



STATE OF IOWA

IOWA DENTAL BOARD

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

MINUTES
April 24, 2020

Committee Members **April 24, 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 24, 2020

Ms. Kelly called the meeting of the Dental Hygiene Committee to order at 8:03 a.m., Friday, April 24, 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. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Kelly is moving public comment to the end of the meeting in the interest of time.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

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

Ms. Kelly indicated that patient free exams are being developed. Ms. Kelly asked Ms. Steffensmeier about a proclamation. Ms. Steffensmeier indicated that proposed language had been submitted for consideration regarding a temporary license.

Ms. Kelly asked Ms. Steffensmeier about the approval process for patient free exams. Ms. Steffensmeier clarified that this would be a new exam and would need to go through rulemaking. Waivers could also be utilized.

Ms. Kelly discussed the review process for the committee to begin assessing new exams. Ms. Kelly is not in favor of reviewing exams until they are completed. The Board office will continue to monitor and bring more information on timelines back to the committee.

Ms. Slach stated that she thought the manikin examination would be appropriate. She would also like to hear from the educators to hear their opinions.

Dr. Davidson stated that he does not have experience with a calculus on a manikin; though, he would generally find this acceptable. Initially, he would recommend using waivers as a process to address this in the short term.

Ms. Slach stated that dental students are being allowed to take an OSCE in lieu of the periodontal section. Dr. Davidson stated that he has faith in the education of dental and dental hygiene students.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Kelly allowed the opportunity for public comment.

Mr. Cope thanked the DHC and the Board for the work on this. He believed that this should be divided into shorter term and longer term discussions. A manikin-based examination may be a longer term discussion. There are bigger questions beyond simply addressing the matter of issues of upcoming graduates. Mr. Cope would recommend waivers o in the short term to address the immediate concern and to deal with the bigger issues down the road.

Ms. Shaunda Clark would be interested in an OSCE examination over a manikin examination. They have purchased manikins and do not believe they are equivalent to patients.

Ms. Slach asked Ms. Clark about the OSCE examination, which does not appear to exist currently. Ms. Clark stated that WREB has a comprehensive OSCE version. Ms. Clark explained the difference between a manikin-based examination and OSCE. Ms. Clark stated that she has spoken to her students about this exam. The prep versions are intense. Students have found that they realize how much they learned in class when posed with questions or problems.

There was additional discussion regarding portability of any alternative exam. Dr. Davidson stated that portability is an issue; however, Iowa cannot control other states.

Ms. Kelly stated that the discussion will be continued at the Board meeting.

IX. ADJOURN

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

The meeting of the Dental Hygiene Committee adjourned at 8:29 a.m. on April 24, 2020.

NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE

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

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