

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS



Meeting Location:

Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners 6010 S. Rainbow Blvd, Suite A-1 Las Vegas, NV 89118

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Meeting Date & Time

Saturday, April 18, 2020 9:00 a.m.

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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. Ms. Candice Stratton conducted the following roll call:

Dr. James Allman	PRESENT	W. Todd Thompson	PRESENT
Dr. Ronald West	PRESENT	Dr. Ronald Lemon	PRESENT
Dr. Elizabeth Park	PRESENT	Dr. D. Kevin Moore	PRESENT (President)
Dr. David Lee (Secretary-Treasurer)	PRESENT	Ms. Betty Pate	PRESENT
Ms. Joan Shadler		Mrs. Jana McIntyre	PRESENT
Ms Gabrielle Cioffi	PRESENT	Control of the Article of the Control of the Contro	

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Others present: Candice Stratton, Interim Executive Director, Brad Slighting, Esquire, Interim General Counsel, Justin Taruc, Esquire, Deputy Attorney General, Rigoberto Morales.

Public Attendees: Francine Smith; Lancette VanGuilder RDH; Caryn Solie RDH; Jessica Woods RDH; Charles Zeh, Esquire; Dr. Richard Dragon; Sara Mercier RDH; Charles Buchanan.

2. <u>Public Comment</u>: The public comment period is limited to matters <u>specifically</u> noticed on the agenda. No action may be taken upon the matter raised during public comment unless the matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as an action item. Comments by the public may be limited to three minutes as a reasonable time, place and manner restriction, but may not be limited based upon viewpoint. The Chairperson may allow additional time at his/her discretion.

Francine Smith spoke in support of Dr. Georgene Chase.

Lancette VanGuilder spoke on behalf of the Nevada Dental Hygienist's (NDHA) Association regarding the agenda item discussing dental hygiene licensure renewals.

Caryn Solie reiterated the comments made by Ms. VanGuilder pertaining to the same agenda item.

Jessica Woods, current President NDHA, requested that the letter she submitted on March 25, 2020 for public comment for March 26, 2020 meeting be added to public comment for this meeting.

Mr. Charles Zeh, Esquire, spoke on behalf of Dr. Georgene Chase. Dr. Chase did not waive the notification required pursuant to the open meeting law.

*3. <u>President's Report</u>: (For Possible Action)

(a) Request to remove agenda item(s) (For Possible Action)

Board Member Moore asked to remove items 4(a)(1), 4(c), 4(d), 4(e), 4(i), 4(j). Motion was combined with 3(b), see below.

(b) Approve Agenda ((For Possible Action)

MOTION: Board Member Thompson motioned to remove the items as stated by Board Member Moore. Motion was seconded by Board Members West and Lee. All were in favor. Deputy Attorney General Justin Taruc advised Board Member Moore to use the original posted agenda. Interim Counsel, Brad, was in agreement with using the original posted agenda. Board Member Moore indicated the items from the original posted agenda that will be discussed (5a2, 5b, 5f, 5g and 5h) and all remaining items will be removed.

MOTION: Board Member Thompson motioned to approve the agenda with items as last stated by Board Member Moore (5a2, 5b, 5f, 5g and 5h). Motion was seconded by Board Member Shadler. All were in favor, motion passed.

*4. New Business: (For Possible Action)

*a. Approval of Non-Board Member Dental & Dental Hygiene Review Panel Members April 2020 through December 31, 2020 – NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)

(1) Mehrdad Mostafaepour, DDS - Dental

By Motion of the Board, this agenda item was removed.

(2) Nichelle Mosier, RDH – Dental Hygiene

Board Member Moore indicated the recommendation of the Employment Committee to approve Ms. Mosier as the dental hygiene review panel member.

MOTION: Board Member Shadler motioned for the approval of Nichelle Mosier RDH to the Review Panel. Motion seconded by Board Members West and Lee. All were in favor, motion passed.

*b. Approval of Non-Board Member Alternate Dental & Dental Hygiene Review Panel Members April 2020 through December 31, 2020 - NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)

(1) Teipaul Johl, DDS - Dental

(2) Samantha Sturges, RDH – Dental Hygiene

Board Member Moore requested a motion for approval of items (1) and (2).

MOTION – Board Member Park motioned to approve Tejpaul Johl DDS and Samantha Sturges RDH as alternate dental and dental hygiene panel members, respectively. Board Member Shadler seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

- *c. Authorized Inspection of Office/Facility to Ensure Compliance with CDC Guidance for Providing Dental Care during COVID-19 NAC 631.178 and NAC 631.179 (For Possible Action)
 - (1) Dr. X—alleged to have violated recommendations from the Board for postponement of elective procedures and are endangering public health and safety
 - (2) Dr. Y alleged to have violated recommendations from the Board for postponement of elective procedures and are endangering public health and safety
 - (3) Dr. Z alleged to have violated recommendations from the Board for postponement of elective procedures and are endangering public health and safety

By Motion of the Board, this agenda item was removed.

