

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING
FEBRUARY 22-23, 2007**

By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and AS 08.36.040 and in compliance with the provisions of Article 6 of AS 44.62, a scheduled meeting of the Board of Dental Examiners was held February 22-23, 2007, at the State Office Bldg., 333 Willoughby Ave., 10th Floor Conference Room, Juneau, Alaska.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Robert Warren, Chairman at 8:46 a.m.

Roll Call

Those present, constituting a quorum of the board, were:

Dr. William Gerace, – Anchorage
Dr. David Eichler – Fairbanks
Mary Cerney – Dental Hygienist – Fairbanks
Vicki Hauff – Dental Hygienist – Anchorage
Dr. Arne Pihl, Ketchikan
Dr. Robert Warren, President – Anchorage
Mr. Gregory Gurse, Public Member - Anchorage

Those absent and excused were:

Dr. Kevin Gottlieb
Dr. Rebecca Neslund

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

Brenda Donohue, Licensing Examiner – Juneau

Agenda Item 1 Review Agenda

Ms. Donohue reviewed the additions to the Agenda as follows:

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ITEM 4 – INVESTIGATIVE REPORT
MOA – CASE # 1202-07-001

FRIDAY, FEB. 23, 2007

ITEM 4 – REVIEW APPLICATIONS
CE Course Reviews

- The One-Day Endodontic Residency
- Decision Making in Endodontics

ITEM 9 – LEGISLATION

HB 136-Dental Hygiene Expanded Functions

Agenda Item 2 Review Minutes

Following review of the December 1, 2006 meeting minutes:

Upon a motion by Dr. Pihl, seconded by Ms. Cerney and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to approve the December 1, 2006 minutes as presented.

Agenda Item 3 Ethics Report

Dr. Warren queried board members if anyone had any possible ethics violations to report. There was no response, indicating no ethics reports were necessary.

Agenda Item 4 Investigative Report

Susan Winton, Investigator, joined the meeting telephonically at 9:02 a.m. to present the Investigative Report. Steve Winker, Paralegal, also joined the meeting to present a Memorandum of Agreement for the board to consider in a continuing education case.

Ms. Winton noted there were 11 open investigations, 2 probation cases being monitored, 7 open complaints, and 10 cases closed since the last board meeting.

Dr. Warren appointed Dr. Eichler and Dr. Gottlieb to serve on the Discipline Review Panel for the March 2007 - June 2007 quarter.

Upon a motion by Ms. Cerney, seconded by Dr. Eichler and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to enter into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c)(2) and (3) and the Alaska Constitutional right to Privacy Provisions, for the purpose of reviewing Memorandum of Agreement in Case # 1200-05-002.

Entered into Executive Session at 9:12 a.m.
Out of Executive Session at 9:35 a.m.

Upon a motion by Dr. Pihl, seconded by Dr. Eichler and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to adopt the Memorandum of Agreement in Case # 1200-05-002.

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Mr. Gursey noted the MOA adopted is for Dr. Troy Burns.

Ms. Winton noted a correction to the June 23-24, 2006 meeting minutes. In those minutes it was stated that cases # 1200-03-002 and 1200-03-003 had been closed. These two cases had in fact, not been closed.

Following discussion of the report, Dr. Warren thanked Ms. Winton and she left the meeting.

Mr. Winker then presented an MOA for the board's consideration.

Upon a motion by Ms. Cerney, seconded by Dr. Eichler and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to enter into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c)(2) and (3) and the Alaska Constitutional right to Privacy Provisions, for the purpose of reviewing Memorandum of Agreement in Case # 1202-07-001.

Entered into Executive Session at 9:40 a.m.

Out of Executive Session at 9:47 a.m.

Upon a motion by Ms. Cerney, seconded by Mr. Gursey and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to adopt the Memorandum of Agreement in Case # 1202-07-001.

Mr. Gursey noted the MOA adopted is for Cara Shirk.

Dr. Warren thanked Mr. Winker who left the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

Agenda Item 5 Budget Review

Chris Wyatt, Administrative Manager and Rhonda Leatham, Accounting Technician joined the meeting at 9:45 a.m. to assist the board in reviewing the budget.

Mr. Gursey expressed the board's concern that the bill from Dept. of Law is not broken-out by case, making it impossible for the board to track these expenses. The board is reluctant to ask for advice from Dept. of Law without knowing how much it will cost.

