

NEVADA STATE BOARD
of
DENTAL EXAMINERS



BOARD TELECONFERENCE MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2021

6:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT BOOK

Public Comment:

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Nevada Dental ASSOCIATION

April 07,2021

Nevada Board of Dental Examiners
Attention: Mr. DiMaggio
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Sent via Email

Re: Public Comment on NSBDE 04/08/2021 Meeting Agenda

Dear Mr. DiMaggio,

Thank you for your continued work to support dental practitioners and protect patients in the State of Nevada.

We would like to direct your attention to the April 8th Board meeting agenda item 8i which states,

“Review, consideration, and possible approval/rejection of the Legislative, Legal, and Dental Practice Committee’s recommendation regarding Board delegation authorizing the Executive Director of his designee to appear before the Nevada Legislature and/or any committee thereof to provide information and/or testimony concerning dentistry, including without limitation explanations of the effect of any pending bill(s) concerning dentistry, on behalf of the Board regarding any bill(s) pending before such Legislature or committee thereof.”

While we appreciate and understand the Board’s need to address bills being considered at the legislature through committee hearing testimony, we do not believe the NSBDE Executive Director can have a designee as described in the above agenda item. NRS 218H.080(2)(c) specifically exempts from the definition of “Lobbyist” the following:

"Employees of departments, divisions or agencies of the state government who appear before legislative committees only to explain the effect of legislation or any other legislative action related to their departments, divisions or agencies."

We do not believe NRS 218H.080(2)(c) provides exemption to a state non-employees or similar designee.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mark Funke, DDS
President
Nevada Dental Association