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18	Agenda Item 1	Call to Order/Roll Call	Time: 1:42 PM
19 20	The meeting was called to	order by Dr. David Nielson, President, at 1:42 p.m.	
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24	Dr. David	Nielson, President – (Via Teleconference)	
25		Lucas – (Via Teleconference)	
26		Walden – (Via Teleconference)	
27		nic Wenzell – (Via Teleconference)	
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29	Dr. Jesse	Hronkin – (Via Teleconference)	
30	Dr. Jonath	nan Woller – (Via Teleconference	
31	Ms. Britta	ny Dschaak – (Via Teleconference)	
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33		Division of Corporations, Business & Professional	Licensing, Department of
34	Commerce, Community and	nd Economic Development were:	
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36		tianne Carrillo, Licensing Examiner – Juneau	
37	Ms. Sher	Zinn, Regulation Specialist – Juneau	
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40 41	Agenda Item 2	Review / Approval of Agenda	Time: 1:47 PM
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43	The board reviewed the	DRAFT agenda for the 4.8.2020 Board Meeting.	Changes were made to the
44		For the 4.8.2020 Board Meeting. Public comment was	
45		tem 9 and 10 were merged as one item and moved a	
46		genda 8, Procedure for Filing a Report Due to Trave	
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48	•	by Dr. Dominic Wenzell, seconded by Dr. Jess	e Hronkin, and approved
49	unanimously without any	v objections, it was	
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51	RESOLVED to a	pprove the 4.8.2020 dental board agenda as amen	nded.

52 53	Agenda Item 3	Ethics Report	Time: 1:52 PM	
53 54 55	There were no reports.			
55 56 57	Agenda Item 4	Public Comment	Time: 1:55 PM	
58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73	 Dr. David Logan suggested to conside Mary Ellen Murphy from the ADA cheeducation and renewal requirements of Dr. Jessy Blanco wanted to discuss telewould like for regulations to be create Dr. Bergeron wanted to see official not pane Laneker echoed the earlier commergulations. Dr. Dominic Wenzell asked who is di Medicaid is going to be reimbursing. It the list and threw out basic guidelines Kenley Michaud wanted to voice his selike more transparency and teledentist ALS and PALS by having guidelines Brent Tingey from ASSO would like Examiners. 	necked in to see if there were any or deadlines in leu of COVID-19 ledentistry. Dr. Blanco is worrie of for teledentistry to be covered obtice by the board as well as tele ments and added that telemedici scussing within the department Kenley Michaud answered that and they are not static. support for meetings not being w try. Mr. Michaud believes that the that extend the due date.	y changes in continuing d about cross contamination and by Medicaid. dentistry. ne would be valuable with to discuss the codes that Dale Burke has been working on very well broadcasted and would he AHA has taken good care of	
74 75 76	Agenda Item 5	Letters	Time: 2:05 PM	
77 78 79 80 81 82	The chair shared the Joint Statement on Medications to Treat COVID-19 from The Board of Pharmacy, The Alaska State Medical Board and The Board of Nursing and asked the board if he should sign it. On a motion duly made by Dr. Kelly Lucas, seconded by Dr. Jesse Hronkin, and approved unanimously by a roll call, it was			
83 84	RESOLVED for the board to ac COVID-19 by the Alaska Board			
85 86	Board of Nursing.			
	Board Member	Approve	Deny Recuse	
	Dr. David Nielson	X		
	Ms. Gail Walden	X X		
	Dr. Kelly Lucas	λ		

Dr. Dominic Wenzell	
Ms. Robin Wahto	
Dr. Jesse Hronkin	
Dr. Jon Woller	
Ms. Brittany Dschaak	

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- 91 The statement from the ADA on page 36 of the board packet was presented by the chair which had to do
- with the recommendation that dentistry treatment be emergency only until April 30th. Dr. Nielson believes 92
- this will change. The letter from the ADS was presented from their meeting last Monday 4.6.2020. Dr. 93
- 94 Nielson gave the board a chance to read it. Dr. Nielson stated that it is similar to what the board has sent 95 to the governor.
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97 Dr. Nielson presented his draft of a letter he would like the board to send to the Governor in anticipation 98 of some guidelines on what dentists can do with the mandates. Dr. Nielson shared with the board that he had emailed Commissioner Crum and asked if he thought mandate 6 is going to mirror mandate 5 and 99 extend emergency procedures and extend to June 15th. He asked the board board's thoughts are. Dr. 100 Wenzell inquired when SB241 is anticipated to be signed. Ms. Sher Zinn responded that she does not 101 know the answer to that but knows that the bill is due back from the Governor by April 17th and that there

- 102 103 is a clause in there to be retroactive to April 10th if it's signed after April 10th.
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Dr. Nielson believes the mandate will extend to June 15th and that the letter should be edited to address 105 that fact. He asked how the board what should be in the letter. Dr. Nielson asked Ms. Zinn who the board 106

