limited to three minutes as a reasonable time, place, and manner restriction,
64 but may not be limited based upon viewpoint. The Chairperson may allow additional time at his/her discretion.
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66 Dr. Richard Dragon commented that their entire Executive committee of the NDA was on the phone.
67 They introduced themselves as: Dr. Mark Funke, President of NDA. He stated that he was been working
68 with the ADA and NC State Medical officer. Dr. David White, Chairman of Nevada Government affairs,
69 and also a practicing dentist. Jason Doucette, Secretary of the NDA. Dr. Kelly McGinley, counsel of
70 membership for the NDA; Eddie De Andrade; Dave Mahon, Officer at Large NDA; Bob Talley, Executive
71 Director NDA.
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73 Dr. Antonina Capurro, Nevada Dental Health officer, was present and stated that she was available to
74 help with the Board's directive and provide any information that may be helpful.
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76 Jessica Woods, President of the NDHA stated that she was here to support efforts of the board.
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78 Caryn Solie, member of the NDHA, stated that she was here to support the efforts of the board.
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80 Dr. Jim Rice was present on behalf of the SNDH advisory board, and represents the city of Las Vegas.
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82 Tod Goldman, on behalf of the NDHA, his entity is the Executive Management for the organization.
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84 Sara Mercier stated that she supported the board's efforts.
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86 Dr. Prada, a pediatric dentist for absolute dental was present on the call.
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88 MOTION: Board Member Thompson moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Board
89 Member Park. All were in favor, motion passed.
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91 ***3. New Business:** (For Possible Action)
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93 ***a. Address and take possible action related to the COVID-19 Outbreak and provide directive**
94 **and/or recommendations of action to ensure safety of licensees, dental practices and the**
95 **general public. Consideration of the following, but not limited to:** (For Possible Action)
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- 97 • Board to issue statement, to be posted to board's website, regarding COVID-19 outbreak
98 and any potential mandated closures, recommended precautions, etc.
- 99 • Potential office closure recommendations (whether State recommendations or at owners'
100 discretion/open only for emergency treatment, etc.)
- 101 • Concerns of supplies shortage of protective gear
- 102 • Should Board recommend office closures, determine recommended length of time to
103 remain closed
- 104 • Questions dental offices can ask patients related to their health
- 105 • Turning away patients that are sick
- 106 • Extra precautions to take if and when treating patients
- 107 • Concerns of licensees being required by employers to work
- 108 • Dental Hygienists' concern of live-instruction CE requirements for license renewal
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110 Board Member Moore stated that he would like to start this section and hopes the board has had an
111 opportunity to read the webpage notice before it is published. Board Member Thompson stated that he
112 read over the recommended suggestions to be published and agreed with them. Further, he stated that
113 every office is different and every community is different, and therefore believed it was a good start to
114 leave some authority to the dental offices on how to respond and take action. Board Member Moore
115 inquired if there were any suggestions that any Board Member would like the Board to consider adding or
116 changing to the proposed language. Board Member Thompson suggested that they correct some of the
117 typographical and grammatical errors. There was some discussion related to office closures of non-