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They explained to Ms. Wyatt that they felt the bill for the DHATs opinion from the Attorney General's office should be shared out among all the professions in Alaska as it was being argued as a State's rights issue. They asked if this was possible when they met with the Department Commissioner, William Noll, in March 2006. The Commissioner indicated they would look into the issue, and agreed that this was not purely a dental board issued, and that he would bring it up with the Attorney General, but there has been no response from them to date.

Ms. Wyatt said she understood the board's concern, and then explained that in order to do what the board is asking is very labor-intensive. She suggested the best course of action for the board is to draft a letter to Director Urion asking for a more specific break-out of Dept. of Law's bill. He can then authorize the use of resources for this task as well as track the project. Mr. Gurseay will draft the letter to Director Urion.

Ms. Wyatt also suggested there could be coordination between the board licensing examiner and her office regarding what cases are being worked on each billing period.

There being no further questions, Dr. Warren thanked Ms. Wyatt and Ms. Leatham for their assistance and they left the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Dr. Warren queried the board if they would like to continue the meeting, and address some of the agenda items from Friday, Feb. 23. The board members agreed they would like to continue the meeting until lunchtime.

Agenda Item 2 Miscellaneous Correspondence

Dr. Dania Tamimi – Letter asking the board if a dental practitioner can provide consultative services to an Alaska practitioner without holding an Alaska license. Tabled until Friday when Ms. Donohue will report to the board what the Pharmacy and Medical boards require for practitioners providing services under the same circumstances.

Dr. Dan Blue - Letter asking the board if residency training counts for active clinical experience for purposes of applying for dental license by credentials. The board stated that yes, the residency training counts as active clinical practice. Ms. Donohue will notify Dr. Blue.

Recess: 10:50 a.m.
Back from recess: 11:07 a.m.

AADE – Memo advising the board of change in AADE Annual Meeting dates. The meeting has been rescheduled to Wednesday-Thursday, Sept. 26-27, 2007. The board chose Dr. Pihl to attend this meeting. Information only.

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Diane Howell, AADA – Memo advising the board of change in AADA 2007 Annual Meeting dates due to changes by the American Assoc. of Dental Examiners. Revised dates are Monday-Tuesday, Sept. 24-25, 2007 in San Francisco.

Following discussion the board felt this was an important meeting for Ms. Donohue to attend. She will gain a better understanding of how the national dental administrator organization operates, make valuable contacts, as well as gain first-hand knowledge of national issues regarding dental licensing.

Upon a motion by Ms. Cerney, seconded by Dr. Pihl and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to approve Ms. Donohue to attend the AADA 2007 Annual Meeting, Sept. 24-25, 2007 in San Francisco, CA. and the AADE Annual Meeting immediately following on Sept. 26-27, 2007.

Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations – Letter asking if a board member wants to assist with the administration of dental hygiene examinations at University of Alaska-Anchorage on March 27, 2007. Information only.

Rio De Esperanza – Letter to the board outlining their services as an addictions treatment facility. No action required, information only.

Hazelden – Letter to the board outlining their services as an addictions treatment facility. No action required, information only.

ADA – Call for Comments on the Proposed ADA Anesthesia Guidelines Documents and Policy Statement. No action required, information only.

Agenda Item 3 Application Assignments

Assign Questions for Credential Candidates

Dr. Warren assigned credential review interview questions to the board members.

Agenda Item 4 Review Applications

Continuing Education Course Applications

Dr. Gerace stated he'd like to wait until Friday to cover this agenda item as he wanted time to look at the two courses that had been added to the board packet.

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Agenda Item 9 Legislation

The board reviewed HB 136-An Act Relating to dental hygienists. Ms. Hauff reviewed the elements of the bill and answered members questions. She stressed to the other board members to not confuse this bill with “independent practice”. The bill adds statutes to the Dental Practice Act allowing qualified dental hygienists to practice expanded functions under specific criteria.

She explained that a dental hygienist, who has been in active clinical practice for at least five years, may enter into a collaborative agreement with her employing dentist whereby the hygienist can go into a facility prior to the dentist visit, and do assessments, general cleaning, and provide prevention training. Once the dentist and dental hygienist have entered into an agreement, the agreement must then be presented to the board for approval.

Other requirements the dental hygienist must meet to obtain the expanded function endorsement proposed by this bill are: successfully completing a program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, or other course of instruction approved by the board; passing the Western Regional Examining Board’s restorative examination or other equivalent exam approved by the board, within five years preceding the licensee’s endorsement application, or the licensee has legal authorization from another state or jurisdiction to perform restorative functions.

