



STATE OF IOWA IOWA DENTAL BOARD

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DENTAL HYGIENE COMMITTEE

MINUTES August 7, 2020 Video Conference

Committee Members	August 7, 2020
Nancy Slach, R.D.H.	Absent
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 AUGUST 7, 2020

Dr. Ceraso called the meeting of the Dental Hygiene Committee to order at 8:15 a.m., on Friday, August 7, 2020. The meeting was held by electronic means in compliance with Iowa Code Section 21.8 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Roll Call:

Member:	Slach	Travis	Ceraso
Present		x	x
Absent	x		

A quorum was established with two members present.

II. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Ceraso asked those in attendance to introduce themselves.

Dr. Ceraso allowed the opportunity for public comment. There weren't any comments received.

I. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Stuecker reported that the Board has issued 28 temporary dental hygiene licenses to date. The names are on the website per guidance issued by the Board. Ms. Stuecker and Ms. Braness

reported that the website would be updated regularly to reflect new temporary licenses and transitions to permanent licenses.

II. APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES

- *June 5, 2020 Meeting*
- ❖ MOVED by TRAVIS, SECONDED by CERASO, to APPROVE the open session minutes from the June 5, 2020 meeting as drafted. Motion APPROVED unanimously.

III. RULE WAIVER REQUESTS

- *Claire Nieman, Dental Hygiene Graduate, Iowa Administrative Code 650 – 11.5, Dental Hygiene Licensure by Exam*
- *Chelsey Kloft, Dental Hygiene Graduate, Iowa Administrative Code 650 – 11.5, Dental Hygiene Licensure by Exam*
- *Lindsey Berge, Dental Hygiene Graduate, Iowa Administrative Code 650 – 11.5, Dental Hygiene Licensure by Exam*
- *Des Moines Area Community College on behalf of Dental Hygiene Graduates, Iowa Administrative Code 650 – 11.5, Dental Hygiene Licensure by Exam*
- *Indian Hills Community College on behalf of Dental Hygiene Graduates, Iowa Administrative Code 650 – 11.5, Dental Hygiene Licensure by Exam*

Ms. Stuecker provided an overview of the requests. All are asking for approval to take the CRDTS manikin based examination, instead of the patient-based examination, for licensure. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, schools are increasingly offering manikin-based clinical examinations to limit the exposure to and transmission of COVID-19. Additionally, CRDTS has not allowed the use of ultrasonic equipment with the patient-based examinations to limit aerosols. The prohibition on the use of ultrasonic equipment with patients also limits students' ability to complete the work in a timely manner.

Dr. Ceraso was in favor of granting the waiver for 2020 graduates. Ms. Travis agreed given the circumstances.

In terms of permanent acceptance by the committee, Dr. Ceraso would prefer better materials that more closely match work completed on patients; however, this was a suitable option given the current circumstances.

- ❖ MOVED by TRAVIS, SECONDED by CERASO, to APPROVE the waivers as requested. Motion APPROVED unanimously.

- *Carmen Cannon, R.D.H., Iowa Administrative Code 650 – 11.7, Dental Hygiene Application for Local Anesthesia Permit*

Ms. Braness provided an overview of the request. Ms. Cannon graduated from Carl Sandburg College in 2010. Ms. Cannon practiced in Iowa for six years before moving to Montana. During her practice in Iowa, she administered local anesthesia. The state of Montana would have required Ms. Cannon to complete the WREB examination to be authorized to administer local anesthesia there. Since her employer did not require it, she did not pursue this. Ms. Cannon reinstated her Iowa dental hygiene license in January 2020.

Iowa Administrative Code 650—11.7 requires applicants for a local anesthesia permit to have completed training in the 12 months prior to application or have ongoing practice in another state. The committee has previously indicated that the administration of local anesthesia within the two years would qualify as ongoing practice. Ms. Cannon does not meet either requirement. Ms. Cannon attempted to register for new local anesthesia training on two occasions. However, in both cases, the courses were cancelled due to COVID-19. Historically, the committee has approved similar requests in the past.

Dr. Ceraso asked about a conditional approval of the waiver. Ms. Steffensmeier stated that the committee could put conditions with the approval. Dr. Ceraso recommended that she complete follow up training when a course becomes available. Ms. Travis believed that the University of Missouri Kansas City intended to reschedule the course.

- ❖ **MOVED** by TRAVIS, **SECONDED** by CERASO, to **APPROVE** the waiver with a stipulation that she complete a course within 12 months. Motion **APPROVED** unanimously.
 - *K.H., Dental Hygiene Graduate, Iowa Administrative Code 650 – 12.5, System of Retaking Dental Hygiene Examinations*
 - *D.A., Dental Hygiene Graduate, Iowa Administrative Code 650 – 12.5, System of Retaking Dental Hygiene Examinations*

The committee chose to discuss these last two waivers during closed session as the conversation may include information about examination results, which are confidential by law.

IV. OTHER

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

Dr. Ceraso was in favor of allowing staff to approve waiver requests. Stuecker asked if the approvals should be limited to the CRDTS non-patient examination or whether to allow other non-patient examinations.

The committee members were inclined to limit the approval to CRDTS only for now. The committee can meet again to review other requests if needed.

- ❖ MOVED by TRAVIS, SECONDED by CERASO, to AUTHORIZE staff to approve waivers for the non-patient CRDTS examination. Motion APPROVED unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

- ❖ MOVED by TRAVIS, SECONDED by CERASO, to go into CLOSED session pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(a), to review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential; and pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(d) to discuss whether or initiate licensee disciplinary investigations or proceedings.

Roll Call:

Member:	Slach	Travis	Ceraso
Yes		x	x
No			
Absent	x		

My Motion APPROVED by roll call.

- The Dental Hygiene Committee convened in closed session at 8:29 a.m.

- ❖ MOVED by TRAVIS, SECONDED by CERASO, to RETURN to OPEN SESSION. Motion APPROVED unanimously.

- The Dental Hygiene Committee reconvened in open session at approximately 8:42 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

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

- ❖ MOVED by TRAVIS, SECONDED by CERASO, to APPROVE the waivers from K.H. and D.A. to allow one more attempt at the examination prior to remediation. Following a third failure, 40 hours of remediation would be required. Motion APPROVED unanimously.

a. Closed Session Minutes

Ms. Stuecker reported that the committee did not meet in closed session on June 5, 2020; therefore, there weren't any closed session minutes to review.

b. Complaints and Investigative Reports

- ❖ MOVED by TRAVIS, SECONDED by CERASO, to CLOSE complaint #20-0110 with a Letter of Information. Motion APPROVED unanimously.

- ❖ MOVED by TRAVIS, SECONDED by CERASO, to CLOSE complaint #20-0100 without further action. Motion APPROVED unanimously.

ADJOURN

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

The meeting of the Dental Hygiene Committee adjourned at 8:47 a.m. on August 7, 2020.

NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE

The next regularly-scheduled meeting of the Dental Hygiene Committee is scheduled for September 25, 2020, in Des Moines, Iowa.

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