



# STATE OF IOWA

## IOWA DENTAL BOARD

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### IOWA DENTAL BOARD

#### OPEN SESSION MINUTES

May 5, 2020

Teleconference

400 S.W. 8<sup>th</sup> St., Suite D

Des Moines, Iowa

#### Board Members

William McBride, D.D.S., Chair	Present
Monica Foley, D.D.S., Vice-Chair	Present
Gregory Ceraso, D.D.S.	Present
Lisa Holst, D.D.S.	Present
Jonathan DeJong, D.D.S.	Present
Nancy Slach, R.D.H.	Present
Jill Travis, R.D.H.	Present
Lori Elmitt, Public Member	Present
Bruce Thorsen, Public Member	Present

#### Staff Members

Jill Stuecker, Christel Braness, Dee Ann Argo, David Schultz

#### Attorney General's Office

Laura Steffensmeier, Assistant Attorney General

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. McBride called the meeting of the Iowa Dental Board to order at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 5, 2020. The meeting was held by electronic means in compliance with Iowa Code Section 21.8 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct time-sensitive Board business.

Roll Call:

Member	McBride	Foley	Ceraso	Holst	DeJong	Slach	Travis	Elmitt	Thorsen
Present	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
Absent				x					

A quorum was established with eight members present.

- Dr. Holst joined the meeting after roll call was taken.

**II. OTHER BUSINESS**

- *Vote on Adoption of Board Guidelines for Re-Opening of Dental Offices*

Dr. McBride provided an overview of updates to the proposed guidance document based, in part, on questions since the last meeting. Dr. McBride stated that the Board may want to authorize Ms. Stuecker, in consultation with Board members as needed, to update the guidance document if CDC recommendations change.

Dr. McBride noted one minor change that was made after the draft was posted to the website. Section E, item 2, was updated to clarify that aerosol mitigation was encouraged based on specific procedures.

- ❖ **MOVED** by FOLEY, **SECONDED** by ELMITT, to **APPROVE** the guidance document and to **DELEGATE** authority to Ms. Stuecker to update the document as needed.

Mr. Thorsen stated that his daughter was a speech pathologist at Iowa Methodist and recently, they have started leaving their shoes at work. Mr. Thorsen stated he believed this was a good practice. Dr. McBride stated that shoe coverings were a good recommendation, but not specifically required in the guidelines.

Ms. Slach asked if the Board needed to address the letter that was received and included in the meeting materials. Ms. Stuecker stated that if the Board wished to address the letter received now was the time to discuss. Ms. Slach believed that the changes made to the draft were appropriate and was not sure that the recommendations in the letter were suitable. The other Board members agreed.

<u>Member</u>	<u>McBride</u>	<u>Foley</u>	<u>Ceraso</u>	<u>Holst</u>	<u>DeJong</u>	<u>Slach</u>	<u>Travis</u>	<u>Elmitt</u>	<u>Thorsen</u>
Yes	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
No									
Absent									

Motion **APPROVED** by ROLL CALL.

**III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dr. McBride provided an overview of how comments would be handled.

Dr. McBride stated that there was a question about whether the recommendations would be required. Ms. Steffensmeier stated that this would be at the discretion of Governor Reynolds. If Governor Reynolds issues a proclamation requiring compliance with the guidelines, then they would be required. In cases where the words “may” or “should” are used, those items would be suggestions and would not be mandatory. Dr. McBride noted that an FAQ document has been started to further address those questions.

Dr. McBride answered a number of questions received from members of the public in attendance. Dr. McBride also noted that, in some cases, OSHA would have regulatory authority over some of

this matters. Dr. McBride stated that the remaining questions would be included in the FAQ document that the Board would provide when complete.

Ms. Stuecker reminded those in attendance that the guidance document was contingent on Governor Reynolds approving it as a basis to reopen dental offices.

## **ADJOURN**

- ❖ MOVED by THORSEN, SECONDED by CERASO, to ADJOURN. Motion APPROVED unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 5, 2020.

## **NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD**

The next regularly-scheduled meeting of the Board is scheduled for June 5, 2020, in Des Moines, Iowa.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Christel Braness, Program Planner 2, Iowa Dental Board.