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STATE OF ALASKA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS,  
BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL LICENSING  
BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

MINUTES OF MEETING  
August 7th, 2020

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Teleconference

Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Agenda Item 1** Call to Order/Roll Call **Time: 9:38 AM**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. David Nielson, President, at 9:38 a.m.

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

Dr. David Nielson, President – *(Via Teleconference)*  
Dr. Jesse Hronkin – *(Via Teleconference)*  
Ms. Gail Walden – *(Via Teleconference)*  
Dr. Dominic Wenzell – *(Via Teleconference)*  
Ms. Robin Wahto – *(Via Teleconference)*

In attendance from the Division of Corporations, Business & Professional Licensing, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development were:

Ms. Christianne Carrillo, Licensing Examiner – *(Via Teleconference)*

**Agenda Item 2** Ethics Report **Time: 9:40 AM**

There were no reports.

**Agenda Item 3** Review / Approval of Agenda **Time: 9:41 AM**

The board anticipated that they will jump around the agenda.

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

**RESOLVED to approve the 8.7.2020 dental board agenda as written.**

*Jasmin Bautista entered the teleconference at 9:41 am.*

52 *The board started with agenda item 5, Investigative Report.*

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54 **Agenda Item 5**

**Investigative Report**

**Time: 9:43 AM**

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56 Ms. Jasmin Bautista informed the board that they currently have 47 open cases, 3 probation cases and 6  
57 closed cases. She anticipated that the number of open cases will be much less at the next board meeting.  
58 The board asked Ms. Bautista how the state treat investigative reports; the board discussed the process.

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60 **On a motion duly made by Gail Walden seconded by Dr. Nielson, and approved unanimously by a**  
61 **roll call, it was**

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63 **RESOLVED to enter into executive session in accordance with the provisions of Alaska**  
64 **Statute 44.62.310(c), and Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, for the purpose**  
65 **of discussing, subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person,**  
66 **provided the person may request a public discussion and matters which by law, municipal**  
67 **character, or ordinance are required to be confidential. Board staff members, Jasmin**  
68 **Bautista and Christianne Carrillo remained during the session.**

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70 *Off Record: 9:57 AM*

71 *On record: 10:31 AM*

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73 The board's chair, Dr. David Nielson entertained a motion to a roll call to see who is in attendance. Ms.  
74 Carrillo conducted roll call.

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76 Board Members present after executive session, constituting a quorum of the board, were:

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78 Dr. David Nielson, President – *(Via Teleconference)*

79 Ms. Gail Walden – *(Via Teleconference)*

80 Dr. Jesse Hronkin – *(Via Teleconference)*

81 Dr. Dominic Wenzell – *(Via Teleconference)*

82 Ms. Robin Wahto – *(Via Teleconference)*

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84 In attendance from the Division of Corporations, Business & Professional Licensing, Department of  
85 Commerce, Community and Economic Development were:

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87 Ms. Christianne Carrillo, Licensing Examiner – *(Via Teleconference)*

88 Ms. Sher Zinn, Regulation Specialist – *(Via Teleconference)*

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90 The Board skipped a break and continued to agenda item 7.

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92 **Agenda Item 7**

**Regulation Update: Chapter 28**

**Time: 10:31 AM**

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94 Public comment about the regulation project was read. Dr. Nielson explained that the board is working  
95 towards accepting CDCA/ADEX exams and not require an additional exam. There was a discussion about  
96 mannequin based exams. Dr. Nielson described that there is not much of a difference aside from not being  
97 able to speak to a person and proposed that the board votes on the regulations as written.

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99 **On a motion duly made by Dr. David Nielson, seconded by Dr. Dominic Wenzell, and**  
100 **approved unanimously by a roll call, it was**

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102 **RESOLVED to adopt the entire regulation project as written.**

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

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Ms. Zinn left the meeting at 11:00 am.

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107 Agenda Item 4

Review / Approve Minutes

Time: 11:02 AM

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Changes were made on minutes for February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020, and May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Ms. Carrillo will provide a new edited version of February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020's minutes on OnBoard.com for the Board to vote on.

