

BOARD OF DENTISTRY
Professional & Vocational Licensing Division
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
State of Hawaii

MINUTES OF MEETING¹

The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, as required by Section 92-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS").

Date: Thursday, October 2, 2020

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar
<https://dcca-hawaii-gov.zoom.us/j/94707236090>

Present: Earl Hasegawa, D.D.S., Chair, Dental Member
Dennis Nagata, D.D.S., Vice Chair, Dental Member
Pearl Arrington, R.D.H., Dental Hygiene Member
Wallace Chong, III, D.D.S., Dental Member
Wesley Choy, D.D.S., Dental Member
Joseph Chu, D.D.S., Dental Member
Paul Guevara, D.M.D, M.D.S., Dental Member
Joy Shimabuku, Public Member
Sharon Tanaka, Public Member
Andrew Tseu, D.D.S., Dental Member
George Wessberg, D.D.S., Dental Member
Joyce Yamada, R.D.H., Dental Hygiene Member
Bryan Yee, Esq., Deputy Attorney General ("DAG")
Sandra Matsushima, Executive Officer ("EO")
Jenny Yam, Secretary
Ahlani Quiogue, Executive Officer
Christopher Fernandez, Executive Officer
Karyn Takahashi, Secretary to Catherine P. Awakuni Colón, Director,
Department of Commerce and Consume Affairs ("DCCA")
Terry Akasaka-Toyama, Secretary to Jo Ann M. Uchida Takeuchi,
Deputy Director, DCCA

Zoom Webinar

Guests: Megan Ching
Nadiene Wu
Max Uyeda
Kedin Kleinhans, Executive Officer
Dana Adachi

¹ Comments from the public were solicited on each agenda item. If no public comments were given, the solicitation for and lack of public comment are not explicitly stated in these minutes.

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Agenda: The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, as required by §92-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS").

A short video was played to explain the meeting procedure and how members of the public could participate in the virtual meeting.

1. Call to Order: There being a quorum present, Chair Hasegawa called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

Dr. Hasegawa welcomed everyone to the meeting, and proceeded with a roll call of the Board members. All Board members confirmed that they were present.

At this time, Dr. Hasegawa announced the Board's procedural format for agenda matters and stated that the meeting will end no later than 4:00 p.m.

2. New Business: a. Discussion and possible decision-making regarding ADEX Dental

Examination in Hawaii – October 31 and November 1, 2020, at the Wahiawa Family Dental Care, and request for a report from Board Members Pearl Arrington and Dennis Nagata in response to a motion made on September 3, 2020 regarding a proposed proclamation to allow for both patient and manikin-based licensing exams for approval by the governor.

Chair Hasegawa noted that Dr. Guy Champaine, Senior Advisor from Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (“CDCA”) and Shayna Avey-Overfelt, School Programs Director from CDCA gave a presentation at the September 3, 2020 meeting titled “New Technologies in Testing” regarding the American Board of Dental Examiners (“ADEX”) Dental Examination, the new CompeDont Non-Patient Based Dental Examination Alternative for dentist licensure and non-patient based examination options for dental hygienist licensure.

A motion was made at the September 3, 2020 meeting to have Board members Pearl Arrington and Dr. Dennis Nagata come back to the Board with a proposed proclamation to allow for both patient and manikin-based licensing examinations for approval by the governor.

Chair Hasegawa noted that a patient-based ADEX dental licensure examination was not available in Hawaii when the Board held its meeting on September 3, 2020. The Board is pleased to announce that CDCA will administer a patient-based ADEX dental licensure examination in Hawaii from October 30, 2020 to November 1, 2020 at Wahiawa Family Dental Care, 302 California Avenue #204, Wahiawa, HI 96786.

Chair Hasegawa emphasized that Central Regional Dental Testing Service (“CRDTS”) already administered a patient-based examination for Dental Hygienist in August 2020. CRDTS successfully administered the examination at the Wahiawa Family Dental Care facility and followed all COVID-19 guidelines recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”).

