

NEVADA STATE BOARD
of
DENTAL EXAMINERS



BOARD TELECONFERENCE MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021

6:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT BOOK

Public Comment:

Cory Pickens, MD, CEO
Academy of Dental and Medical Anesthesia

From: Mercer Sargent [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 9:53 AM
To: Frank DiMaggio
Subject: ADMA Decision on Letter

Hello,

We would like our letter to be read in the public comments portion of tonight's meeting, please.

Thank You,

Mercer Sargent - ADMA

To The Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners

CC: Christopher Riccardi, Esq. Seward & Kissel Law Firm

This letter is on behalf of the Academy of Dental & Medical Anesthesia in relation to agenda item number 6 for the Board Meeting scheduled for 02 February 2021. We respectfully request that this submission be read aloud prior to the Board's decision on Item 6.

The ADMA would like the Anesthesia Committee's evaluation to be removed from this process due to the following reasons:

1. The Sedation CE committee focused 100% of their questions on the Cleveland IV sedation training course. They did not ask how the Dayton IV sedation course is structured or run.
2. We believe the dentist that was recused from the Sedation CE committee spoke to 4 other members of the CE committee about the a DMA IV training course as it relates to the complaint. Please ask them whether they did so. These members failed to recuse themselves from the CE committee.
3. The CE committee made the following statements to an actively licensed dentists that practices in two states, neither of which are Nevada.
 - A. "I was not impressed with the black pilot that works for the ADMA, he is shifty."
 - B. "The board is finally going to block the ADMA IV course. They are crooked."
4. During the CE committee discussion with the ADMA, Dr. West opened his questioning at the beginning with an inappropriate statement that was repeated several times that violates not only state law but demonstrates significant bias towards the ADMA instructors. Dr. West stated something to the effect that, "because Dr. Pickens has a past history of problems he should not have other instructors with a past that includes any problems." The team member Dr. West is referring to is Col. Erwin Washington who is an active pilot for United Airlines that successfully completed alcohol addiction treatment at the Betty Ford Center. Due to the fact that Colonel Washington completed monitoring successfully and still remains an active pilot the ADMA feels that Dr. West statement is inappropriate and not consistent with the conduct expected of the CE committee.

The CE committee had no business discussing this case outside of the board meeting when the board has not made its final decision. The conversation with the CE committee was a closed session.



1. We ask that the complaint be expunged from our file.
2. We ask that the members of the anesthesia committee not to be able to influence the board and be removed from past, current, and future evaluation unless new, unbiased committee members can be appointed to evaluate our program.
3. The board evaluation consists of only the Dayton course and not include any information about the past and terminated Cleveland course.
4. We ask that the NV Board and committee members cease and desist with discussing the ADMA's complaint, application process, and outcome outside of the Board.



Our program meets the NV requirements set forth in NAC 631.2213 and NAC 631.173

The ADMA's Dental IV Sedation program approval has been placed under scrutiny due to complaints submitted without supporting evidence. The complaints submitted to the NV Board were submitted with NO verifiable documentation to support their validity. Credentialing paperwork or sedation flow sheets can prove or disprove these claims, but to this date the NV Board has not received or produced such documentation from the complainants.

Additionally, these complaints were submitted by individuals who did not take the course for which the ADMA is requesting approval. The CDI-based program was an independent training program that was combined with a CODA certified residency and has been discontinued. It has nothing to do with how the ADMA Dayton program conducts its training nor does it have any influence over the Dayton Sedation program. These two programs had different instructor pools. The anesthesia advisory committee's comparison of these two courses is mistaken. The attempt to establish the CDI course lasted less than 6 months. The ADMA's Dayton IV program has been established since 2016.

Nevada regulations do not allow training course affiliations of an institution to be factored in when determining training course acceptance.

Furthermore, we request that the ADMA aesthetics program approval be considered separately from the ADMA IV sedation program approval as these are two separate programs whose curriculum, instructor cadre, and training process are different.

We implore the members of the Nevada Dental Board to consider our program's approval based on the facts and their state's regulations.

Sincerely,



Cory Pickens, MD, CEO