118 essential businesses. It was recommended leaving the closure of offices to the discretion of each dentist.
119 Board Member Allman stated that the Governor noted that medical offices would remain open. There
120 was additional discussion about leaving the owners to use their expert opinion to determine which
121 treatments would be deemed elective and non-elective services. Some discussion of how Board
122 member's offices are handling the situation.
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124 MOTION: Board Member Lee motioned to approve the statement as presented with the discussed
125 typographical and grammatical errors. Motion seconded by Board Member Park.
126 Discussion: Some Board Members stated that their offices were trying to be proactive
127 and sent messages to patients that if they are ill, are feeling ill, have traveled recently, or
128 may have been exposed to the virus that they stay home and have their appointments
129 rescheduled. Further, that they have asked them to not bring additional persons with
130 them, and have started to screen patients prior to entry into the office. Board Member
131 Moore asked for the NDA to provide their input. Mr. Mark Funke stated that many of the
132 recommendations were not following the ADA's recommendations and studies on how
133 to approach. He noted that while dentists and dental hygienists are not the number one
134 persons at risk, they rank at number 1.5 of persons most at risk of being infected, and
135 therefore believe that the public should not be deciding if they should seek dental
136 treatment or not. It was noted by the Board that the proposed memo did ask that
137 dentist postpone providing elective services. Board Member Thompson noted that it
138 would be left to the dentist to make well informed decisions when providing care to their
139 patients; and that the Board should do their part to limit non-essential dentistry as much
140 as possible over the next few weeks. Board Member Moore stated that it was at the
141 dentist owner's discretion to limit their practice to emergency care only. Board Member
142 West stated that he was okay with putting the ADA's recommendations forward in
143 limiting non-essential dental treatment. Board Member Allman noted that not all owner
144 dentists physically practice at all their locations, and therefore, recommended that they
145 leave it to the treating dentist's discretion whether or not to limit their practice to
146 emergency care. After additional discussion, it was believed that ultimately the
147 discretion to close offices and treat for emergency care only would be left to the
148 treating dentist and/or hygienist.
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150 Board Member Moore stated that the ADA recommendation is for dentists nationwide to
151 limit their practices to emergency care, only, which would alleviate the burden of
152 emergency rooms being overburdened with dental emergency patients, for a period of
153 three weeks. Further, that it was up to the dentists to make well informed decision on
154 practices. There was discussion on the possibility of mandating the recommendations by
155 the ADA to Nevada dentists. There was some discussion of the length of time to enforce
156 the ADA's recommendations. Board Member Park commented that she would like the
157 website to list the EPA link that products that will help eliminate the contagion from offices.
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159 Board Member Thompson recommended some language changes to make the
160 language less harshly worded. There was discussion regarding the idea of listing which
161 services are deemed elective and non-elective, however, many board members
162 disagreed to providing a list as there were a number of treatments that some dentists
163 would having difference in opinions on, and felt it best to leave it to the discretion of the
164 treating practitioner to determine which procedures would be deemed elective and non-
165 elective. After additional discussion to Board Member Moore proposed the following
166 language as "The NSBDE concurs with the ADA that our healthcare practitioners do its part
167 to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in recommending that our dental healthcare provider
168 postpone elective procedures for the next 2 weeks."
169 There were no further recommendations or changes to the remainder of the proposed
170 language.
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172 Continuing Education Discussion: There was lengthy discussion on the options to provide
173 the licensees. The board appeared to favor the idea of having a waiver available, to be
174 presented at a future meeting for approval, to licensees that they could submit to request

175 to allow for them to take more classes online and to grant an extension to renew or
176 complete the CPR requirements. Board Member Lee amended his motion to approve the
177 posting with the recommended changes as discussed. Board Member Allman amended
178 his second to the motion. No further discussion, all were in favor. Motion passed.

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181 ***b. Discussion and possible action regarding conducting Infection Control Inspections and**
182 **Anesthesia Evaluations amid COVID-19 outbreak, potential exposure concerns and safety**
183 (For Possible Action)

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185 Board Member Moore inquired on the Board members opinion regarding the possibility of conducting
186 inspections and evaluations during the shutdown. There was discussion of the concerns of conducting
187 the inspections while also noting the IC inspection did not require any patients to be present, while the
188 evaluations did. It was discussed postponing evaluations for two weeks and then revisiting the matter at
189 a future meeting.

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191 MOTION: Board Member Park moved to postpone the anesthesia evaluations for 2 weeks, but to
192 continue with the IC inspections. Motion seconded by Board Member Lee. Discussion: Board Member
193 Thompson stated his concern that many doctors might choose to close their doors and many not be
194 willing to open their offices for inspections. Board Member Park noted that there was a backlog of
195 inspections, and that the inspections did not require patients to be in the office. All were in favor of the
196 motion, motion passed.

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198 **4. Public Comment:** This public comment period is for any matter that is within the jurisdiction of the public body. No action
199 may be taken upon the matter raised during public comment unless the matter itself has been specifically included on the
200 agenda as an action item. The Chairperson of the Board will impose a time limit of three (3) minutes. The Chairperson may
201 allow additional time at his/her discretion.

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203 Board Member Moore thanked the public attendees and the NDA for being a part of tonight's
204 emergency meeting.

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206 Richard Dragon thanked the board for the meeting tonight and the interaction with the NDA. He stated
207 that is was refreshing that they could communicate with the board and work together on such a topic.

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209 David White thanked the board for considering the greater good of the citizens of Nevada and for doing
210 their part in helping slow the spread of the virus.

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212 Caryn Solie thanked the Board for their efforts and for considering creating a waiver in relation to making
213 exceptions to the CE and CPR requirements given the pandemic.

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215 **5. Announcements**

216 There were no announcements.

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218 ***6. Adjournment** (For Possible Action)

219 Board Member Moore called for adjournment.

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221 Board Member Thompson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Board Member Cioffi.
222 All were in favor, motion passed.

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224 Meeting Adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

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226 Respectfully submitted by:

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229 Frank DiMaggio, Executive Director