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NEVADA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE & BOARD MEETING AGENDA

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date & Time

Wednesday, July 09, 2025
6:00 p.m.

Meeting Location

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

Video Conferencing/ Teleconferencing Available

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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: Dr. Ron West (President), Dr. Daniel Streifel (Secretary-Treasurer), Dr. Joshua Branco, Dr. Lance Kim, Dr. Christopher Hock, Ms. Jana McIntyre, Ms. Yamilka Arias, Ms. Kim Petrilla, Dr. Joan Landron.

Board Members' Absent: Mr. Michael Pontoni, Esq., Dr. Ashley Hoban.

Board Staff Present: Director Higginbotham, General Counsel Barraclough, A. Cymerman, M. Kelley, 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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Allen Erenbaum, representing DialCare, expressed his interest in continuing the discussion about the teledentistry regulation agenda item.

3. President'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. Streifel, and it was seconded by Ms. Arias.

No discussion.

All members voted 'AYE'.

- c. Introduction of General Counsel Barraclough (For Informational Purposes Only)

Dr. West introduced Andrea Barraclough as new General Counsel for the Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners. Andrea started on Monday and is quickly getting up to speed in her role. Dr. West introduced her to the board and encouraged members to contact her with any questions or comments about ongoing work.

General Counsel Barraclough communicated she had sent comments about teledentistry and was available for further discussion.

4. Secretary-Treasurer's Report: (For Possible Action)

- a. Approval/Rejection of Minutes – NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)

- i. June 11, 2025 – Budget and Finance Committee Meeting
- ii. June 11, 2025 – Board Meeting
- iii. June 30, 2025 – Emergency Board Meeting

A motion to group and approve the meeting minutes was made by Dr. West, and it was seconded by Dr. Kim.

No discussion.

All members voted ‘AYE.’

5. Executive Team Report: (For Possible Action)

a. Legal Actions/Litigation Update (For Informational Purposes Only)

Director Higginbotham communicated that there are no updates at this time. General Counsel Barraclough will be going over current cases and anticipate that recommendations will be made to the board in the upcoming months.

b. Review, Discussion and Possible Approval/Rejection of Authorized Investigation(s) – NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)

i. Dr. Z

A motion to approve authorized investigation was made by Ms. Arias, and it was seconded by Dr. Streifel.

No discussion.

All members voted ‘AYE.’

ii. Dr. Y

A motion to approve authorized investigation was made by Dr. Streifel, and it was seconded by Dr. Hock.

No discussion.

All members voted ‘AYE.’

iii. Dr. X

Dr. West communicated reservations about how this complaint/situation relates to the Dental Practice Act. Dr. West suggested that while it may have been poor judgment to remodel patient hours, this is not something the board has regulations regarding the complaint that would support an investigation. Dr. West communicated that he believed that this may be more of a topic for an OSHA investigation.

Dr. Kim inquired about the construction during business hours being an infection control issue.

Dr. Landron communicated her observation that based on the evidence provided, there was no evidence that the patient operatory rooms were affected by the construction as photos only show common areas. Dr. Landron communicated her agreement with Dr. West about the potential need for an OSHA investigation.

Dr. Branco requested that the Board complete a random infection control inspection and Dr. Landron communicated her agreement.

Director Higgintbotham communicated that a random inspection was conducted within 48 hours of receiving a consumer complaint about construction during business hours. During the inspection, no patients were present in the facility. The staff at the location confirmed they were not seeing patients at the time. While the construction was verified, there was no evidence to substantiate the patient-related concerns raised in the original complaint. The inspection was conducted using the board's random inspection statute, which does not require prior notification.

A motion to reject authorized investigation was made by Dr. West, and it was seconded by Dr. Landron.

No discussion.

All members voted 'AYE.'

iv. Dr. W

A motion to approve authorized investigation was made by Dr. Hock, and it was seconded by Ms. McIntyre.

No discussion.

All members voted 'AYE.'

6. New Business: (For Possible Action)

- a.** Review, Discussion and Possible Approval/Rejection of the Revised Proposed Regulations for RO56-24 Teledentistry – NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)

Director Higginbotham communicated the need to clarify teledentistry regulations regarding emergent care outside the six-month patient-dentist relationship. The goal is to enable patients to get necessary medical treatment, such as an antibiotic for an infection, even if they haven't seen a dentist within the past six months. He suggested the board consider allowing prescriptions for emergent care outside the current six-month requirement, presenting it from a consumer's perspective of increased healthcare accessibility.

Dr. Branco highlighted a problem with the current teledentistry regulation, noting that the focus on orthodontics has inadvertently excluded emergent care. Dr. Branco communicated that he believes the original bill intended to allow emergent care relationships, but the current wording of the regulation does not reflect this. Dr. Branco suggested modifying the language to explicitly exclude emergent care from the six-month in-person examination requirement.

