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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE & BOARD MEETING AGENDA

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date & Time

Wednesday, October 29, 2025
6:30 p.m.

Meeting Location

Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners
2651 N. Green Valley Parkway, 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 table it.

1. Call to Order

a. Roll Call/Quorum

Board Members Present: Ms. Kimberly Petrilla (Chair), Dr. Joshua Branco, Dr. Daniel Streifel, Dr. Joan Landron, Dr. Ashley Hoban.

Board Members Absent: NA

Board Staff Present: Director Higginbotham, General Counsel Barraclough, A. Cymerman, M. Kelley, M. Ramirez, L. Chagolla.

2. Public Comment (Live public comment 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 the 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 to based upon viewpoint. The Chairperson may allow additional time at his/her discretion.

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Director Higginbotham noted a late public comment from Tracy Wells of Compliance Alliance, included in the Board packet. The comment raised questions regarding acceptance of hard copy versus electronic copies and other related items where clarification is needed Staff will follow up with Ms. Wells based on the committee's direction.

Samantha Sturges, former Board infection control inspector, provided several suggestions including noting a spelling error, reviewing proposed changes to waterline testing frequency, clarifying terminology for designated clean and dirty

areas, and reconsidering the requirement for daily cleaning logs to avoid excessive burden on offices.

A public comment was received from Kelly Taylor, RDH, expressing concern about mandatory TB testing. She noted her belief that CDC and OSHA guidelines since 2019 recommend event-based testing following potential exposure rather than routine mandatory testing.

Samantha Sturges noted that the current CDC recommendation is that all employees are tested upon hire.

3. Chairperson's Report: (For Possible Action)

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

NA

- b. Approve Agenda (For Possible Action)

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Dr. Branco, and it was seconded by Dr. Streifel.

No discussion.

All members voted 'AYE.'

4. New Business: (For Possible Action)

- a. Review, Discussion, and Possible Approval/Rejection of Infection Control Inspection Documents – NAC 631.1785 (For Possible Action)
 - i. Infection Control Inspection Application

Director Higginbotham communicated that the new infection control inspection application combines the dental practice management form and the initial inspection request form into one. This change addresses past data gaps during ownership transfers and ensures a streamlined, single-step process without duplicate applications.

Dr. Branco inquired about the section noting services delivered/goods sold in the application and why the Board would need to know this information.

Director Higginbotham communicated that this section previously existed and was redone when merging the two forms into one. This format allows for categorical service listings instead of open-ended responses. While the Board does not currently tailor inspections based on selected services, collecting this information may be useful for future regulatory requirements or requests from other

government entities.

Ms. Petrilla communicated her agreement with Dr. Branco, noting that she likes the 'dental procedures delivered' section but would suggest removing the 'goods sold' section.

Dr. Branco noted that he feels that asking for a list of 'goods sold' is out of the jurisdiction of the dental board, and that he is otherwise fine with the application revisions presented.

General Counsel Barraclough communicated that certain statutes (NRS 630.1.3455 and 3456) govern the provision of goods to dental offices to prevent unlicensed practice of dentistry. She suggested the Board consider whether collecting information on vendors and services is appropriate and whether infection control forms are the correct data point for this information.

A motion to approve the application, with the removal of the question regarding products sold was made by Dr. Branco, and it was seconded by Ms. Petrilla.

No discussion.

All members voted 'AYE.'

ii. Infection Control Inspection Survey Form

Director Higginbotham requested that when discussing the survey form, each speaker reference the question number for tracking purposes.

The committee reviewed the infection control survey form in its entirety, evaluating each of the 79 questions for relevancy, accuracy, and consistency with CDC guidelines as adopted in Nevada regulations. Board staff will further research and clarify specific line items identified during the discussion and provide additional information to the committee for future consideration.

Director Higginbotham communicated what the committee reviewed and proposed the following revisions/clarifications to the Infection Control Inspection Form:

- Question 1: Allow digital versions to be acceptable; ensure the form is accessible; remove the "Infection Control Coordinator" name field.
- Question 2: Replace the word "training" with "policy."
- Questions 8 & 10: Require further research and will be brought back to the committee; Question 10 specifically to determine if there is a regulatory requirement to include TB testing in the checklist.
- Question 11: Remove item number six - Meningococcal vaccine to be confirmed.
- Question 12: Confirm if the question references the OSHA 300 log.
- Question 17: Determine if demonstration of handwashing is required; if not, merge with Question 15.
- Question 20: Correct spelling of "performed."
- Question 24: Eliminate demonstration requirement.
- Question 29: Eliminate demonstration requirement.
- Question 34: Condense the four marking sections to two - "clean" or "dirty."
- Question 40: Correct spelling for "performed" and "processing."
- Question 42: Confirm retention period is two years, not three.

- Question 48: Research mail-in versus in-office waterline testing and determine frequency ratios.
- Question 50: Verify if loading technique is referenceable; research if event-related monitoring or item tracking is required (possible reference to Question 51).
- Question 52: Confirm details with Ms. Sturgis and report findings back to the committee.
- Questions 62 & 62a: Research to confirm these are not duplicate items; verify definition of “biological spill kit.”
- Question 64: Determine if documentation is required.
- Question 65: Determine if documentation is required.
- Question 71: Confirm requirements for use of sterile water coolant during surgical procedures and whether this question is necessary.
- Question 75: Correct spelling of “applicable.”
- Question 77: Remove the phrase “running water” to read only, “Is there an eyewash station available?”
- Questions 78 & 79: Relocate these questions to Section Five.

Director Higginbotham communicated that after the suggested revisions are researched or changes made, another Infection Control Committee meeting will be called to review the revised survey form.

A motion to table the Infection Control Inspection Survey Form was made by Ms. Petrilla, and it was seconded by Dr. Branco.

No discussion.

All members voted ‘AYE.’

5. **Public Comment (Live public comment 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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Samantha Sturges, former Board infection control inspector, thanked the committee for their work and offered assistance in locating specific CDC policy references related to several survey form items previously flagged for further research, including items on TB testing and blood spill kits. The commenter noted extensive experience with CDC infection control guidelines and offered to meet with Board staff to provide page references and clarification to support the committee’s review.

6. Announcements:

Director Higginbotham thanked the team and industry representatives for their feedback and participation in strengthening the Board's infection control protocols. He noted that all comments and suggestions are being reviewed and considered for incorporation to ensure the final product is comprehensive and something the Board can be proud of.

7. Adjournment: (For Possible Action)

A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Branco, and it was seconded by Dr. Landron.

No discussion.

All members voted 'AYE.'

Note: To minimize computer resource and data storage drains, only the copies of the applications (redacted to exclude personal identifying or personal health information) are included with this agenda. However, the Board acknowledges that some records attached to the applications (aside from any included proprietary information, but including such things as permits, licenses, route maps, etc.) are generally public records. The Board will make

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