

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF DENTISTRY

January 7, 2022

ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Dentistry was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Lisa Kucera, RDH, Vice-Chairperson, in the Husker Room at the Hampton Inn & Suites, located at 7343 Husker Circle, Lincoln, Nebraska. The Agenda and Revised Agenda (revised more than 24 hours prior to the commencement of the meeting and posted/available for public inspection at the Board's office more than 24 hours prior to the meeting) were sent to the Board members and other interested parties prior to the meeting. The following members answered the roll call:

Lisa Kucera, RDH, Vice-Chairperson
Michael J. O'Hara, JD, PhD – Secretary
Yoshiharu Ameku, DDS
Terrence Lanphier, DDS
Dean Cope, DDS
Melanie Steckelberg, DDS
Gene Giles, DDS

Absent: Hannah Randell, RDH
John Thomas, DMD
Public member – vacant

Also present were: Jesse Cushman, Program Manager; Vonda Apking, Health Licensing Coordinator; Milissa Johnson-Wiles, Assistant Attorney General; Anna Harrison, RN, BSN, Compliance Monitor (via WebEx); and Jeff Newman, Investigator.

Kucera announced that there is a copy of all the public documents being reviewed at this meeting available in the meeting room pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Cope moved, seconded by Ameku, to adopt the Agenda with the ability for the Vice-Chairperson to rearrange as necessary. Voting aye: Ameku, Cope, Giles, Kucera, Lanphier, O'Hara, Steckelberg. Voting nay: None. Absent: Randell, Thomas, vacant public member. Motion carried.

DESIGNATION OF THE METHOD BY WHICH THIS BODY WILL GIVE PUBLIC NOTICE OF ITS MEETINGS

Apking explained that the Board needs to inform the public each year the method by which the Board will provide notice of their meetings. In the past, the Board had chosen to post meeting agendas at the Nebraska State Office Building, to e-mail agendas to the interested parties list, and to post agendas on the Department's website. Steckelberg moved, seconded by Lanphier, to continue the same method that the Department has been using to provide public notice of this Board's meetings by posting meeting agendas at the Nebraska State Office Building, by e-mailing agendas to the interested parties list, and by posting agendas on the Department's website. Voting aye: Ameku, Cope, Giles, Kucera, Lanphier, O'Hara, Steckelberg. Voting nay: None. Absent: Randell, Thomas, vacant public member. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 8, 2021

Page 1: No changes.

Page 2: No changes

Page 3: No changes.

Page 4: Steckelberg suggested noting that the meeting date of March 25, 2022 changed to April 1, 2022 after this meeting.

Page 5: No changes.

Ameku moved, seconded by Cope, to approve the October 8, 2021 minutes as corrected.

Voting aye: Ameku, Cope, Kucera, Lanphier, O'Hara, Steckelberg. Voting nay: None.

Abstain: Giles. Absent: Randell, Thomas, vacant public member. Motion carried.

November 12, 2021 – Conference Call

Page 1: No changes.

Page 2: Under REGULATIONS REVIEW, paragraph two, line four, add the word “day” between “one” and “versus”.

Steckelberg moved, seconded by Cope, to approve the November 12, 2021 minutes as corrected. Voting aye: Ameku, Cope, Kucera, Lanphier, O'Hara, Steckelberg. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Giles. Absent: Randell, Thomas, vacant public member. Motion carried.

INVESTIGATIONAL REPORTS AND APPLICATION REVIEW – CLOSED SESSION

Cope moved, seconded by Lanphier, to go into closed session at 9:04 a.m. for the purpose of review and discussion of investigative reports, licensure applications, and other confidential information, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals. Voting aye: Ameku, Cope, Giles, Kucera, Lanphier, O'Hara, Steckelberg. Voting nay: None. Absent: Randell, Thomas, vacant public member. Motion carried.

Thomas joined the meeting at 9:13 a.m.

Harrison left to the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 10:42 a.m.

LICENSURE APPLICATION(S)

Dental Application(s)

Thomas moved, seconded by Cope, to deny the dental licensure application of Manal Hamdan. Basis for the denial is failure to meet licensure requirements. Voting aye: Cope, Giles, Kucera, Lanphier, O'Hara, Steckelberg, Thomas. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Ameku. Absent: Randell, vacant public member. Motion carried.

Thomas moved, seconded by Cope, to deny the dental licensure application of Zaid Badr. Basis for the denial is failure to meet licensure requirements. Voting aye: Cope, Giles, Kucera, Lanphier, O'Hara, Steckelberg, Thomas. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Ameku. Absent: Randell, vacant public member. Motion carried.

