

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

MINUTES OF MEETING¹

Date: March 8, 2021

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar

Present: Earl Hasegawa, D.D.S., 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, Ed.D., R.D.H., Dental Hygiene Member
Bryan Yee, Esq., Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)
Sandra Matsushima, Executive Officer (“EO”)
Erin Emerson, Secretary
Jenny Yam, Secretary
Kawehi Mau, Secretary

Excused: Dennis Nagata, D.D.S., Vice Chair, Dental Member

Zoom Webinar
Guests: Andria (DeBina) Thorson
Ellie Kelley-Miyashiro
Gerraine
Kim Nguyen – HAD
Lopsahl
Melissa Pavlicek
Dr. Vickie Kimbrough

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 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.

1. Call to Order: There being a quorum present, Chair Hasegawa called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

2. Roll Call: Chair Hasegawa welcomed everyone to the meeting and proceeded with a roll call of the Board members. All Board members confirmed that they were present, with the exception of Dr. Nagata who was excused from the meeting.

At this time, Chair Hasegawa announced the Board's procedural format for agenda matters and stated that the meeting will end no later than 12:00 p.m.

3. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2021: Chair Hasegawa asked the Board members if there were any comments or concerns regarding the Board meeting minutes of January 25, 2021.

There being none, upon a motion by Dr. Guevara, seconded by Dr. Chu, it was voted and unanimously carried to approve the meeting minutes of January 25, 2021.

4. New Business: a. Application for Program Sponsor Agreement for CE

1) Local Anesthesia and Intraoral Infiltration and Intraoral Block Anesthesia Course – Sponsor: Taft College (48 CE hours) Course Dates for 2021:

May 15 to June 15 (online modules) and June 21 to 23 (clinical);

November 1 to 30 (online modules) and December 6 to 8 (clinical)

Chair Hasegawa asked if the Board had any comments or questions regarding the application.

There being none, it was moved by Ms. Arrington, seconded by Dr. Guevara, and unanimously carried to approve the Application for Program Sponsor Agreement for CE from Taft College.

b. Administration of General Anesthesia, Deep Sedation, or Moderate (Conscious) Sedation – Facility Inspections for Renewal

1) Discussion and decision making on the required On-site Inspection of the Facility, Equipment, and Personnel Prior to Renewal

Chair Hasegawa explained that by law, the Board is

required to evaluate the facilities where sedation is performed every two years coinciding with the licensure biennium. The Board had previously agreed to perform the inspections in the last 6 months of the preceding biennium to allow for a timely renewal of permits to administer deep sedation/general anesthesia and moderate sedation.

Chair Hasegawa said that the Board would follow the same template as the last renewal, which required permit holders to contact the Board by email to schedule an inspection.

Chair Hasegawa confirmed that the inspections would take place from July to December.

EO Matsushima advised that prior to July, instructions for permit holders on how to schedule their inspections would be uploaded to the Board's website.

2) Discussion and decision making on Volunteer Evaluators/Inspectors for 2021

Chair Hasegawa said that there are approximately 10 non-dental Board consultants that have confirmed their availability to complete the inspections for the upcoming renewal. These volunteers have submitted applications to perform the inspections during past renewal cycles and received Board approval.

Chair Hasegawa read the following from the meeting minutes of July 22, 2019:

“After some discussion, it was moved by Dr. Wessberg, seconded by Vice Chair Hasegawa, and unanimously carried to approve the following licensees as volunteer inspectors as long as their Hawaii permit to administer deep sedation/general anesthesia and moderate sedation is current, valid and in good standing.”

Chair Hasegawa surmised that since these volunteers have previous Board approval, they would not be required to submit another application, provided their anesthesia permit is current, valid and in good standing.

DAG Yee confirmed that was correct.

Chair Hasegawa informed the Board that they have the authority to refuse a volunteer at any time and asked if there were any objections to proceeding with the current volunteer list without a reapplication process. There being none, Chair Hasegawa advised that a list of volunteers would be made available to the Board at the next meeting.

