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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF DENTISTRY

January 10, 2020

ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Dentistry was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Dennis Anderson, DDS, Chairperson, in the Staybridge Room at the Staybridge Suites, located at 2700 Fletcher Avenue, 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:

Dennis Anderson, DDS, Chairperson
Yoshiharu Ameku, DDS
David Blaha, DDS
Dean Cope, DDS
Michael O'Hara, JD, PhD
Melanie Steckelberg, DDS
John Thomas, DMD

Absent: Lisa Kucera, RDH, Vice-Chairperson
Hannah Randell, RDH

Also present were: Jesse Cushman, Program Manager; Vonda Apking, Health Licensing Coordinator; Ami Huff, Assistant Attorney General; Natalee Hart, Assistant Attorney General; and Jeff Newman, Investigator.

Anderson 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

Blaha moved, seconded by Thomas, to adopt the Agenda with the ability for the Chairperson to rearrange as necessary. Voting aye: Ameku, Anderson, Blaha, Cope, O'Hara, Steckelberg, Thomas. Voting nay: None. Absent: Kucera, Randell. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 19, 2018

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Page 4: No changes.
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Thomas moved, seconded by Blaha, to approve the October 25, 2019 minutes as presented. Voting aye: Ameku, Anderson, Blaha, Cope, Thomas. Voting nay: None. Absent: Kucera, Randell. Abstain: Steckelberg, O'Hara. Motion carried.

The Board members and staff made introductions.

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. Cope moved, seconded by O'Hara, 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, Anderson, Blaha, Cope, O'Hara, Steckelberg, Thomas. Voting nay: None. Absent: Kucera, Randell. Motion carried.

INVESTIGATIONAL REPORTS AND APPLICATION REVIEW – CLOSED SESSION

Steckelberg moved, seconded by Thomas, to go into closed session at 9:14 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, Anderson, Blaha, Cope, O'Hara, Steckelberg, Thomas. Voting nay: None. Absent: Kucera, Randell. Motion carried.

Cope moved, seconded by J. Thomas, to reopen the session at 9:54 a.m. Voting aye: Ameku, Anderson, Blaha, Cope, O'Hara, Steckelberg, Thomas. Voting nay: None. Absent: Kucera, Randell. Motion carried.

LICENSURE APPLICATION(S)

Dental Application(s)

Anderson moved, seconded by Thomas, to recommend issuing a dental license to Ronald Moon, DDS. Voting aye: Ameku, Anderson, Blaha, Cope, O'Hara, Steckelberg, Thomas. Voting nay: None. Absent: Kucera, Randell. Motion carried.

Dental Hygienist Application(s)

Cope moved, seconded by Thomas, to approve the nitrous oxide course taken by ShyAnne Blake at Laramie County Community College as meeting the educational requirement for the expanded scope function of monitoring, administering and titrating nitrous oxide. Voting aye: Ameku, Anderson, Blaha, Cope, O'Hara, Steckelberg, Thomas. Voting nay: None. Absent: Kucera, Randell. Motion carried.

E-MAIL BALLOTS SINCE THE LAST MINUTES

No e-mail ballots since the last meeting.

Cushman gave a brief update on the status of the draft regulations.

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COURSE APPROVAL

Expanded Scope Functions

The Board mentioned that Laramie County Community College is approved because the dental hygiene program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).

Blaha moved, seconded by Thomas, to approve the University of Nebraska – College of Dentistry nitrous oxide course as meeting the educational requirement for the expanded scope function of monitoring, administering and titrating nitrous oxide. Voting aye: Ameku, Anderson, Blaha, Cope, O’Hara, Steckelberg, Thomas. Voting nay: None. Absent: Kucera, Randell. Motion carried.

Cope moved, seconded by Blaha, to approve the Central Community College courses on interim therapeutic restoration, prescription writing, denture adjustments and nitrous oxide as meeting the requirements for the expanded scope functions for dental hygienists. Voting aye: Ameku, Anderson, Blaha, Cope, O’Hara, Steckelberg, Thomas. Voting nay: None. Absent: Kucera, Randell. Motion carried.

Ameku mentioned that soft liners is not with the expanded scope function for making minor denture adjustments.

Expanded Functions

The Board requested additional information on the expanded function courses offered by the University of Colorado.

CENTRAL REGIONAL DENTAL TESTING SERVICE (CRDTS)

Staff requested examination schedules for Board members that will be examiners for the CRDTS examinations in 2020. Thomas will be attending the Steering Committee meeting in about two weeks.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF DENTAL BOARDS (AADB)

Thomas and O’Hara are interested in attending the AADB Mid-Year meeting this spring.

Anderson will forward a practice question regarding referrals to the Department for the April meeting.

DISCUSSION REGARDING PER DIEMS AND TIME FRAME FOR PREPARATION OF AGENDA ITEM DOCUMENTS

Cushman explained the process of paying per diems for certain activities of the Board and the time frame of preparing agenda items for the Board to review.

O’Hara moved, seconded by Ameku, to have the Department continuing paying per diems as currently effective which is \$50 per diem for meeting days, one day of meeting preparation, and any travel days. Also included are days spent at non-board meetings where the individual is representing the Nebraska Board of Dentistry, as well as any travel days associated with those meetings. Voting aye: Ameku, Anderson, Blaha, Cope, O’Hara, Steckelberg, Thomas. Voting nay: None. Absent: Kucera, Randell. Motion carried.

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The Board members and staff introduced themselves which included new Board members.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Thomas moved, seconded by Steckelberg, to keep the education subcommittee members the same. The current members are Ameku, Cope, and Kucera. Voting aye: Ameku, Anderson, Blaha, Cope, O'Hara, Steckelberg, Thomas. Voting nay: None. Absent: Kucera, Randell. Motion carried.

Steckelberg moved, seconded by Ameku, to continue to have Anderson and Blaha review investigational cases when requested by the Investigations Division. Voting aye: Ameku, Anderson, Blaha, Cope, O'Hara, Steckelberg, Thomas. Voting nay: None. Absent: Kucera, Randell. Motion carried.

Thomas moved, seconded by Blaha, to nominate O'Hara as Secretary. Voting aye: Ameku, Anderson, Blaha, Cope, O'Hara, Steckelberg, Thomas. Voting nay: None. Absent: Kucera, Randell. Motion carried.

Anderson moved, seconded by Thomas, to nominate Kucera as Vice-Chairperson. Voting aye: Ameku, Anderson, Blaha, Cope, O'Hara, Steckelberg, Thomas. Voting nay: None. Absent: Kucera, Randell. Motion carried.

Thomas moved, seconded by Cope, to nominate Anderson as Chairperson. Voting aye: Ameku, Anderson, Blaha, Cope, O'Hara, Steckelberg, Thomas. Voting nay: None. Absent: Kucera, Randell. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

Cope moved, seconded by Blaha, to adjourn the meeting at 11:29 a.m. Voting aye: Ameku, Anderson, Blaha, Cope, O'Hara, Steckelberg, Thomas. Voting nay: None. Absent: Kucera, Randell. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

(signature on file with the Department)

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