

Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners



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NOTICE OF AGENDA & TELECONFERENCE MEETING FOR THE DENTAL HYGIENE-DENTAL THERAPY COMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date & Time

Wednesday, January 31st, 2024

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. **Call to Order**
- Roll call/Quorum

Dr. Branco – Present	Ms. Arias – Present
Ms. Petrilla – Present	Ms. McIntyre - Present

2. **Public Comment (Live public comment in person, by teleconference and pre-submitted email/written form):** The public comment period is limited to matters specifically 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 (3) 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.

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Jessica Woods, representing the Dental Hygiene Direct program, expressed appreciation for the committee’s time and consideration of the program application. Ms. Woods stated that she has made all requested changes and included supplemental information based on previous feedback. Ms. Woods noted the program protocol has been reviewed by subject matter experts at the American Mobile and Teledentistry Alliance (AMTA) to ensure alignment with NRS, NAC, and industry best practices. A letter of support from the AMTA was submitted by Ms. Woods for consideration. Ms. Woods also shared her AMTA professional pledge to demonstrate her commitment to ethics in public health and portable/mobile dentistry. Ms. Woods respectfully requested approval of the Dental Hygiene Direct program to begin providing much-needed oral hygiene services to underserved residents of Nevada.

- *3. **Chairman’s Report:** Co-Chair Dr. Branco, DMD & Co-Chair Ms. Yamilka Arias, RDH (For Possible Action)

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

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

Dr. Branco made a motion to approve the agenda, given that portion of agenda item 4(a) was removed as the citation of code was listed incorrectly. Ms. McIntyre seconded the motion and the motion passed.

- *4. **Old Business:** (For Possible Action)

*a. **Discussion, Consideration and Possible Approval/Rejection for Public Health Dental Hygiene Program – NAC 631.210, NAC 631.190, NAC 631.310, NAC 631.313, NAC 631.317**
(For Possible Action)

(1) Jessica Woods, RDH – Dental Hygiene Direct Program Application

The Board discussed various concerns regarding the Dental Hygiene Direct program application, including the inclusion of teledentistry without existing regulations, the vagueness of service locations, and the need for specific protocols for instrument sterilization and patient referrals. The Board emphasized the importance of aligning the program with current statutes and ensuring public safety. Ultimately, Dr. Branco made a motion to deny the program’s application at this time. Ms. Arias seconded the motion and the motion passed.

***b. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Approval/Rejection for Public Health Endorsement Application. NRS 631.287** (For Possible Action)

- (1) Carrie Wucinich, RDH – Dental Hygiene Direct
- (2) Marvelyn Navarro, RDH – Dental Hygiene Direct
- (3) Elizabeth Met, RDH – Dental Hygiene Direct

The Board decided to table the applications in agenda item 4(b) as they were linked to the Dental Hygiene Direct program application.

- 5. Public Comment (Live public comment in person or by teleconference):** 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. Comments by the public may be limited to three (3) 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.

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There were no public comments.

6. Announcements

There were no announcements.

***7. Adjournment** (For Possible Action)

Ms. McIntyre made a motion to adjourn, with Ms. Arias seconding the motion. The motion was passed and the meeting was adjourned.

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