- should contact to listen to what the Dental Society has to say. Ms. Zinn suggested to contact Dr. Zink, 107
- 108 collectively as Commissioner Crum is very busy with the flood of information that is being sent to them.
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110 Ms. Gail Walden shared her thoughts and asked what the goal of the letter would be as the decisions made were most likely gathered from data that is researched from the statistics, analysis from the community 111

and does not think that the words in the letter is telling them anything they don't already know. Dr. 112

113 Nielson agreed and added that the board has never been asked for their opinion. Dr. Woller responded

that it's good to provide feedback and provide a voice on the table as a goal. Dr. Nielson and Dr. Woller 114

both voiced that they do not know what data is being looked at and is something that is important as 115

trained dentists. There was discussion on whether the board felt the letter is asking the questions that 116

many licensees have. The board agreed it was. It was decided that the letter will be voted on, on 117

118 Onboard.com.

119 Alternative Pathways to Licensure 120 Agenda Item 6 **Time: 2:22 PM**

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The chair shared that exams have been on hold which is a problem for new graduates and that it was time 122 123 to start the discussion on how the board may want to change the licensure by exam requirements. Dr. Nielson does not believe it's an emergency as dentists are not working right now. However, he is 124 looking into getting a courtesy provisional license. Ms. Zinn had contacted law on whether it was possible 125 126 to create a provisional exam and shared that the board does not have any statutory authority under their own statutes to create a courtesy provisional license. It was found that SB241 will not work for the board 127 either as it deals with the emergency crisis and for those who can assist in the health care field for the 128

- 129 emergency crisis. Dentists are not one of those health care fields. The Board of Dental Examiners must
- come up with a good explanation that a change in licensure requirements is necessary in an emergency. 130
- Dr. Nielson said that the licensure of dentists is not necessary in an emergency. 131
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- Dr. Woller asked Ms. Carrillo how many have contacted her office regarding licensure. She answered 133 134 around 8 students waiting to graduate and 3 actual dental applicants. Ms. Zinn continued with her report from the board's attorney and added that the only way the board can remove the exam requirement is by 135
- requesting the Governor's office to suspend the requirement temporarily but the board would then have to 136
- 137 make their case to the Governor as to why it would be necessary to do with the current crisis that is
- happening. Dr. Nielson and Dr. Woller do not find it necessary or a good idea to wave the exam 138
- requirements for licensure by examination for just 3 dental applicants. 139
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141 Dr. Woller inquired with Ms. Zinn what the Medical Board is doing about their initial licensure

- requirements. Ms. Zinn shared that they are currently working on emergency regulation to allow for an 142
- emergency courtesy license for doctors to come up to Alaska and assist with this health care emergency. 143
- 144 They are working on waving notarized applications and waving requirements of records more recent than
- 6 months. Ms. Zinn shared that the Medical Board has a courtesy license in their regulations which allows 145 for them to issue courtesy licenses based on a Governor's mandated emergency for people who are 146
- 147 already licensed not for new graduates or those who are finished with their residency. Dr. Nielson saw
- 148 that the board is not able to create a temporary license and moved on to ADEX's exam which has 3D
- 149 models and comprehensive exam that deals with clinical exams and mannequin tests.
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Dr. Nielson has asked ADEX for a model for the board to look at so the board can decide if it's an option 151 the board would allow. Ms. Walden was asked if there are any good mannequin tests for dental

152 153 hygienists. Ms. Walden does not know of any testing agencies that uses mannequins currently.

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PBIS was contacted by Dr. Nielson and was told they have the question of waving notaries. It was stated 155

that no one is currently having trouble finding notaries. Dr. Nielson made a statement that the board can 156

instruct PBIS to keep collecting notarized forms and that applications will be on hold until the exams start 157 up again.

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- 159 160 Agenda Item 7 **Continuing Education Classes**
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Time: 2:36 PM

162 Page 22 on the board packet was shown on the screen displaying 12 AAC 28.065. Dr. Nielson talked 163 about expiring ACLS, PALS, and CPR cards and how licensees cannot renew them currently but perhaps

adding a (b) section to it. The change would say: "(b) During or because of a declared State or National 164

Emergency and for the purpose of maintaining or renewing a sedation permit issued under 12 AAC 165

28.010 or 12 AAC 28.015, the board may (1) extend the expiration date of existing ACLS, PALS and 166

CPR certification for up to 180 days; and (2) temporarily reduce or modify the required number of 167

- 168 documented sedation cases necessary for permit renewal under 28.010€ and 28.015(h)."
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170 Dr. Wenzell reminded the board does not have the authority to extend expiration dates and suggested to 171 allow for licensees to take re-certifications online. Dr. Nielson asked for the advice of Bill Bergeron and Kenley Michaud. A member of the public Bill Bergeron notified the board that there are parts of the 172 173 certification that cannot be done online. Mr. Kenley Michaud added that completing the certification