Cope moved, seconded by Steckelberg, to recommend issuing Jon Wagner, DDS, a dental faculty license. Voting aye: Ameku, Cope, Giles, Kucera, O'Hara, Steckelberg, Thomas. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Lanphier. Absent: Randell, vacant public member. Motion carried.

Dental Hygiene Application(s)

No applications discussed at this time.

REINSTATEMENT AFTER DISCIPLINE APPLICATION(S)

No applications discussed at this time.

NITROUS OXIDE FOR DENTAL HYGIENE APPLICATION(S)

Lanphier moved, seconded by Thomas, recommend approve the expanded scope function of administering, monitoring, and titrating nitrous oxide to Jodie Frates, RDH based on course taken in 1999 through the University of Colorado School of Dental Medicine and recent proof of administering of nitrous oxide. Voting aye: Ameku, Cope, Giles, Kucera, Lanphier, O'Hara, Steckelberg, Thomas. Voting nay: None. Absent: Randell, vacant public member. Motion carried.

E-MAIL BALLOTS SINCE THE LAST MINUTES

Staff read the following email ballot that the Board voted to approved the expanded scope function of administering, monitoring, and titrating nitrous oxide on 11/17/2021 for Emily Lindquist, RDH based on course taken in 2016 through the University Of Michigan School Of Dentistry.

EXPANDED FUNCTION(S) (RESTORATIVE I AND II) COURSE RE-APPROVAL PROCESS

Kucera moved, seconded by Randell, to postpone this request awaiting additional information. Voting aye: Ameku, Anderson, Cope, Kucera, Lanphier, O'Hara, Steckelberg, Thomas. Voting nay: None. Absent: Randell, vacant public member. Motion carried.

EXPANDED SCOPE FUNCTION(S) COURSE RE-APPROVAL PROCESS

The Board requested Department staff to obtain the current syllabus, total number of course hours including lab and didactic, and a detailed class schedule from the list of currently approved courses so that the Education Committee can review and recommend approval. Ms. Stuhr mentioned that if the course changes then the course provider is supposed to notify the Board. Staff will send requests for information to all currently approved courses and with the restorative courses request that they include information regarding the class surfaces that they teach in their course. Darlene Carritt pointed out that the Board never requested this information for local anesthesia. Kucera explained that this information would only be needed for expanded scope function courses and the expanded function courses. Debra Schardt mentioned they were having trouble hearing over the WebEx and requested to repeat who is on the Education Subcommittee. Staff explained that currently the members are Ameku, Cope, Kucera, and Steckelberg.

Name: Crystal Stuhr, DA
Address: 8800 O Street, Lincoln NE
Business: Southeast Community College – Dental Assisting Program

Name: Darlene Carritt, RDH
Address: 4000 E Campus Loop South, Lincoln NE
Business: UNMC College of Dentistry – Dental Hygiene Program

Name: Debra Schardt, RDH
Address: 5644 Road U, Carleton NE

DISCUSSION ON COVID-19 ISSUES

Jesse Cushman explained that the Executive Order 21-18 waiving specific statutes and applicable regulations was extended until March 31, 2022. The Federal PREP Act is still in effect and if you are administering vaccines or immunizations under this Act, you are required to meet the requirements under the Act.

The Board members discussed the Open meetings Act.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Both Cope and Steckelberg voiced interest in the Chairperson position. Cope and Steckelberg stepped out of the meeting room while the Board members voted. The first blind vote was a tie. Cope and Steckelberg submitted their blind votes. From the blind votes counted, the new Chairperson for 2022 is Dean Cope, DDS. Kucera voiced she was interested in remaining Vice-Chairperson but bowed out due to workload issues. The Board voted Steckelberg as Vice-Chairperson. Voting Aye: Ameku, Cope, Giles, Kucera, Lanphier, O'Hara, Thomas. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Steckelberg. Absent: Randell, vacant public member. O'Hara voiced interest in remaining Secretary. The Board voted O'Hara as Secretary. Voting Aye: Ameku, Cope, Giles, Kucera, Lanphier, O'Hara, Steckelberg, Thomas. Voting nay: None. Absent: Randell, vacant public member.

The Education Committee will consist of Ameku, Kucera, Lanphier, and Steckelberg. Liaisons to Investigations will be Cope, Steckelberg, and Thomas.

Lanphier and Giles voiced interest in being Central Regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS) examiners. Staff will forward CRDTS their information.

Staff explained meeting and membership of the American Association of Dental Boards (AADB) and also discussed travel reimbursement policies.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 1, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the meeting at 11:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

(signature on file with the Department)

Michael J. O'Hara, JD, PhD, Secretary
Board of Dentistry