Additionally, a hygienist working under an expanded function endorsement can practice under general supervision. Currently dental hygienists can practice under direct or indirect supervision.

Dr. Pihl added a “friendly amendment” to the motion in support of HB 136.

Upon a motion by Dr. Pihl, seconded by Mr. Gursey and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to support the passage of HB 136 with appropriate regulations adopted by the Dental Board.

Following discussion, Dr. Warren stated he would entertain a motion regarding the board’s support of this bill.

Upon a motion by Mr. Gursey, seconded by Ms. Hauff and approved by majority vote, it was:

RESOLVED to support the passage of HB 136.

The motion passed with
Six yes votes
One no vote

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The board chairman will draft a statement of the board's support to be provided to interested parties.

The board recessed until Friday, Feb. 23, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

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Dr. Warren called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Agenda Item 2 Miscellaneous Correspondence

The board returned to tabled correspondence from Dr. Dania Tamimi. Ms. Donohue reported that the Pharmacy and Medical boards require any practitioner consulting with an Alaska licensed practitioner to be fully licensed in Alaska. The board directed Ms. Donohue to respond to Dr. Tamimi that an Alaska Dental Specialty License would be required to provide services to practitioners in the state.

Agenda Item 4 Review Applications

The board reviewed four applications for Approval of Continuing Education Courses. Dr. Gerace relayed that he had reviewed the applications and they met the requirements in accordance with 12 AAC 28.410.

Upon a motion by Dr. Gerace, seconded by Ms. Cerney and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to approve the following continuing education courses as meeting the requirements in accordance with 12 AAC 28.410:

Florida Board Preparation Course, sponsored by FDLS, for twenty (20) hours of continuing education.

The Esthetic Zone From a Periodontist's Perspective, sponsored by the Anchorage Dental Society, for seven (7) hours of continuing education.

Decision Making in Endodontics, sponsored by W. Jay Marley, DDS, for six (6) hours of continuing education.

The One-Day Endodontic Residency, sponsored by the Anchorage Dental Society, for seven (7) hours of continuing education.

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Agenda Item 4 Review Applications

Credential Application Review

The board reviewed the credential application of the following in preparation for the personal interview:

Dr. Jeffrey Bartley	Reviewed by Ms. Cerney
Dr. Ellen Gotay	Reviewed by Dr. Gerace
Dr. Kim Hort	Reviewed by Dr. Gottlieb
Dr. Wendel Lewis	Reviewed by Mr. Gurse
Dr. Reeve Newton	Reviewed by Ms. Hauff
Dr. Donald Nordstrom	Reviewed by Dr. Pihl
Dr. James McConnell	Reviewed by Dr. Warren

The applications appear to be in order for meeting the requirements for dental licensure by credentials.

Ms. Donohue asked direction from the board about what they want done with investigative reports generated from yes answers on license renewal applications to the question, "Since the date of your last application for a Dental license... Have you had any malpractice settlements or judgments paid on your behalf?" The intent of this question is to bring to the attention of the board a practitioner who has an on-going investigation as the result of malpractice, or a practitioner with a history of malpractice settlements. Following discussion, the board determined these reports should be discussed during the Investigative Report agenda item at a regular meeting. Ms. Donohue advised she will bring these reports to the June 22-23, 2007 meeting.

Recess: 9:44 a.m.

Back from recess: 9:55 a.m.

Agenda Item 6 Regulations

Mr. Maiquis, the division Regulation Specialist joined the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Maiquis and Ms. Donohue led the board through a review of 12 AAC 28.952 Dental Specialty License. Ms. Donohue advised the board there was no requirement currently in this regulation that applicants for a specialty license must pass the dental Jurisprudence Exam.

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Following discussion the board decided to initiate a regulation project to include the following changes to 12 AAC 28.952 Dental Specialty License:

Delete (b)(9) copy of current CPR certification – this will be included in documents submitted with the PBIS report;

Add to (b) “as required under 12 AAC 28.908(b), a statement from the applicant certifying the applicant will adhere to the ethical standards specified in 12 AAC 28.905(b).