Chair Hasegawa asked Dr. Nagata and Ms. Arrington for their report regarding a proposed proclamation to allow for both patient and manikin-based licensing examinations for approval by the governor.

Dr. Nagata stated that after the discussion with Ms. Arrington regarding this matter, they do not recommend a proposed proclamation at this time because CDCA will administer the patient-based ADEX examination scheduled for October 30, 2020 to November 1, 2020 at the Wahiawa Family Dental Care.

Chair Hasegawa noted that the Board received written testimonies from Dr. Dana Adachi and Dr. Max Uyeda and asked if they had any additional comments or concerns.

Chair Hasegawa recognized Dr. Max Uyeda to provide his public comment.

Dr. Uyeda stated that there have been five (5) more states that have accepted the ADEX CompeDont manikin-based examination since the Board held its meeting on September 3, 2020, which raised the total to forty-three (43) states. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic there were opportunities to take the ADEX patient-based examination elsewhere in the nation, however, these opportunities became extremely limited due to nationwide acceptance of the ADEX CompeDont manikin-based examination.

Dr. Uyeda expressed his concerns that a lot of schools are only offering the ADEX CompeDont manikin-based examination. Due to the limited opportunity to take the ADEX patient-based examination in the mainland, it will force all of the Hawaii students and residents to return to Hawaii to take the ADEX patient-based examination. Dr. Uyeda also stated that there is limited seating for the ADEX patient-based examination and urged the Board to vote in favor of a proposed proclamation to allow for both patient and manikin-based licensing examinations for approval by the governor.

Chair Hasegawa asked Dr. Uyeda if he was able to register for the ADEX examination scheduled for October 30, 2020 to November 1, 2020 at the Wahiawa Family Dental Care.

Dr. Uyeda stated that CDCA was able to accommodate him and he is currently registered to take the ADEX patient-based examination. Dr. Uyeda stated that he is currently located in Los Angeles, California and expressed his concern that he will not be able to return to Hawaii until the launch of the pre-travel testing program on October 15, 2020, which will only allow him two (2) weeks to screen for patients. Dr. Uyeda further stated that he is concerned that if he is unable to find a patient to take the ADEX examination or failed the examination, it is uncertain when there will be another ADEX patient-based examination available.

Chair Hasegawa recognized Dr. Dana Adachi to provide her public comment.

Dr. Adachi stated that she is a Hawaii resident and graduate of the University of Missouri Kansas City School of Dentistry ("UMKC") and

the University of Southern California General Practice Residency program. The purpose of her written testimony was to provide the Board with as much information as she could find on how other state Boards across the country are responding to COVID-19's effect on dental licensure examination, and the effect on new graduates becoming licensed in their home state. Dr. Adachi stated that forty-three (43) out of forty-seven (47) states that accept ADEX for licensure have made amendments to accept the use of ADEX CompeDont manikin-based examination results. Dr. Adachi noted from Dr. Shampaine's presentation at the September 3, 2020 meeting that ADEX as an agency does not differentiate between the ADEX patient-based examination or the CompeDont manikin-based examination and the only difference is the format in which the examination is administered. Dr. Adachi stated that candidates will still need to be challenged and pass all sections of the ADEX examination. She urged the Board to vote in favor of a proposed proclamation to allow for both patient and manikin-based licensing examinations for approval by the governor.

Chair Hasegawa asked Dr. Adachi if she was able to register for ADEX examination scheduled for October 30, 2020 to November 1, 2020 at the Wahiawa Family Dental Care.

Dr. Adachi stated that CDCA was able to accommodate her and she is currently registered to take the ADEX patient-based examination.

Dr. Wessberg asked Dr. Uyeda and Dr. Adachi if they were aware of any other candidates that were unable to register for the ADEX examination scheduled for October 30, 2020 to November 1, 2020 at the Wahiawa Family Dental Care

Dr. Uyeda and Dr. Adachi responded in the negative.

