



STATE OF IOWA IOWA DENTAL BOARD

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DENTAL HYGIENE COMMITTEE

MINUTES
June 5, 2020
Conference Room
400 SW 8th St. Suite D
Des Moines, Iowa

Committee Members **June 5, 2020**
Nancy Slach, R.D.H. Present
Jillian Travis, R.D.H. Present
Gregory Ceraso, D.D.S. Present

Staff Members
Jill Stuecker, Christel Braness, David Schultz

Attorney General's Office
Laura Steffensmeier, Assistant Attorney General

I. CALL TO ORDER FOR JUNE 5, 2020

Ms. Slach called the meeting of the Dental Hygiene Committee to order at 8:18 a.m., on Friday, June 5, 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>Slach</u>	<u>Travis</u>	<u>Ceraso</u>
Present	X	X	X
Absent			

A quorum was established with all members present.

II. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Slach welcomed Ms. Travis and Dr. Ceraso to the committee.

Dr. Ceraso introduced himself to those in attendance. Dr. Ceraso has been on the Board since last spring.

Ms. Travis introduced herself to those in attendance. Ms. Travis joined the Board on May 1, 2020.

Ms. Slach allowed the opportunity for public comment and asked those individuals with comments to introduce themselves.

Ms. Jody Williams introduced herself and thanked the committee for an opportunity to listen to and participate in the meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES

- *April 17, 2020 – Teleconference*
- *April 24, 2020 – Teleconference*

❖ MOVED by SLACH, SECONDED by TRAVIS, to APPROVE the open session minutes from the April 17, 2020 and April 24, 2020 meetings as drafted. Motion APPROVED unanimously.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Ms. Stuecker reported that the Board has issued one temporary dental hygiene license to date. The process appears to be working well. Following issuance, the card is watermarked as a temporary license. A list of temporary licenses will be posted to the Board’s website. Upon receipt of evidence of a successful clinical examination, staff will convert the license to a permanent license and a certificate and new renewal card will be issued.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

- *Request for Rule Waiver: Jessica Garrett, R.D.H. Graduate, Iowa Administrative Code 650 – 11.5, Dental Hygiene Licensure by Exam*

Ms. Slach stated that the committee could discuss the waiver request; however, she believed it would be best to make a decision following the exam presentations during the full Board meeting.

Dr. Ceraso asked whether Ms. Garrett was pursuing a permanent license. Ms. Stuecker believed that Ms. Garrett intended to apply for a permanent license and clarified that Ms. Garrett could pursue a temporary license if the Board were to deny the request and she required additional time to complete a Board-approved exam.

Dr. Ceraso was in favor a manikin-based examination if they are shown to be an accurate measure of knowledge and skill. Ms. Slach noted that Iowa Administrative Code 650—Chapter 11 does not specifically reference patient-based examinations in the licensing rules. Ms. Steffensmeier stated that Ms. Slach was correct; however, the rules also should be read in the context in which they were adopted. The rules were adopted based on the information provided to the Board about the examinations, which were offered at that time, using patients. Rulemaking would be the best way to implement these changes.

- *Discussion Patient-Free Licensure Exams*

Ms. Stuecker noted that this discussion will be deferred to the full Board meeting following the presentations regarding non-patient examinations.

- *Vote to Delegate Authority to Staff to Administratively Approve Waivers Related to Licensure Exams as Outlined by the Committee*

Ms. Stuecker stated that this discussion will be deferred to the full Board meeting as well.

Ms. Stuecker reported that Ms. Slach was the only current committee member in attendance at the April 3, 2020 meeting. If Ms. Slach did not have changes to the closed session minutes, the committee would not be required to go into closed session. Ms. Slach stated that she did not have any changes.

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VI. ACTION, IF ANY, ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

a. Closed Session Minutes

- ❖ MOVED by SLACH, SECONDED by CERASO, to APPROVE the closed session minutes of the April 3, 2020 meeting as drafted. Motion APPROVED unanimously.

VII. ADJOURN

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

The meeting of the Dental Hygiene Committee adjourned at 8:28 a.m. on June 5, 2020.

NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE

The next regularly-scheduled meeting of the Dental Hygiene Committee is scheduled for August 7, 2020, in Des Moines, Iowa.

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