

CONFERENCE CALL MEETING MINUTES  
OF THE  
BOARD OF DENTISTRY

March 21, 2019

ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Dentistry was called to order at 12:05 a.m. by Lisa Kucera, RDH, Vice-Chairperson, in Conference Room LU#1, Nebraska State Office Building, located at 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. The Agenda was 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 (via telephone)  
Cynthia Gaskill, RDH, Secretary (via telephone)  
Charles Bauer, DDS (via telephone)  
David Blaha, DDS (via telephone)  
Dean Cope, DDS (via telephone)  
Mary Sneckenberg

Absent: Dennis Anderson, DDS, Chairperson  
Yoshiharu Ameku, DDS  
Gregory Thomas, JD  
John Thomas, DMD

Also present were: Becky Wisell, Section Administrator for the Licensure Unit; Jesse Cushman, Program Manager; and Vonda Apking, Health Licensing Coordinator.

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

Blaha moved, seconded by Cope to adopt the Agenda with the ability for the Chairperson to rearrange as necessary. Voting aye: Bauer, Blaha, Cope, Gaskill, Kucera, Sneckenberg. Voting nay: None. Absent: Ameku, Anderson, G. Thomas; J. Thomas. Motion carried.

REVIEW DRAFT REGULATIONS AND APPROVAL

172 NAC 53

The Board members discussed 172 NAC 53. Cushman mentioned that any typographical errors throughout all chapters of regulations will be fixed. The Board members suggested that infection control language within the continuing education sections of 172 NAC 53, 172 NAC 56, and 172 NAC 57 should be the same. The Board wanted continuing education identified for those that developed continuing education and for those presenting. Renumbering is needed within each chapter. Crystal Stuhr, Dental Assistant, explained that when she help with developing the statutes based on the 407 Credentialing Review the bill drafted suggested leaving the statutes broad and leave the regulations for the specifics. Ms. Stuhr explained that during the 407 Credential Review process, they were required to provide data showing that the public would not be harmed. Ms. Stuhr suggested language requiring the applicant for the

expanded functions to have meet the 1500 hours prior to taking a course. Wisell explained that the Governor's direction was to not hinder an applicant from obtaining a license by unnecessary over regulation. Wisell explained that regulation approval process.

Gaskill moved, seconded by Sneckenberg, to approve 172 NAC 53 with the suggested corrections. Voting aye: Bauer, Blaha, Cope, Gaskill, Kucera, Sneckenberg. Voting nay: None. Absent: Ameku, Anderson, G. Thomas; J. Thomas. Motion carried.

#### 172 NAC 57

The Board mentioned some typographical errors, adding the American Dental Hygienist Association's Code of Ethics dated 6/25/2018 to the unprofessional conduct section of the draft regulations, and add CDC guidelines to unprofessional conduct section.

Gaskill moved, seconded by Blaha, to approve 172 NAC 57 with suggested corrections. Voting aye: Bauer, Blaha, Cope, Gaskill, Kucera, Sneckenberg. Voting nay: None. Absent: Ameku, Anderson, G. Thomas; J. Thomas. Motion carried.

#### 172 NAC 54

The Board discussed what items from 172 NAC 54 needed to be retained because the majority of this chapter of regulations is in statutes. The Board suggested crafting language similar to other states regarding identifying specialties when advertising and adding this language under unprofessional conduct in 172 NAC 56.

Blaha moved, seconded by Cope, to approve repealing 172 NAC 54 and add language regarding identifying specialties when advertising to 172 NAC 56 under unprofessional conduct. Voting aye: Bauer, Blaha, Cope, Gaskill, Kucera, Sneckenberg. Voting nay: None. Absent: Ameku, Anderson, G. Thomas; J. Thomas. Motion carried.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Sneckenberg moved, seconded by Gaskill, to adjourn the meeting at 1:33 p.m. Voting aye: Bauer, Blaha, Cope, Gaskill, Kucera, Sneckenberg. Voting nay: None. Absent: Ameku, Anderson, G. Thomas; J. Thomas. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

(signature on file with the Department)

Cynthia Gaskill, RDH, Secretary  
Board of Dentistry