Change (c) to read: In addition to the requirements of (b) of this section, an applicant for a license under this section shall arrange for and ensure the submission of the results of a level II Professional Background Information Services (PBIS) credentials review conducted by PBIS, sent directly to the department from PBIS. [AS REFERENCED UNDER 12 AAC 28.951(c).] **The credential review must include:**

- (1) **a copy of a current certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) techniques that meets the requirements of 12 AAC 28.920, or a waiver agreement that meets the requirements of AS 08.36.070(a)(12);**
- (2) **an affidavit from the applicant stating the applicant is not impaired to an extent that affects the applicant’s ability to practice dentistry;**
- (3) **copies of certificates showing the applicant has completed continuing education hours to equal 14 hours per year, or 42 hours during the 3 years immediately preceding date of application, if licensed in any jurisdiction;**
- (4) **if the applicant is or has ever been employed as a dentist with a federal agency, verification of the current status and disciplinary history from each federal agency where the applicant is or has been employed**
- (5) **verification of the applicant’s status and complete information regarding any disciplinary action or investigation taken or pending from all licensing jurisdictions where the applicant holds or has ever held a dental license;**
- (6) **three professional references from licensed dentists that reflect clinical skills that meet the standard of care, ability to exercise sound professional judgement, and professional ethics that meet the code established by the American Dental Association’s *Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct* adopted by reference in 12 AAC 28.905(b).**

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Add subsection (d) to read: In addition to the requirements of (b) and (c) of this section, an applicant for dental specialty license must pass the written Alaska jurisprudence examination required under 12 AAC 28.105(2).

Upon a motion by Dr. Eichler, seconded by Ms. Hauff and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to initiate a regulation project to address the discussed changes to 12 AAC 28.952.

Upon a motion by Dr. Eichler, seconded by Dr. Pihl and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to require the applicant for dental specialty license to submit the DEA form, and not have it included in the PBIS credentials review. The DEA will not release their report to a third party.

Agenda Item 5 Botox Discussion

Mr. David Brower, Asst. Attorney General, joined the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Following discussion the board determined to stay with the decision they made at the Dec. 1, 2006 meeting regarding Botox. At that meeting the board determined there was no statutory or regulatory prohibition to administering Botox, and again chose to refer back to the scope of practice in statutes and regulations.

Dr. Warren thanked Mr. Brower and Mr. Maiquis and they left the meeting.

Recess: 10:48 a.m.

Back from recess: 11:06 a.m.

Ms. Donohue distributed the letter Commissioner Noll sent to Attorney General Marquez on March 29, 2006 requesting the cost for producing the Attorney General opinion that Dental Health Aide Therapists do not need to be state licensed be split between the Alaska Board of Dental Examiners and the publicly funded budget. Mr. Gurse had requested a copy of that letter as background for the letter he will draft to Director Urion requesting a case-by-case break-down of Dept. of Law's bill to the Board.

Dr. Warren shared correspondence he received from the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry asking the board to use their guidelines for sedation and anesthesia in pediatric dentistry if the board decides to draft regulations governing this area of practice.

The board was ahead of schedule, and moved on to Agenda Item 10 – Office Business.

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Agenda Item 10 Office Business

A. Travel Authorizations

Ms. Donohue collected signed TAs and travel receipts.

B. Meeting Dates for 2007

The board confirmed the following scheduled meeting dates:

June 22-23, 2007 in Anchorage

Upon a motion by Dr. Eichler, seconded by Mr. Gurse and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to schedule Sept. 14, 2007 for the regularly scheduled board meeting in Fairbanks.

Sept. 14, 2007 in Fairbanks

Nov. 30, 2007 in Anchorage (TENTATIVE)

C. Sign Wall Certificates

The Chairman and Secretary signed wall certificates.

D. Board Member Task List

Ms. Cerney reported that she checked with the University of Alaska, and they do require any person instructing dental hygiene courses to be licensed.

Dr. Pihl volunteered to help review continuing education audit documentation.

Dr. Warren noted that an article should be included in the next Annual Newsletter about the board accepting the Academy of General Dentistry's transcript of continuing education for CE audit documentation. The article should make it clear the board reserves the option to request additional documentation if needed to determine course content is directly related to clinical dentistry.

He suggested that articles about regulations for the new Courtesy License, and the changes to the requirements for Specialty License should also be included. This could be under a title of **New Regulations**.

Ms. Donohue will send out a new Task List with assignments. A copy of the list will be included at the end of the minutes.

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Agenda Item 12 Goals and Objectives

The board reviewed the Goals and Objectives for FY 2007, and felt they were on track for accomplishing these goals.

