

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE  
BOARD OF DENTISTRY

August 30, 2019

ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Dentistry was called to order at 9:00 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  
Lisa Kucera, RDH, Vice-Chairperson  
Cynthia Gaskill, RDH, Secretary  
Yoshiharu Ameku, DDS  
David Blaha, DDS  
Mary Sneckenberg  
John Thomas, DMD  
Dean Cope, DDS  
Charles Bauer, DDS  
Gregory Thomas, JD

Also present were: Jesse Cushman, Program Manager; Vonda Apking, Health Licensing Coordinator.

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

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

REGULATIONS REVIEW FOR 172 NAC 53, 56, 57

Hearing Summary Review and Discussion

The Board discussed each chapter of regulations separately. In 172 NAC 57, the Board had an intense discussion as to whether or not to allow dental assistants and/or dental hygienists to take the expanded functions course within a dental assisting or dental hygiene program or after obtaining at least 1500 hours under a license.

Bauer moved, seconded by Sneckenberg, to require individuals to obtain 1500 hours under license prior to receiving expanded function training. The Board had discussions but never called for the vote.

J. Thomas moved, seconded by Blaha, to rescind Bauer's motion. Voting aye: Ameku, Anderson, Bauer, Blaha, Cope, Kucera, Gaskill, Sneckenberg, G. Thomas, J. Thomas. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

Bauer moved, seconded by J. Thomas, to require dental assistants and dental hygienists to be licensed prior to pursuing training in restorative expanded functions and have 1500 hours of practice under a license prior to taking the required examination and applying for the expanded function permit. Voting aye: Ameku, Anderson, Bauer, Blaha, Cope, Kucera, Sneckenberg, G. Thomas, J. Thomas. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Gaskill. Motion carried.

Vote to Adopt Regulation Chapter 172 NAC 57

G. Thomas moved, seconded by Ameku, to approve 172 NAC 57 as presented including the changes made pursuant to the motion made today. Voting aye: Ameku, Anderson, Bauer, Blaha, Cope, Kucera, Gaskill, Sneckenberg, G. Thomas, J. Thomas. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

Vote to Adopt Regulation Chapter 172 NAC 53

The Board discussed some changes to 172 NAC 53 regarding accepting test scores for 5 years, expanded functions course approval and using the same language discussed previously about when an individual can obtain expanded function training, and the use for reference guidance documents.

Cope moved, seconded J. Thomas, to approve 172 NAC 53 as presented including the changes discussed today. Voting aye: Ameku, Anderson, Bauer, Blaha, Cope, Kucera, Gaskill, Sneckenberg, G. Thomas, J. Thomas. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

Vote to Adopt Regulation Chapter 172 NAC 56

The Board discussed making 56-007.04(H) consistent with 57-006.05(G).

J. Thomas moved, seconded by Gaskill, to approve 172 NAC 56 as amended. Voting aye: Ameku, Anderson, Bauer, Blaha, Cope, Kucera, Gaskill, Sneckenberg, G. Thomas, J. Thomas. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

Blaha requested a volunteer to be the Board representative at Creighton University's accreditation visit by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). This will occur in October 2019. Kucera volunteered.

Gaskill moved, seconded by Sneckenberg, to nominate Kucera to be the Board of Dentistry's representative at Creighton University's CODA accreditation site visit occurring in October 2019. Voting aye: Ameku, Anderson, Bauer, Blaha, Cope, Kucera, Gaskill, Sneckenberg, G. Thomas, J. Thomas. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

Since this was not on the agenda for discussion, staff will send out an e-mail ballot as follow up.

ADJOURNMENT

Sneckenberg moved, seconded by J. Thomas, to adjourn the meeting at 11:09 a.m. Voting aye: Ameku, Anderson, Bauer, Blaha, Cope, Kucera, Gaskill, Sneckenberg, G. Thomas, J. Thomas. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Cynthia Gaskill, RDH, Secretary  
Board of Dentistry