

Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners



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Notice of Agenda & Teleconference Meeting of The Infection Control Committee

Meeting Date & Time

Tuesday, March 21, 2023
6:00 P.M.

Meeting Location:

Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners
2651 N. Green Valley Pkwy., Suite 104
Henderson, NV 89014

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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 **1. Call to Order**

- 2 - Roll call/Quorum

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5 Dr. Branco called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM. Mr. Bateman conducted roll call.
6 Quorum was met.

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8 Dr. Joshua Branco (Dr. Branco) – Present
9 Dr. Lance Kim (Dr. Kim) – Present

Dr. Adam York (Dr. York) – Present
Ms. Kimberly Petrilla (Ms. Petrilla) – Present

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11 **Others Present:** Chris Bateman, Executive Director; Blair Parker, General Counsel

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13 **Public Attendees:** Karla Martinec; Parker Arecchi; Christy Davis; Annette Lincicome; Caryn Solie, RDH;
14 "Doug"; Helen Kanian; Hilda Krestyn; Ladena Brooke; Mary Bobbett, BA, RDH; "Tracy"; Tuko McKernan

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16 **2. Public Comment (Live public comment, by teleconference, and pre-submitted email/written form):**

17 The public comment period is limited to matters specifically noticed on the agenda. No action may be taken upon the matter
18 raised during public comment unless the matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as an action item. Comments
19 by the public may be limited to three (3) minutes as a reasonable time, place and manner restriction, but may not be limited based
20 upon viewpoint. The Chairperson may allow additional time at his/her discretion.

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24 record during the meeting. Any other written public comment submissions received prior to the adjournment of the meeting will be
25 included in the permanent record.

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27 In accordance with Attorney General Opinion No. 00-047, as restated in the Attorney General's Open Meeting Law Manual, the
28 Chair may prohibit comment if the content of that comment is a topic that is not relevant to, or within the authority of, the Nevada
29 State Board of Dental Examiners, or if the content is willfully disruptive of the meeting by being irrelevant, repetitious, slanderous,
30 offensive, inflammatory, irrational, or amounting to personal attacks or interfering with the rights of other speakers.

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32 Mr. Parker introduced and read aloud the written public comment submitted by Nichelle Venable,
33 RDH regarding agenda item 4 (b), the recommendation of Christy L Thomas, RDH. Briefly, Ms. Venable
34 remarks on her vehement recommendation of Ms. Thomas as a candidate for the Part-Time Infection
35 Control Inspector Employee. The entire comment is available to view on the Board website.

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37 ***3. Chairman's Report:** Joshua Branco, DMD (For Possible Action)

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39 ***a. Request to Remove Agenda Item(s)** (For Possible Action)

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41 ***b. Approve Agenda** (For Possible Action)

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43 Dr. Branco introduced the above agenda items and motioned to approve the original agenda. Dr. Kim
44 seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

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46 ***4. New Business:** (For Possible Action)

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48 ***a. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Recommendation to the full Board Regarding**
49 **Proposed Adjustments to the Infection Control Survey Form, TB Testing for all Dental Health**
50 **Care Workers per CDC Recommendations and Nevada State TB Testing Requirements** (For
51 Possible Action)

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53 Dr. Branco introduced the above agenda item and informed the Committee that some inspectors in
54 Southern Nevada have been penalizing people for not having TB testing. He continued by stating per
55 CDC and State requirements, Dental works are required to have a baseline TB test. A discussion ensued
56 between Dr. Branco and Dr. Kim regarding retroactive, yearly tests, and future tests. Dr. Branco noted
57 that it is recommended to require a baseline TB test within 12 months of hire, with no follow-up testing
58 required unless there is an increase in TB cases. Dr. Kim recommended testing all employees, not just new
59 hires, to ensure all are meeting standard. This would include retroactively testing employees. Dr. Branco
60 suggested adding this to Line 8 along with other vaccine requirements. Dr. Branco then made a motion
61 to recommend to the full Board an amendment to the Infection Control Survey Form for Line 8 to include
62 TB Testing. Ms. Martinec informed Dr. Branco that there was a public comment, and Dr. Branco allowed
63 it. There was a mistake and no public comment was made. Dr. Kim seconded the motion. Ms. Petrilla

questioned if there would be protocol for what offices need to document, if that will include dates, and what a timeline would look like. Dr. Branco noted that he will address that next. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Dr. Branco mentioned that a recommendation is needed for a notice to offices that this will now be a requirement along with the testing of existing employees. He asked whether 6 months or 12 months would be adequate time for all to comply. Ms. Petrilla suggested 12 months to allow for enough time. Dr. Branco made a motion to recommend to the Full Board an issued statement to all license holders notifying them of the new requirements of TB testing including all existing and new employees with a grace period of 12 months. Ms. Petrilla questioned if this is mandatory. Dr. Branco clarified that this is a state requirement and therefore is not optional. Ms. Martinec informed the Committee that there was a public comment from Caryn Solie, RDH. Ms. Solie noted that her practice required employees to submit a TB test and questioned if there was going to be another requirement to test employees who have already submitted a test. Dr. Branco clarified that it would be one baseline test. Previously tested employees would be in compliance with this new standard. Ms. Martinec informed the Committee that there was a public comment from Tracy Whale, RDH. Ms. Whale noted that per CDC guidelines, it calls for two-step PPD, one today and one 7-21 days from the point of hire, followed by annual check-ins that require a risk assessment and a symptom evaluation to rule out latent TBI. Dr. Branco thanked her for her comment. Dr. Kim seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

***b. Discussion, Consideration, Approval/Rejection, and Possible Recommendation to the Full Board Regarding Hiring of Part-Time Infection Control Inspector Employees – NRS 631.190**
(For Possible Action)

- (1) Christy L Thomas, RDH
- (2) Michelle Cordova, RDH
- (3) Helen Z Kanian, DDS

Dr. Branco introduced the above agenda item and decided to group them together. He noted that there were issues with applicant 4 (b) (3) from a previous Board meeting but noted that at this point, everything seems to be appropriate. Dr. Branco made a motion to approve all three applicants for Full Board approval of the hiring of Part-Time Infection Control Inspectors. Dr. York seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

***c. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Recommendations to the Full Board of Proposed Adjustments to the Infection Control Survey Form in General** (For Possible Action)

Dr. Branco introduced the above agenda item. He continued that some Infection Control Inspectors requested a modification to the survey, noting that their suggestions were quite lengthy. He suggested a meeting with the inspectors to discuss all these changes together rather than without their input, for the Full Board's approval. Dr. Kim questioned if the inspectors had a chance to review this, Dr. Branco answered "no." However, Ms. Martinec informed Dr. Branco that this information was sent to all the inspectors, and they could look at the Public Book for the full suggestions. Dr. Branco felt it would be appropriate to have more input and made the decision to table this agenda item so more inspectors may give their input.

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3 **6. Announcements**
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7 ***7. Adjournment** (For Possible Action)
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9 Dr. Branco made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Kim seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.
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