- *d. Request the Board issue a subpoena duces tecum signed by the Board's Secretary-Treasurer

 NRS-631.360(4) (For Possible Action)
 - (1) Dr. X Dr. X has failed to produce records as previously requested in connection with a patient's verified complaint and in violation of NRS 629.061(For Possible Action)

By Motion of the Board, this agenda item was removed.

- *e. <u>Disciplinary Committee to make recommendation to Board regarding reinstatement of license</u> (For Possible Action)
 - (1) Georgene Chase, DDS.
 - (2) Craig S Morris, DDS

By Motion of the Board, this agenda item was removed.

- *f. Approval for Anesthesia Permit NAC 631.2213 (For Possible Action)
 - (1) General Anesthesia (For Possible Action)
 - (a) Kimberly Bentjen, DDS

Board Member Moore stated application has been reviewed and asked for a motion to approve the item.

MOTION: Board Member Park motioned to approve the permit. Board Member Thompson seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

*g. Approval for 90-Day Extension For Renewal of Existing Licenses and Permits, to Include 2020

Dental Hygiene and Limited License Renewals, Public Health Endorsements and Temporary

Dental Anesthesia Permits (For Possible Action)

Board Member Moore stated license and permits will be inclusive for CPR/PALS/ACLS, etc. MOTION: Board Member Allman motioned to approve the 90-day extension. Board Member Lemon seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

*h. <u>Discussion concerning, and possible approval of, settlement agreement reached between the Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners, Dr. Michael Khanna, DDS, Dr. Lawrence Drake, DDS, Abbey Dental Center, Inc. and Abbey Dental Drake, PLLC (For Possible Action)</u>

Board Member Moore made a preliminary statement into the record and then asked if any members had questions for Board Member West regarding his report. Board Member Allman requested, for transparency, all Board Members divulge any past or present relationship with Abbey Dental, Abbey Dental LLC; Dr. Khanna or Dr. Drake. Board Member Shadler stated she has had no relationship. Board Member McIntyre stated she worked for Abbey dental over 4 years ago which included a small overlapping time during the investigation. Board Member McIntyre further stated she was not involved as a subject in the investigation and feels her independent judgement as a Board member will not

materially affect her ability to participate in this matter. Board Member Thompson stated he has had no involvement. Board Member Park stated she's had no relationship w/Abbey Dental. Board Member West stated he's had no relationship with Abbey Dental. Dr. Lemon stated he was employed by an organization affiliated with Abbey Dental. Board Member Cioffi stated she's had no past or present relationship with Abbey Dental or any affiliated businesses. Board Member Lee stated his daughter attended school with Dr. Khanna's child(ren) in the past. Board Member Moore stated he has performed 2 anesthesia evaluations at Dr. Khanna's office and only interacted with the applicants for anesthesia permits. Board Member Pate stated she was on the peer review committee that had to do with Abbey Dental and she worked for Dr. Sill.

Discussion was held once all Board Members divulged any relationship with Abbey Dental. During discussion, Board Member Moore called for a 5-minute recess. Upon reconvening, Board Member Moore called for a motion to approve the settlement agreement.

MOTION: Board Member Lee motioned to approve the settlement agreement. Further discussion held. Board Member Thompson seconded the motion. The following roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion passed.

*i. Disciplinary-Committee-Report (For Possible Action)

By Motion of the Board, this agenda item was removed.

*j. Emergency Addition-Item - Creation of COVID-19 Emergency Inspection Committee - NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)

By Motion of the Board, this agenda item was removed.

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

Dr. Richard Dragon, Immediate Past President of the Nevada Dental Association commented on an item that was removed from the agenda, pertaining to actions/activities concerning practices remaining open during COVID-19. Board Member Moore indicated the Board is addressing those as quickly as possible.

Ms. Sara Mercier, immediate past President of the Nevada Dental Hygienist's Association (NDHA). Thanked the Board for the 90-day dental hygiene license renewal extension. Requested the Board add to the agenda of a future meeting the possibility of reducing dental and dental hygiene license renewal fees.

Mr. Charles Buchanan, a third-year student at UNLV School of Dental Medicine and a trustee for the American Student Dental Association. He commented regarding alternate pathways to licensure. He urged the Board to change the requirements for initial dental licensure due to issues current examinations have faced during the COVID-19.

6. Announcements

No announcement.

*7. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

MOTION: Board Member Lee motioned for adjournment. Board Member Cioffi seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Frank DiMaggio, Executive Director