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**On a motion duly made by Gail Walden, seconded by Dr. Hronkin, and approved unanimously by a roll call, it was**

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**RESOLVED to approve the 4.15.2020 minutes as amended.**

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Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse
Dr. David Nielson	X		
Ms. Gail Walden	X		
Dr. Kelly Lucas			
Britney Dschaak			
Dr. Dominic Wenzell	X		
Ms. Robin Wahto	X		
Dr. Jesse Hronkin	X		
Dr. Jon Woller			
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**On a motion duly made by Dr. Nielson, seconded by Dr. Wenzell, and approved unanimously by a roll call, it was**

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**RESOLVED to approve the 4.22.2020 minutes as amended.**

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Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse
Dr. David Nielson	X		
Ms. Gail Walden	X		
Dr. Kelly Lucas			
Britney Dschaak			
Dr. Dominic Wenzell	X		
Ms. Robin Wahto	X		

<b>Dr. Jesse Hronkin</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Dr. Jon Woller</b>			
<b>Dr. Steven Scheller</b>			

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*Dr. Lucas entered the teleconference at 11:19 am.*

*Ms. Lisa Sherrell & Ms. Laura Carrillo entered the teleconference 11:20 AM.*

**On a motion duly made by Dr. Nielson, seconded by Dr. Wenzell, and approved unanimously by a roll call, it was**

**RESOLVED to approve the 5.5.2020 minutes as amended.**

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

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**Agenda Item 8**

**PDMP Report**

**Time: 11:30 AM**

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Ms. Sherrell notified the Board that dental providers are not using the PDMP after initially registering for it. From March to July of 2020, the usage of program by dental providers is only a 2.74% compliance rate. When the surgical specialties are included, the rate went up to 10.16%.

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Ms. Sherrell informed the Board that from October 2019 – March 2020, there are 1,436 patients being treated with over 90 MME’s a day and 473 patients with over 120 MME’s a day. She also said that 882 patients are being treated with dangerous combinations of opioids. Options for delegates to sign up for the PDMP, free of charge was shared. Delegates can help dentists who are too busy to use the PDMP.

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The Executive Administer for the Board of Pharmacy, Ms. Laura Carrillo shared with the Board of Dental Examiners that the Board of Pharmacy shall set the time frame of 30 days grace period for dental licensees to apply with the PDMP at their next meeting. She recommends for the Board Dental Examiners communicate with their licensees to not prescribe controlled substances to their patients since they cannot review their patients’ history. There are only 2 dentists who view the history of their patients 100% of the time.

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**TASK:**

Ms. Christianne Carrillo will reach out to Ms. Laura Carrillo to get the board on the List Serve.

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*The Board decided to go through more of the agenda before lunch while they have a quorum and move on to Old Business.*

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162 **Agenda Item 11** **Old Business** **Time: 12:00 PM**

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164 PDMP Dental Penalty Matrix

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166 Dental's PDMP penalty matrix was looked over. Ms. Carrillo shared that there were around 11 pending  
167 PDMP applications that await approval. The Board felt that it would be unfair to the pending applicants  
168 who have not yet been approved for PDMP access to adopt the penalty matrix that would put them out of  
169 compliance. They decided to table the subject of adopting the PDMP penalty matrix until there are no more  
170 pending applications.

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172 Modifications of Renewal Dates During COVID-19

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174 The Chair asked the Board if there were any adjustments of compliance dates during COVID-19. The Board  
175 did not find any issues for any renewals at the moment.

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177 **Agenda Item 12** **New Business** **Time: 12:05 PM**

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179 After Mandate 015

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181 Dr. Nielson notified the board that in the event that Mandate 015 Appendix 3 is no longer in effect, they  
182 will need to edit their recommendations to the licensees from April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

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184 Task List:

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- 186 • Gail will provide language for the requirements for dental hygiene exams for the next meeting.
- 187 • Gail will provide the board with the dental hygiene penalty matrix.
- 188 • Christianne will make the edits to the minutes for February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and upload it on to OnBoard.