#15 – Support on-line license renewal. Ms. Donohue advised the board that what is holding up progress on this item is the requirement for submission of documentation besides the application itself before a renewal can be processed. The additional documentation is the copy of the front and back of a current CPR certification.

#4 – Pursue a cooperative relationship with dental education institutions. Ms. Cerney reported the dental hygiene school in Fairbanks is scheduled for an accreditation site visit in April. In July they should hear if they passed the site visit, and could conceivably start classes in January of 2008. However, they are looking strongly at starting the program in Sept. of 2008 to coincide with the academic year.

#9 – Repeal “Inactive License Renewal”. Done, remove from list.

#11 – Request mailing of Annual Newsletter. Done, remove from list.

#12 – Draft policy outlining required elements to verify continuing education documentation for dental applicants by credentials. Done, remove from list.

#13 – Draft policy on board’s position on administration of Botox. Done, remove from list.

Ms. Cerney requested that since the next meeting is not until June, it would be helpful to have a letter of support for HB 136 drafted by the Board Chair, to help get the bill passed this year.

Upon a motion by Ms. Cerney, seconded by Mr. Gurse and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED the Board Chairman will draft a letter of support for HB 136.

Agenda Item 7 Public Comment

There was no one present during the scheduled public comment period.

Recess for lunch 11:45 p.m.
Back from lunch 1:02 p.m.

Agenda Item 12 Personal Interview for Dental Applicants by Credentials

Applicants Dr. Jeffrey Bartley, Dr. Ellen Gotay, Dr. Kim Hort, Dr. Wendel Lewis, Dr. Reeve Newton, Dr. Donald Nordstrom and Dr. James McConnell were present for their personal interview with the board.

Dr. Warren welcomed the applicants to the meeting and explained the interview process.

Dr. Jeffrey Bartley

Ms. Cerney reviewed the application of Dr. Bartley, and stated his file was in order and his references were good. The board proceeded in asking the standard interview questions.

Upon a motion by Ms. Cerney, seconded by Mr. Gurseay and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to approve Dr. Jeffrey Bartley for dental licensure by credentials.

Dr. Ellen Gotay

Dr. Gerace reviewed the application of Dr. Gotay, and stated her file was in order and her references were good. The board proceeded in asking the standard interview questions.

Upon a motion by Dr. Gerace, seconded by Ms. Cerney and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to approve Dr. Ellen Gotay for dental licensure by credentials.

Dr. Kim Hort

Dr. Gottlieb reviewed the application for Dr. Hort. He was not present at the meeting, however, he had emailed Ms. Donohue his review of Dr. Hort's application. He stated her file was in order and her references were good. The board proceeded in asking the standard interview questions.

Upon a motion by Dr. Gerace, seconded by Mr. Gurseay and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to approve Dr. Kim Hort for dental licensure by credentials.

Dr. Wendel Lewis

Mr. Gursey reviewed the application of Dr. Lewis, and stated his file was in order and his references were good. The board proceeded in asking the standard interview questions.

Upon a motion by Mr. Gursey, seconded by Dr. Pihl and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to approve Dr. Wendel Lewis for dental licensure by credentials.

Dr. Reeve Newton

Ms. Hauff reviewed the application of Dr. Newton and stated his file was in order and his references were good. The board proceeded in asking the standard interview questions.

Upon a motion by Ms. Hauff, seconded by Dr. Gerace and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to approve Dr. Reeve Newton for dental licensure by credentials.

Dr. Donald Nordstrom

Dr. Pihl reviewed the application of Dr. Nordstrom and stated his file was in order and his references were good. The board proceeded in asking the standard interview questions.

Upon a motion by Dr. Pihl, seconded by Ms. Hauff and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to approve Dr. Donald Nordstrom for dental licensure by credentials.

Dr. James McConnell

Dr. Warren reviewed the application of Dr. McConnell and stated his file was in order and his references were good. The board proceeded in asking the standard interview questions.

Dr. McConnell answered yes to question #6, "have you been the subject of any disciplinary or peer review proceeding within the last five years?" He explained that in Nov. 2004, a hygienist that worked for him was found using a scaler on two patients. She was licensed in Idaho, and had applied for her license in Nevada. In order to help her keep up her skills, while working as an expanded-function dental assistant in his office, she was allowed to clean her family's teeth. During the investigation, it was found she was operating without a license. Dr. McConnell entered a stipulation with the Nevada Dental Board due to him hiring an unlicensed dental hygienist. The Stipulation of Agreement required Dr. McConnell to retake the jurisprudence test on the pertinent information related to the investigation, reimburse the Board for the costs of the investigation, and pay a fine of \$100. Dr. McConnell fulfilled all the terms and provisions of the Stipulation of Agreement. There is no adverse report against Dr. McConnell's license in the National Practitioner Data Bank or the AADE Clearinghouse.