Dr. Wessberg asked EO Matsushima if she was aware of any other candidates that were unable to register for the ADEX examination scheduled for October 30, 2020 to November 1, 2020 at the Wahiawa Family Dental Care.

EO Matsushima responded in the negative and stated that there are currently around eight (8) candidates that are registered for the ADEX examination scheduled for October 30, 2020 to November 1, 2020.

Dr. Adachi stated that she actively searched for examination sites that will host the ADEX patient-based examination on a daily basis and the ADEX examination scheduled for October 30, 2020 to November 1, 2020 at the Wahiawa Family Dental Care was not posted on the

CDCA website. It was only posted on the Board's Important Announcement website. Dr. Adachi expressed her concern that many candidates may be unaware of the ADEX examination scheduled for October 30, 2020 to November 1, 2020 at the Wahiawa Family Dental Care. She mentioned that CDCA stated that the ADEX examination scheduled in Hawaii was already at full capacity with candidates that were previously registered in the summer and it was not listed on the CDCA calendar because the seating is extremely limited.

EO Matsushima clarified that candidates who inquired with the Board about the ADEX examination were notified that the examination will most likely be administered in late fall instead of the summer. EO Matsushima stated that most of the candidates that are on the list to take the ADEX examination on October 30, 2020 to November 1, 2020 registered earlier in the year and waited for CDCA to schedule the ADEX examination in Hawaii.

Chair Hasegawa thanked Dr. Uyeda and Dr. Adachi for submitting written testimonies and providing public comments to the Board.

Chair Hasegawa asked if there were any comments or concerns from the public attendees.

Chair Hasegawa recognized Ms. Lisa Do to provide her public comment.

Ms. Do stated that she is a 4th year dental student at Midwestern University. She expressed that it has been extremely difficult to find live patients because students are screening a fraction of the patients that they would have screened in comparison to last year prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Do stated that prior to COVID-19, students had a full screening day with many patients to find lesions. While during COVID-19, patients are mostly scheduled for major restorative needs. Ms. Do mentioned that she will get one patient a week that was not in her existing patient pool.

Ms. Do stated that her school is hosting a mock ADEX examination in November and she has not been able to find a class II or III lesion that would allow her to participate in the patient-based ADEX examination. Ms. Do plans to move to Hawaii after graduation and she urged the Board to vote in favor of a proposed proclamation to allow for both patient and manikin-based licensing examinations for approval by the governor.

Chair Hasegawa recognized Dr. Nathaniel Hansen to provide his public comment.

Dr. Hansen stated that he graduated from Creighton University in 2019 and currently specializes in orthodontics at Saint Louis University. He plans to move to Hawaii after graduating in 2022. Dr. Hansen stated that many schools in the mainland are only offering the ADEX CompeDont manikin-based examination this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic and that candidates would have to travel in order to take the ADEX patient-based examination. Dr. Hansen is planning to take the ADEX examination next year and urged the Board to vote in favor of a proposed proclamation to allow for both patient and manikin-based licensing examinations for approval by the governor.

Dr. Hansen also mentioned that he took the Western Regional Examination Board (“WREB”) dental examination while he was attending Creighton University. He wanted to inquire whether the Board had discussed about accepting the WREB examination.

DAG Yee responded to Dr. Hansen in the negative and noted that HRS §448-9.4 provides that:

An applicant shall take and pass the ADEX examination, and neither the state examination nor any regional examination shall be accepted.

Chair Hasegawa recognized Ms. Angelyn de Guzman to provide her public comment.

Ms. de Guzman stated that she will be graduating in December from University of Colorado. She concurred with Dr. Adachi’s public comments and stated that she actively looked for examination sites that will administer the ADEX patient-based examination. Ms. de Guzman mentioned that earlier this year Hawaii was listed on CDCA’s website as “to be determined” and now there is no listing. Ms. de Guzman opted to take the ADEX CompeDont manikin-based examination that is offered at University of Colorado. She stated that her school will not offer ADEX patient-based examination until the COVID-19 pandemic subsided.