Ms. Arias communicated her agreement that the 6 month timeline is very limiting. Ms. Arias communicated her support in extending the timeline out to further help reduce the barrier to care for consumers.

Allen Erenbaum, representing DialCare, thanked the board for the discussion and offered to assist the board as needed with the wording of the regulation.

Adam Braundmeier, general counsel for AAO, confirmed that when passing AB 147, there was never an intent to restrict emergent care in teledentistry regulations. Mr. Braundmeier expressed his agreement in revising the language of the regulation.

A motion to revise the language of the teledentistry regulation was made by Dr. West, and it was seconded by Dr. Branco.

No discussion.

All members voted ‘AYE.’

- b. Review, Discussion, and Possible Approval/Rejection of the Financial Auditor Contract to Perform the FY25 Financial Audit - NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)**

- i. Haynie and Company**

Dr. West communicated his support for Haynie and Company as they are the first financial auditors who have successfully completed the board's audit. The company also audits other Nevada boards, providing consistency and reliability. Director Higginbotham confirmed their fees are competitive with market rates, leading Dr. West to recommend continuing their services.

A motion to approve the financial auditor contract was made by Dr. West, and it was seconded by Dr. Kim.

No discussion.

All members voted ‘AYE.’

- c. Review, Discussion, and Possible Approval/Rejection of Committee Bylaws – NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)**

- i. Employment Committee**

A motion to approve the committee bylaws was made by Ms. McIntyre, and it was seconded by Ms. Petrilla.

No discussion.

All members voted ‘AYE.’

- ii. Dental Hygiene, Dental Therapy, and EFDA Committee**

A motion to approve the committee bylaws was made by Dr. Streifel, and it was seconded by Ms. Arias.

No discussion.

All members voted 'AYE.'

- d.** Review, Discussion, and Possible Approval/Rejection of Advisory Opinions - NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)

- i.** Participation of Educational Institution Faculty Holder Specialty-Only Dental License Performing Screenings at Dental Clinic

A motion to approve the committee bylaws was made by Ms. Arias, and it was seconded by Ms. Petrilla.

No discussion.

All members voted 'AYE.'

- e.** Review, Discussion, and Possible Approval/Rejection of the Board Agents as Preliminary Screening Consultants - NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)

- i.** Dr. Phillip Devore, DDS

A motion to approve the candidate was made by Dr. West, and it was seconded by Ms. McIntyre.

No discussion.

All members voted 'AYE.'

- ii.** Dr. Ami Tongsiri, DMD

A motion to approve the candidate was made by Dr. Landron, and it was seconded by Dr. Hock.

No discussion.

All members voted 'AYE.'

iii. Dr. Melissa D. Shotell, DMD

A motion to approve the candidate was made by Dr. West, and it was seconded by Ms. Arias.

No discussion.

All members voted ‘AYE.’

f. Review, Discussion, and Possible Approval/Rejection of Permanent Anesthesia Permit – NAC 631.2235; NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)

i. Dr. Kevin Vernet, DMD – Moderate Sedation

A motion to approve the permanent anesthesia permit was made by Dr. Branco, and it was seconded by Dr. West.

No discussion.

All members voted ‘AYE.’

g. Review, Discussion, and Possible Approval/Rejection of Temporary Anesthesia Permit – NAC 631.2234; NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)

i. Dr. Michael Wills, DMD – Moderate Sedation

A motion to approve the temporary anesthesia permit was made by Dr. Branco, and it was seconded by Dr. Kim.

No discussion.

All members voted ‘AYE.’

h. Review, Discussion, and Possible Approval/Rejection of 90-Day Extension of Temporary Anesthesia Permit – NAC 631.2254(2); NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)

i. Dr. Anahita Behshadpour, DDS – Moderate Sedation

A motion to approve the extension of the temporary anesthesia permit was made

by Dr. Branco, and it was seconded by Ms. Arias.

No discussion.

All members voted ‘AYE.’

- i. Review, Discussion, and Possible Approval/Rejection of a Voluntary Surrender of License - NRS 631.190; NAC 631.160 (For Possible Action)

- i. Dr. Mansi Shah, DMD – Dental License # 7495

A motion to approve the voluntary surrender of the temporary anesthesia permit was made by Dr. West, and it was seconded by Dr. Streifel.

No discussion.

All members voted ‘AYE.’

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No public comment.

8. Announcements:

Dr. West thanked everyone for their attendance and welcomed new general counsel Barraclough.

9. Adjournment: (For Possible Action)

A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. West, and it was seconded by Ms. Arias, and it was seconded by Ms. Petrilla.

No discussion.

All members voted ‘AYE.’