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190 **Agenda Item 9** **Lunch** **Time: 12:32 PM**

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192 The board recessed for lunch at 12:33 PM.

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194 *Off record at: 12:33 PM.*

195 *On record at: 1:03PM.*

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197 The meeting was called to order by Dr. Nielson, at 1:03 PM and called for a roll call.

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

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201 Dr. David Nielson, President – *(Via Teleconference)*

202 Dr. Kelly Lucas – *(Via Teleconference)*

203 Dr. Dominic Wenzell – *(Via Teleconference)*

204 Ms. Robin Wahto – *(Via Teleconference)*

205 Ms. Gail Walden – *(Via Teleconference)*

206 Dr. Jonathan Woller– *(Via Teleconference)*

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208 In attendance from the Division of Corporations, Business & Professional Licensing, Department of  
209 Commerce, Community and Economic Development were:

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211 Ms. Christianne Carrillo, Licensing Examiner - *(Via Teleconference)*

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213 In attendance from the public:

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215 Dr Tom Jacobson, *Dentist - (Via Teleconference)*

216 Ms. Kelly Reich, *ADEX/CDCA - (Via Teleconference)*

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218 **Agenda Item 10**

**Public Comment**

**Time: 12:25 PM**

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220 The board heard from the member of public, Dr. Jacobson who had sent an email to the board about pre-  
221 screening questions. Dr. Nielson asked that the public use their best clinical judgment.

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223 The Board answered a question to extend the 72 hours to allow more time for lab results to return before  
224 accepting patients. Dr. Nielson stated that in appendix 3, it says “providers may use clinical discretion if  
225 meeting the guidance is not possible.”

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227 *The Board continued with the last agenda item under New Business.*

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229 **Agenda Item 13**

**New Business**

**Time: 1:37 PM**

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231 Exam for Dental Hygienists:

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233 The board had guests of the public, Shayna Overfelt from ADEX (CDCA) and Kelly Reich from WREB  
234 present what their OSCE exams entail. Ms. Reich informed the board that WREB is currently working on  
235 a mannequin exam but is not certain when it will be ready. Gail Walden lead a discussion with the board  
236 to create a regulation project to allow OSCE examinations for the licensure of dental hygienists. The  
237 board decided that patient based exams are best for Alaska.

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239 **On a motion duly made by Gail Walden seconded by Dr. Nielson, and approved unanimously by a**  
240 **roll call, it was**

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242 **RESOLVED for the board to create a regulation project for 12 AAC 28.935 (a) (7) to be amended**  
243 **to read:**

244 **(7) a copy of the applicant’s certificate of examination [FROM THE WESTERN**  
245 **REGIONAL EXAMINING BOARD (WREB)] showing the applicant has passed [THE CLINICAL**  
246 **EXAMINATION CONDUCTED BY WREB] within the five years immediately preceding the date**  
247 **of application, a patient based clinical examination approved by the board that requires calibration**  
248 **of examiners, anonymity between candidates and grading examiners, and tests the ability of the**  
249 **applicant to practice dental hygiene and utilize professional judgement. Before approval by the**  
250 **board, the board shall receive verification that the clinical examination taken by the applicant**  
251 **included the following:**

252 **(A) extraoral and intraoral assessment;**

253 **(B) radiographic evaluation;**

254 **(C) periodontal assessment;**

255 **(D) subgingival calculus detection and removal; and**

256 **(E) tissue management;**

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258 **And 12 AAC 28.320 (a)(4) to be amended to read:**

259 **(4) evidence of having passed the local anesthetic written and patient based clinical portions**  
260 **of the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) dental hygienist examination within the five**  
261 **years immediately preceding the date of application.**

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

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Agenda Item 14

Adjourn

Time: 3:37 PM

On a motion duly made by Dr. Nielson, seconded by Ms. Walden and approved unanimously, it was

**RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting at 3:37 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted:

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Christianne Carrillo  
Occupational Licensing Examiner

Approved:

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David Nielson, DDS, President

Date: \_\_\_\_\_