- online is only half of the training of where the board need licensees to be. Dr. Wenzell summarized that if 174
- the AHA is extending the CPR certifications for 120 days then licensees are in compliance, it sounds like 175
- 176 the board does not need to do anything.
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Gail Walden shared what SB241 has areas that mention waving requirements for renewal for safety of the 178 179 public's health during a health emergency and asked if that helps the situation. Dr. Nielson asked if the board finds number 1 to be necessary at all. Suggestions were made to send a recommendation memo 180 from the board to notify licensees to at least make sure they have completed their online portion while the 181 country is social distancing and follow the AHA guidelines. Dr. Wenzell noted that the licensees do not 182 renew until February of 2021 and have 7 months to achieve their requirements for renewals. 183

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Dr. Nielson concluded that changes to the CPR regulations are not needed. Dr. Wenzell would like to 185 potentially continue discussion about basic CPR as an online course with hands on compression 186

187 components in the future.

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189	Agenda Item 8	ASSO Request for Patient Care	Time: 2:52 PM
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- 191 The Alaska State Society of Orthodontists would like to be included in emergency only procedures. Dr.
- 192 Nielson wrote a response to their letter to the board. There was discussion about the ASSO wanting
- reassurance that they can see their patients with out getting in trouble with the mandate and found the
- 194 letter in response to be appropriate.
- 195 Brent Tingey clarified that they would like to prevent future emergencies and not bring any new cases in.
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197 On a motion duly made by Dr. Kelly Lucas, seconded by Dr. Jesse Hronkin, and approved

- 198 unanimously by a roll call, it was
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RESOLVED for the board to adopt and send the letter written by Dr. Nielson on behalf of the board to the Alaska State Society of Orthodontists.

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

205 206 Agenda Item 8

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<u>Teledentistry</u>

Time: 2:52 PM

Dr. Nielson asked the board to consider teledentistry especially during times like this to help patients the way they haven't before. Dr. Wenzell shared that new patients under teledentistry are going to be difficult to help with the same standards as in office patients. The chair asked if a regulation for teledentistry should be an emergency regulation or a regulation so dentists may bill Medicaid for their service is in

teledentistry. Dr. Jessy Blanco presented her position on teledentistry, sharing that people will be paying

attention to themselves more under this pandemic. Their patients might think something minor is actually

an emergence this is where teledentistry would be helpful to have especially for Alaska's geographic

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Gail Walden shared that there are no regulations preventing teledentistry at the moment. Dr. Nielson
asked the board if anyone was willing to take on the task to compare states that have teledentistry in their

regulations. Dr. Woller believes this could be a regular regulation project rather than emergency. Dr.

220 Blanco kindly disagreed and finds it to be an emergency regulation and would like regulations made

during the closure of offices so dentists may help people who have Medicaid and be compensated for

their service. Dr. Blanco added that her letter mentions that supporting teledentistry as a regulation would

- 223 provide care for many who have Medicaid.
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225 Dr. Nielson asked Ms. Sher Zinn if teledentistry qualifies as an emergency or purely something of a

reimbursement situation as teledentistry is something that can be done now. Ms. Zinn stated that if the

board finds the lack of teledentistry regulations as an emergency in the fact that people are flooding the

ER rather than their dentists, the board can do that. She suggested there could be a policy posted in the

meantime. She added that it can be an emergency regulation but cautioned it should be well thought out.

230 The board decided that there should be regulations for teledentistry that are well thought out.

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Gail Walden asked if the board can state in a letter to Medicaid that teledentistry is an option for dentists in the state might help. Dr. Nielson agreed and would like to make regulations in the future. Ms. Zinn suggested to let dental licensees know that teledentristry is allowed. Dr. Nielson tasked. Dr. Woller to write up a statement about teledentistry in Alaska to get the ball rolling.

237 Agenda Item 9

Adjourn

Time: 3:34 PM

Dr. Nielson shared that the board would like to meet weekly, every Wednesday at 1:30pm starting
4.15.2020. The board scheduled a meeting with Ms. Carrillo for next week and would like to cancel it if
there is nothing on the agenda. The chair tasked Dr. Jon Woller, Dr. Jesse Blanco and Dane Laneker with
creating a statement for teledentistry. The board addressed Dr. Nordstrom's email and agreed no one is
happy with the date and would like to see going forward what happens with the date.

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Britney Dschaak shared her thoughts about the lack of transparency from the board and asked for emailsfrom the board to all dental licensees. Ms. Zinn suggested the board to send just one email a week and

direct the licensing examiner what they would like to send out to the approximately 1600 licensees.

248 The board further expressed the frustration of the public with the lack of communication from the board

and shared the updates from other states where they receive email updates. Dr. Nielson concluded that the

- 250 board will work on getting emails out once a week.
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252 On a motion duly made by Dr. David Nielson, seconded by Dr. Dominic Wenzell and approved 253 unanimously, it was

RESOLVED for the meeting to adjourn at 3:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Christianne Carrillo Occupational Licensing Examiner

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David Nielson, DDS, President

Date: July 28, 2020