

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
 DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

# **BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS**

## CONDENSED MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD **MAY 13, 2022**

THESE ARE DRAFT MINUTES PREPARED BY THE STAFF OF THE DIVISION OF CORPORATION, BUSINESS, AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING.  
 THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the provision of AS 44.62,  
 Article 6, a scheduled meeting (teleconference) of the Board of Dental Examiners was held on  
 May 13, 2022 at 333 Willoughby Avenue, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Juneau, AK.

Date:	May 13, 2022
Time:	9:00 AM (official start time was 9:12 AM)
Location:	Online teleconference conducted from 333 Willoughby Avenue, 9 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Juneau, AK
Board Members Present:	David Nielson, DDS – Board President; Brittany Dschaak, RDH; Jon Woller, DDS; Dominic Wenzell, DMD; Greg Johnson, DDS; Jesse Hronkin, DDS; Brad Heaston, Public Member...O'Brien, Bautista, Carrillo...Michaud
Board Members Absent:	Christina Hansen, RDH (Excused)
Division Staff Present:	Abby O'Brien, Licensing Examiner; Jasmin Bautista, Investigator 3; Laura Carrillo, Executive Administrator; Melissa Dumas, Administrative Operations Manager 1
Present from the Public:	Lisa Michaud

<b>1. Accept the Agenda</b>	
Brief Discussion:	The meeting's agenda was introduced. No corrections or amendments were needed.
Motion: 9:15 AM	Accept the Agenda
Recorded Votes:	<i>Johnson – 1<sup>st</sup></i>
	<i>Wenzell – 2<sup>nd</sup></i>
	<i>Accepted through unanimous consent</i>
<b>2. Accept the Minutes from the March 4, 2022 Meeting</b>	
Brief Discussion:	Line 95 – Change “dental hygiene specialty license bill” to “dental hygiene advanced practice permit bill”
	Line 96 – Add “to SB173” after “...change requested by the dentist...”
	Line 117 – Edit to read “...that the regulation already exists that requires graduation from a CODA accredited dental school, even with completion of a 1-year GPR.”
Motion: 9:21 AM	Move to accept March 4, 2022 minutes as amended
Recorded Votes:	<i>Nielson – 1<sup>st</sup></i>

	<i>Dschaak – 2<sup>nd</sup></i>	
	<i>Accepted through unanimous consent</i>	
Action Items:	Ms. O'Brien will amend the previous minutes as requested. She will also send the signature pages from previous meetings' approved minutes to Dr. Nielson for his signature. She will then update the Board's webpage as needed.	
<b>3. Investigations – 9:27 AM</b>		
Brief Discussion:	The board asked Ms. Bautista if the INV report could be broken down into pending cases per dentist. The board also asked Ms. Bautista if she could provide a list of definitions of terms for quick reference. These terms would explain what a case description means, where it is in the investigative timeline, and would provide additional information if possible. Dr. Wenzell asked Ms. Bautista if she had a chance to review the penalty matrix draft that he had previously submitted.	
Action Items:	Ms. Bautista will provide the board with another report that shows pending cases per dentist. She also will offer another board training in the investigative process should they request. Ms. Bautista will also create a list of terms and their definitions of the investigative process and provide it to the board for reference. Ms. Bautista will send her review of the penalty matrix draft to Dr. Wenzell as requested. Dr. Wenzell will then adjust the matrix as necessary and send to Ms. O'Brien to upload for an online vote.	
<b>4. New Business – 9:52 AM</b>		
Brief Discussion:	The board discussed drafting a letter that outlines scope of dental practice at the request of the Board of Barbers and Hairdressers. This letter would address the growing number of their licensees performing procedures on teeth such as adhering gems and tooth whitening and provide an outline for what constitutes practicing dentistry and when a license is needed to perform the procedures. Dr. Woller added that the board needed to discuss the "potential for harm" when procedures are performed on others versus one's self. He offered to draft a letter for the board to review and vote on and would meet with Ms. O'Brien to further discuss details of the request.	
Motion: 10:05 AM	Authorize Dr. Woller to draft a letter that states the Board's opinion on people other than dentists performing procedures that may affect the health or wellbeing of teeth and dental structures.	
Recorded Votes:	<i>Nielson – 1<sup>st</sup></i>	
	<i>Johnson – 2<sup>nd</sup></i>	
	<i>Accepted through unanimous consent</i>	
Action Items:	Dr. Woller will draft a letter to send to Ms. O'Brien. Ms. O'Brien will upload the letter to OnBoard for a vote from the board to accept.	
<b>5. New Business (b) - 10:07 AM</b>		
Brief Discussion:	Dr. Nielson introduced sedation permit inspections and upcoming renewals. He discussed the need for notifying licensees and possible different avenues of disseminating	

