

1 STATE OF ALASKA
2 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND
3 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
4 DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS,
5 BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
6 BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
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8 MINUTES OF MEETING
9 March 20th, 2020

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11 Teleconference

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13 Wednesday, March 20th, 2020
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18 **Agenda Item 1**

Call to Order/Roll Call

Time: 1:32 PM

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20 The meeting was called to order by Dr. David Nielson, President, at 1:32 p.m.

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22 Board Members present, constituting a quorum of the board, were:

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24 Dr. David Nielson, President – *(Via Teleconference)*
25 Dr. Steven Scheller – *(Via Teleconference)*
26 Dr. Kelly Lucas – *(Via Teleconference)*
27 Ms. Gail Walden – *(Via Teleconference)*
28 Dr. Dominic Wenzell – *(Via Teleconference)*
29 Ms. Robin Wahto – *(Via Teleconference)*
30 Dr. Jesse Hronkin – *(Via Teleconference)*
31 Dr. Jon Woller – *(Via Teleconference)*
32 Ms. Brittany Dschaak – *(Via Teleconference)*
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34 In attendance from the Division of Corporations, Business & Professional Licensing, Department of
35 Commerce, Community and Economic Development were:

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37 Ms. Christianne Carrillo, Licensing Examiner – Juneau
38 Mr. Joseph Bonnell, Records and Licensing Supervisor – Juneau
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40 In attendance from the member of the public were:

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42 Dr. Dane Laneker
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45 **Agenda Item 2**

Ethics Report

Time: 1:34 PM

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Agenda Item 3

Review / Approval of Agenda

Time: 1:39 PM

The chair of the board made an announcement that the focus of the meeting had changed based on the actions taken by the Governor. The board’s goal was to be granted statutory authority to help direct how dentistry is handled during emergency situations.

Ms. Gail Walden asked that public comment should be added to the agenda. Dr. Nielson notified the members of the meeting that he was willing to hear public comment after the discussion.

On a motion duly made by Dr. David Nielson, seconded by Gail Walden, and approved unanimously without any objections, it was

RESOLVED to approve the 5.20.2020 dental board agenda as amended.

Agenda Item 4

ADA Guidance

Time: 1:40 PM

Dr. Nielson shared a letter he drafted to Governor Dunleavy thanking him for deferring all elective and non-essential procedures to preserve PPE. The Alaska Board of Dental Examiners, The American Dental Association and Alaska Dental Society are willing to provide input and guidance.

There was discussion about the wording being good and the letter being necessary. Dr. Nielson shared a draft statement for the Alaska Board of Dental Examiners website. It provided guidance on deferring non-essential and elective procedures, updates on trying to gain statutory authority and provide guidance to dental examiners. Dr. Jon Woller shared his research on creating a questionnaire modified for Alaska based on a study created in China for screening patients when they come into the dental office. It provides guidance on whether or not a dental office should treat the patient and what to do if the patient is sick.

The board suggested following the guidelines that the ADA has set being a widely followed association. A correction was made to the draft statement for licensees which read “On April 8, 2020 will have a meeting. Shortly thereafter the board will give an update on current recommendations.”

Dr. Nielson shared with the board that they were given a list of all deep sedation and general anesthesia providers from the state. Dr. Jason Deshaw is coordinating a list to aid hospitals in cases needed.

On a motion duly made by Dr. David Nielson, seconded by Dr. Dominic Wenzell, and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to accept the letter as written to Governor Dunleavy.

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse
Dr. David Nielson	X		
Ms. Gail Walden	X		
Dr. Kelly Lucas	X		
Dr. Steven Scheller	X		
Dr. Dominic Wenzell	X		
Ms. Robin Wahto	X		
Dr. Jesse Hronkin	X		

Dr. Jon Woller	X		
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On a motion duly made by Dr. David Nielson, seconded by Dr. Dominic Wenzell, and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to accept the statement which will include a link to the COVID-19 information site to be posted on the Alaska Board of Dental Examiners’ website as amended.

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse
Dr. David Nielson	X		
Ms. Gail Walden	X		
Dr. Kelly Lucas	X		
Dr. Steven Scheller	X		
Dr. Dominic Wenzell	X		
Ms. Robin Wahto	X		
Dr. Jesse Hronkin	X		
Dr. Jon Woller	X		

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On a motion duly made by Dr. David Nielson, seconded by Dr. Dominic Wenzell, and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to include the ADA guidance for what constitutes a dental emergency and the article which describes the COVID-19 virus with guidelines for screening patients for dental offices as a start for the state’s COVID-19 website with the understanding that the board may add or subtract information within a two-day period.

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse
Dr. David Nielson	X		
Ms. Gail Walden	X		
Dr. Kelly Lucas	X		
Dr. Steven Scheller	X		
Dr. Dominic Wenzell	X		
Ms. Robin Wahto	X		
Dr. Jesse Hronkin	X		
Dr. Jon Woller	X		
Ms. Brittany Dschaak	X		

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Agenda Item 4 Public Comment Time: 2:15 PM

Dr. Dane Laneker let the board know that as a licensee he would appreciate receiving announcements via email from the board.

Agenda Item 7 Adjourn Time: 2:25 PM

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The board planned to schedule an emergency board meeting on April 8th, 2020 from 1:30PM – 2:30PM

On a motion duly made by Dr. David Nielson, seconded by Ms. Gail Walden and approved unanimously, it was RESOLVED for the meeting to adjourn at 2:26 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:



Christianne Carrillo
Occupational Licensing Examiner

Approved:



David Nielson, DDS, President

Date: July 28, 2020