



STATE OF IOWA IOWA DENTAL BOARD

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DENTAL HYGIENE COMMITTEE
400 SW 8th St. Suite D
Des Moines, Iowa

MINUTES
April 17, 2020

Committee Members **April 17, 2020**
Mary C. Kelly, R.D.H. Present
Nancy A. Slach, R.D.H. Present
Michael Davidson, D.D.S. Present

Staff Members

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

Attorney General's Office

Laura Steffensmeier, Assistant Attorney General

I. CALL TO ORDER FOR APRIL 17, 2020

Ms. Kelly called the meeting of the Dental Hygiene Committee to order at 8:00 a.m., Friday, April 17, 2020. The meeting was held by electronic means in compliance with Iowa Code Section 21.8 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Roll Call:

<u>Member:</u>	<u>Kelly</u>	<u>Slach</u>	<u>Davidson</u>
Present	X	X	X
Absent			

A quorum was established with all members present.

II. APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES

- *April 3, 2020 – Quarterly Meeting*

- ❖ MOVED by SLACH, SECONDED by DAVIDSON, to APPROVE the open session minutes as drafted. Motion APPROVED unanimously.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Kelly asked everyone to introduce themselves and allowed the opportunity for public comment.

Ms. Lori Brown thanked the Board. She has concerns about graduation and the requirements for licensure. If the students cannot take clinical boards, she is unsure what would happen. After graduation, they would not be covered by the school. There isn't a great urgency due to extended graduation dates, but it will become a concern.

Ms. Valinda Parsons indicated that on April 13, 2020, Kimber Cobb from CRDTS sent an email regarding an all manikin examination that is available for dental students. The periodontal portion of the examination covered a number of the skills that dental hygienists would need to demonstrate proficiency. Ms. Parsons believed that this would be a suitable alternative for hygiene students given the current situation.

Ms. Emily Boge from Hawkeye Community College has received comments from students. The CRDTS examination at Hawkeye has been cancelled due to COVID-19. She is hoping to reschedule in possibly mid-late July or August. She will share that information once it is finalized.

Ms. Boge stated that she did not agree with the hardship issue. Ms. Boge at one time believed that the clinical examination should be required. However, now she better understands what students go through. Ms. Boge has researched skills retention in the health care field. A couple of studies indicate that 60 days between the end of education and testing, knowledge can be lost. Getting the students an exam within 60 days of graduation will allow for more success.

Ms. Stuecker noted that the board meeting will need to start at 8:30 a.m. and that comments could be continued then.

Ms. Jodi Williams from Indian Hills Community College agreed with Ms. Boge's comments regarding the manikin examinations. Using live patients has posed difficulty regarding calibration.

Ms. Cindy DeWall agreed with the other educators' comments thus far. Students were not in favor of a temporary license. They would be in favor of some kind of tyodont examination.

Ms. Melissa Hoffman agreed with comments from other educators. She works at DMACC as an adjunct instructor and in private practice. She would recommend some kind of alternative examination.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

- *Discussion on Clinical Licensure Exam for Dental Hygiene Students*

Ms. Kelly stated that portability is a consideration for the conversation.

Ms. Slach wondered if the educators could comment on what is missing in clinic or competency exams completed to date. Would it make sense to have a presentation on some of the other examination options?

Ms. Boge stated that they do a conduct a mock CRDTS examination. Competencies are completed throughout the program. Ms. Brown from DMAACC stated they operate the same way.

Ms. Stuecker addressed the question regarding alternate examinations. Patient-free hygiene exams are being developed but they do not currently exist.

There was agreement to continue the discussion at the board meeting.

V. ADJOURN

- ❖ MOVED by KELLY, SECONDED by SLACH, to ADJOURN. Motion APPROVED unanimously.

The meeting of the Dental Hygiene Committee adjourned at 8:30 a.m. on April 17, 2020.

NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the Dental Hygiene Committee is scheduled for June 5, 2020, in Des Moines, Iowa.

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