Upon a motion by Dr. Warren, seconded by Ms. Cerney and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to approve Dr. James McConnell for dental licensure by credentials.

Agenda Item 9 Public Comment

There was a guest present to give testimony to the board about HB 136. Dr. Christine Moleski spoke to board asking they amend HB 136 to include expanded functions for dental assistants. The board explained the proper avenue to pursue this is to contact the Alaska Dental Hygienist Association, who is the bill sponsor. Dr. Warren explained that dental assistants are not regulated in Alaska.

Agenda Item 11 Quality Assurance

There were no items to discuss regarding quality assurance. The board feels applications are being processed in a timely fashion.

Agenda Item 13 Unfinished Business

Dr. Warren advised the board that all indications look as if he will not be reappointed to the Dental Board. He is scheduled to speak at the March AADE Mid-Year Meeting about the Dental Health Aide Therapist issue in Alaska, and the board must decide if they want to replace him with another board member for that task.

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Following discussion the board decided to have Dr. Warren fulfill this commitment at the AADA Mid-Year meeting in Chicago.

Upon a motion by Dr. Pihl, seconded by Ms. Cerney and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to reconfirm that Dr. Warren attend the AADE Mid-Year Meeting representing the Alaska Dental Board.

Dr. Pihl led the board in expressing their appreciation to Dr. Warren for his excellent leadership and commitment as the Dental Board Chairman.

Following discussion, the board determined it is appropriate for Dr. Gerace, as Vice-Chairman, to act as the Acting Chairman from March 1, 2007 until the board elects officers at the end of the June 22-23, 2007 meeting.

Following discussion it was moved that Dr. Pihl be designated as the board's WREB representative. Dr. Pihl advised he cannot accept the position at this time so the motion was withdrawn. The board then decided upon Dr. Eichler to fill that position.

Upon a motion by Ms. Cerney, seconded by Mr. Gurse and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to designate Dr. Eichler to serve as the WREB representative for the Dental Board.

Dr. Warren stated he would advise Linda Paul at the WREB office personally of the change.

Ms. Donohue informed the board the two new members were Dr. Newell Walther, DDS and Ms. Cheryl Fellenberg, RDH. Their terms are effective March 1, 2007 and run to March 1, 2011. Dr. Eichler and Dr. Pihl were reappointed for a second term.

Dr. Gerace asked if dental applicants by credentials could be interviewed telephonically to meet the "personal interview" requirement of the application process.

Mr. Gurse will draft a letter to the Attorney General requesting interpretation of AS 08.36.234(a)(2)(1) "personal interview". The board is very interested in pursuing the possibility of conducting these interviews telephonically if the application file is complete and contains no concerns. They would like to retain the option to request the interview "in person" for a file with concerns.

Dr. Gerace again expressed the board's appreciation to both Dr. Warren and Ms. Cerney for their exemplary service on the board.

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Agenda Item 14 Adjourn

There being no further business Dr. Warren called for a motion to adjourn.

**Upon a motion by Mr. Gurse, seconded by Dr. Pihl and approved
unanimously, it was:**

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Dental Examiners.

The board adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Brenda Donohue, Licensing Examiner

APPROVED:

William Gerace, DDS
Acting-Chairman
Board of Dental Examiners

Date: _____

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TASK LIST FROM FEB. 22-23, 2007 MEETING

Dr. Gerace

- Review Course Approvals for continuing education.
- Draft Letter of Support for HB 136

Dr. Eichler

Dr. Arne Pihl

Dental CE Audit

Dr. Kevin Gottlieb

Vicki Hauff

- Backup person for reviewing Course Approvals when needed.
- Dental CE Audit

Gregory Gurse

Annual Newsletter

Draft letter to Director Urion asking for more specific break-out of Dept. of Law's bill in the Budget Report.

Draft letter to the Attorney General requesting interpretation of AS 08.36.234(a)(2)(1) "personal interview".

Dr. Neslund

Licensing Examiner

- Work on board's web site – updating/adding information.
- CE Course approval letters to applicants.
- Respond to correspondence as directed by the board.