Ms. de Guzman also concurred with Ms. Do’s public comment and stated that the school and students are not actively screening for patients during COVID-19, therefore many candidates would have difficulties finding a patient to take the ADEX patient-based examination even if it was offered at this time. Ms. de Guzman also mentioned that a majority of the schools that administer the ADEX examination are closed to either current students or graduates of the institutions. She urged the Board to vote in favor of a proposed

proclamation to allow for both patient and manikin-based licensing examinations for approval by the governor.

Chair Hasegawa recognized Mr. Bryson Nakatani to provide his public comment.

Mr. Nakatani stated that he is a 4th year dental student at UMKC. He stated that after many years of student advocacy, UMKC recently transitioned from offering WREB examination to ADEX examination. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, UMKC is only offering the ADEX CompeDont manikin-based examination. As a Hawaii resident, Mr. Nakatani is saddened by the news that the state of Hawaii does not currently accept the ADEX CompeDont manikin-based examination. Mr. Nakatani expressed his concern that he may be unable to return home because of the current licensure requirements and many graduates may be left with no choice, but to stay in the mainland until the COVID-19 pandemic subsided. He urged the Board to vote in favor of a proposed proclamation to allow for both patient and manikin-based licensing examinations for approval by the governor.

Chair Hasegawa recognized Dr. Nathaniel Hansen to provide his public comment.

Dr. Hansen requested the Board members to explain their concerns regarding the ADEX CompeDont manikin-based examination if they are inclined to deny a proposed proclamation to allow for both patient and manikin-based licensing examinations for approval by the governor.

Chair Hasegawa recognized Ms. Sarah Stamps to provide her public comment.

Ms. Stamps stated that she is a 4th year dental student at University of Colorado and her school has not been screening patients since March and they are not getting any new patients. Ms. Stamps further stated that her school will not be offering the ADEX patient-based examination next year in the spring either. Her husband had applied for medical school in Hawaii and the current dentist licensure requirements may prevent them from moving here. Ms. Stamps stated that she currently does not have any patients that will allow her to take the ADEX patient-based examination and she opted to take the ADEX CompeDont manikin-based examination offered at University of Colorado. She urged the Board to consider carefully regarding a proposed proclamation to allow for patient and manikin-based licensing examinations for approval by the governor.

Chair Hasegawa recognized Dr. Nadiene Wu to provide her public comment.

Dr. Wu stated that she graduated from UMKC in 2020 and she was unable to take the ADEX examination in March because of the changes due to COVID-19. Dr. Wu stated that she is trying to return to Hawaii to start her residency in Waianae. Dr. Wu stated that she took a mock ADEX CompeDont manikin-based examination that was offered at UMKC prior to COVID-19 pandemic and she is of the opinion that it was a sufficient test without the high-stake stress that comes with patient compliance and cost that is associated with patient-based examinations. She urged the Board to vote in favor of a proposed proclamation to allow for both patient and manikin-based licensing examinations for approval by the governor.

Chair Hasegawa asked if there were any additional comments or concerns from the public attendees.

There being none, Chair Hasegawa thanked all the public attendees for providing their public comments and concerns.

Chair Hasegawa asked the Board members if there were any additional comments or concerns.

Executive
Session:

At 2:49 p.m., It was moved by Ms. Arrington, seconded by Ms. Shimabuku, and unanimously carried to enter into executive session, pursuant to HRS §92-5(a)(4), to consult with the Board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities and liabilities. Board members and staff entered into Microsoft Teams.

At 3:29 p.m., It was moved by Ms. Shimabuku, seconded by Dr. Guevara, and unanimously carried to move out of executive session. Board members and staff returned to the Zoom Webinar meeting.