	information to various parties. Different possible methods of gathering attestations and documentation from licensees was also discussed, including updating of sedation renewal forms.
Motion: 10:32 AM	Authorize Ms. O'Brien to get permit renewal form going for Board review (not formal motion)
Action Items:	Ms. O'Brien will review sedation renewal applications for possible adjustments to allow for attachments of information, documentation, or attestation. She will also review dental program applications to see if there are any avenues to streamline licensure.

**5. New Business (c) – 10:49 AM**

Brief Discussion:	Ms. O'Brien introduced Promethean Dental Systems, which provides remediation services for dental professionals to varying exam boards. If needed, she said she could reach out to their representative to hold a presentation at an upcoming quarterly meeting.
Action Items: 10:52 AM	Ms. O'Brien will email Promethean Dental Systems and coordinate with them for a presentation at an upcoming board meeting.

**6. Regulations Update – 12:09 PM**

Brief Discussion:	Dr. Nielson introduced the Board's recently completed regulations projects, including the three upcoming statutory changes of creation of a hygiene advanced practice permit, the creation of a dental specialty license, and the transference of the dental radiological program to DHSS. He stated that the Board should be proactive and begin drafting companion regulations to the statute changes that would then go out for public comment. Dr. Nielson suggested that the Board could use the existing hygiene collaborative agreement to create the framework for the advanced hygiene permit. Ms. Dschaak added that she could use her experience as a hygienist and collaborative agreement holder to help develop the framework for the companion regulations.
Motion: 12:14 PM	Form a subcommittee consisting of Dr. Nielson and Ms. Dschaak to draft companion regulations for HB111 to go for public comment.
Recorded Votes:	<i>Nielson – 1<sup>st</sup></i>
	<i>Johnson – 2<sup>nd</sup></i>
	<i>Accepted through unanimous consent</i>
Action Items:	Dr. Nielson and Ms. Dschaak will collaborate and develop companion regulations to present to the board at the next meeting and send out for public comment.

**7. Regulations Update (b) – 12:14 PM**

Brief Discussion:	Dr. Nielson then requested assistance with drafting companion regulations for SB173, the creation of a specialty license bill. Dr. Johnson offered to assist, as he holds what would now be considered a specialty license by the new statute.
Motion: 12:16 PM	Form a subcommittee consisting of Dr. Nielson and Dr. Johnson to draft companion regulations for SB173 to go for public comment.
Recorded Votes:	<i>Woller – 1<sup>st</sup></i>
	<i>Hronkin – 2<sup>nd</sup></i>
	<i>Accepted through unanimous consent</i>

Action Items:	Dr. Nielson and Dr. Johnson will collaborate and develop companion regulations to present to the board at the next meeting and send out for public comment.	
<b>8. Adjourn – 12:23</b>		
Brief Discussion:	Dr. Nielson asked Ms. O’Brien to review the task list for the board. Ms. O’Brien read the list and informed the Board that she would send out a poll for availability for the next board meeting.	
Motion: 12:28 PM	Adjourn	
Recorded Votes:	<i>Wenzell – 1<sup>st</sup></i>	
	<i>Hronkin – 2<sup>nd</sup></i>	
	<i>Accepted through unanimous consent</i>	

Next Meeting:	August 2022 and December 2022 (To Be Determined)
Adjournment:	12:28 PM

I certify these meeting minutes are true and correct to the best of my knowledge:

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**Terry Ryals**  
 Records and Licensing Supervisor

5/25/2023  
 Date

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**Gregory Johnson, DDS**  
 Board Chair

5/25/2023  
 Date