Dr. Chu left the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

Dr. Chu returned to the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

5. Applications: a. Ratifications

It was moved by Ms. Shimabuku, seconded by Dr. Tseu, and unanimously carried to ratify approval of the following dentist licenses, dental hygienist licenses, and certification in the administration of intra-oral block anesthesia:

- Approved Dentist

DT 2875 EWELINA S SIEKA
DT 2876 MOHANED AHMED

- Approved Dental Hygienist

DH 2283 ADAM J ZAHN
DH 2284 APRIL M HIMEL
DH 2285 KATHLEEN M GEROW
DH 2286 ABIGAIL E LANGENKAMP
DH 2287 JENNIFER V BANNER
DH 2288 HANNAH M PALMREUTER
DH 2282 RAENA P CABACUNGAN

- Approved Certification in the Administration of Intra-Oral Block Anesthesia

DH 2283 ADAM J ZAHN
DH 2284 APRIL M HIMEL

b. Applications for License – Dentist

1) Lauren Opsahl

Chair Hasegawa asked if there were any members from the public or Dr. Opsahl wishing to provide testimony on this matter.

Chair Hasegawa recognized Dr. Opsahl.

Dr. Opsahl explained to the Board that she had requested her Western Regional Examination Board ("WREB") scores be sent to the Board and they should be arriving shortly. If there is any other documentation that is required, she will provide that to the Board.

Chair Hasegawa thanked Dr. Opsahl for her testimony.

c. Application for License – Dental Hygienist

1) Andria Thorson

Chair Hasegawa asked if there were any members from the public or Ms. Thorson wishing to provide testimony on this matter.

No members of the public nor Ms. Thorson raised their hand to provide testimony.

At 10:24 a.m., it was moved by Dr. Guevara, seconded by Ms. Shimabuku, and unanimously carried for the Board to enter executive session in pursuant to HRS, §92-5(a)(1) and (4), "To consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for professional or vocational licenses cited in 26-9 or both;" and "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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:38 a.m., it was moved by Ms. Shimabuku, seconded by Ms. Arrington, and unanimously carried to move out of executive session. Board members and staff returned to the Zoom Webinar meeting.

Upon returning from executive session, Chair Hasegawa asked for a motion on the following applications:

b. Applications for License – Dentist

1) Lauren Opsahl

Upon a motion by Dr. Guevara, seconded by Dr. Chu, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve Dr. Opsahl application for a dental license pursuant to Act 247, S.L.H. 2012 (military spouse).

c. Application for License – Dental Hygienist

1) Andria Thorson

Upon a motion by Ms. Arrington, seconded by Ms. Shimabuku, it was voted on and unanimously carried to defer Ms. Thorson's application and request further information regarding her local anesthesia certification.

Public attendee Ms. Thorson raised her hand.

Chair Hasegawa advised that the time for public testimony had already closed.

DAG Yee clarified that the Board is requesting Ms. Thorson to provide certification from her dental hygiene school that she has satisfied the requirements for licensure in Hawaii; or to provide evidence that she completed an anesthesia course certified by this Board, for example, from Taft College.

Chair Hasegawa concurred with DAG Yee's clarification and advised that communication regarding the specifics of these options will take place after the meeting

Ms. Yam confirmed that information regarding these requirements would be provided to Ms. Thorson via letter or email from EO Matsushima.

6. Next Meeting: Chair Hasegawa announced the next meeting is to be determined. There is a meeting tentatively scheduled on Monday, April 12th solely for legislative matters. If none arise than the meeting will be cancelled.

Monday, April 12, 2020
10:00 a.m.
Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar

7. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Reviewed and approved by:

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ Sandra Matsushima

/s/ Erin Emerson

Sandra Matsushima
Executive Officer

Erin Emerson
Secretary

SM:ee

3/11/2021

[] Minutes approved as is.

[] Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of May 17, 2021.