Ms. Arrington is of the opinion that the Board should not submit a proposed proclamation to allow for patient and manikin-based licensing examinations for approval by the governor. Ms. Arrington also mentioned that representatives from CDCA gave a presentation on ADEX CompeDont manikin-based examination and manikin-based examination options for dental hygienist licensure at the September 3, 2020 meeting. She recommended the Board to invite representatives from CRDTS to provide a presentation on Dental Hygienist manikin-based examination.

It was moved by Dr. Wessberg, seconded by Ms. Shimabuku, and unanimously carried to rescind the motion made at the September 3, 2020 meeting for a proposed proclamation to allow for patient and manikin-based licensing examinations for approval by the governor.

Dr. Guevara noted that HRS §448-9.4 provides that:

An applicant shall take and pass the ADEX examination, and neither the state examination nor any regional examination shall be accepted.

Dr. Guevara is of the opinion that the Board may interpret “the ADEX examination” referenced in HRS §448-9.4 to include the ADEX CompeDont manikin-based examination.

DAG Yee asked if the Board will make a decision regarding the requirement for patient-based periodontal clinical examination.

Dr. Guevara noted that Dr. Champagne stated at the September 3, 2020 meeting that ADEX also have a manikin-based periodontal clinical examination.

Ms. Arrington is of the opinion that the Board may also interpret “one of the following four regional clinical examinations” referenced in HRS § 447-1 to include their respective manikin-based examination if it is available.

Dr. Guevara stated that the Board may only discuss the ADEX examination at this meeting because the Dental Hygienist examination requirements was not placed on the agenda.

It was moved by Dr. Guevara, seconded by Dr. Wessberg, and unanimously carried to interpret “the ADEX examination” referenced in HRS §448-9.4 to include the ADEX CompeDont manikin-based examination and the manikin-based periodontal clinical examination.

Chair Hasegawa asked the Board members if there were any additional comments or concerns.

Ms. Arrington recommended the Board to place the Dental Hygienist examination requirements on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting and invite representatives from CRDTS to provide a presentation on Dental Hygienist manikin-based examination.

EO Matsushima stated that HRS § 447-1 provides that:

(b) The board shall require an applicant to take and pass the State's examination or one of the following four regional clinical examinations given after February 1, 2005, by the:

- (1) Western Regional Examining Board;
- (2) Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc.;
- (3) Southern Regional Testing Agency, Inc.; or
- (4) North East Regional Board of Dental Examiners, Inc.

EO Matsushima asked DAG Yee if the Board still requires Dental Hygienist applicants to take and pass a patient-based regional clinical examination.

DAG Yee answered in the affirmative.

EO Matsushima clarified that the Board still requires Dental Hygienist applicants to take and pass one of the four patient-based regional clinical examinations given after February 1, 2005. EO Matsushima further stated that the Board will consider to meet and discuss modifications to the Dental Hygienist patient-based regional clinical examination requirement at a future meeting.

EO Matsushima asked DAG Yee to clarify if there is an effective date regarding the acceptance of the ADEX manikin-based CompeDont examination and the manikin-based periodontal clinical examination.

DAG Yee stated that there is no effective date since the Board is interpreting HRS §448-9.4 to mean that the referenced ADEX examination includes the ADEX manikin-based CompeDont examination and the manikin-based periodontal clinical examination.

EO Matsushima stated that she will confirm with CDCA on the date they first administered the ADEX CompeDont manikin-based examination and the manikin-based periodontal clinical examination.

EO Matsushima asked DAG Yee if the Board had previously denied a Dentist applicant because they took a manikin-based ADEX examination will be able to reapply.

DAG Yee answered in the affirmative.

3. Next Meeting: Chair Hasegawa announced the next meeting is to be determined.
8. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Reviewed and approved by:

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ Sandra Matsushima

/s/ Jenny Yam

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Executive Officer

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[] Minutes approved as is.

[x] Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of January 25, 2021.