

**Maine Board of Dental Practice
January 6, 2017
Board Meeting Minutes**

The Board meeting convened at 9:30 a.m.

All Members Present: Drs. Geraldine Schneider; Lisa Howard; Glen Davis; Paul Dunbar; and Stephen Morse; Ms. Nancy Foster, RDH, EFDA; Ms. Catherine Kasprak, RDH; Ms. Rowan Morse, Public Member and Ms. Kathryn Young, LD

Also Present: Patrick Allen, LD; Bonnie Vaughan, RDH; Lorraine Klug, RDH; David Wicks, DDS; Susan Isenman; Reid Scher; John Bastey, Maine Dental Association; Donna Vix, DMD; Christopher MacLean, Esquire; Kendra Bryant, Ph.D.; James Bowie, Assistant Attorney General; Lauren LaRochelle, Assistant Attorney General; Teneale Johnson, Executive Secretary; and, Penny Vaillancourt, Executive Director

Subcommittee on Denturists Report: The Subcommittee accepted their meeting minutes, and also reported the following recommendations:

- The Subcommittee reviewed an e-mail from Professor Mike Vakalis regarding the policy of re-takes of the Maine Denturist Qualifying Examination. The Subcommittee recommends that the Board allow an applicant for denturist licensure to sit for a re-take of the Maine Denturist Qualifying Examination within one year from the date of their application for licensure. The applicant will also be reminded that they cannot practice denturism in the State of Maine without a license issued by the Board. Ms. Young made a motion to accept the Subcommittee's recommendation. Dr. Howard seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- The Denturist Subcommittee members also reviewed consent agreement compliance documentation for Ms. Megan Higgins. The Subcommittee recommends that the compliance documentation be accepted, and that a letter be sent to the Maine Medical Professionals Health Program requesting that when a borderline test result has been produced, that the protocol be to re-test the client. Ms. Young made a motion to accept the recommendation. Dr. Morse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Subcommittee on Dental Hygienists Report: The Subcommittee accepted their meeting minutes, and also reported the following recommendations:

- A letter was received from an attorney for licensee Ashley Ayotte, RDH. Ms. Ayotte was issued an Order from the State of Alaska regarding practicing without a license. The attorney for Ms. Ayotte was making this Board aware of

the action taken based on the 10-day reporting requirement. The Subcommittee's recommendation was to send a letter thanking him for the report and request that should there be any changes or conditions placed on Ms. Ayotte as a result of the Order, that it be reported to this Board. Ms. Foster made a motion to accept the recommendation. Ms. Kasprak seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- Garrett Richardson, RDH – Mr. Richardson filed his license renewal and responded yes to a question regarding an arrest, and a deferred disposition. The Subcommittee recommended that Mr. Richardson's license be renewed and that a letter be sent thanking him for the report and letting him know if the disposition ends in a conviction, he would be required to report that within 10 days. Dr. Davis made a motion to accept the recommendation. Dr. Morse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- June Toole, IPDH – Ms. Toole filed a license renewal and responded yes to a question. The Subcommittee recommended that Ms. Toole's license be renewed and that a letter be sent thanking her for reporting, and that any changes in her application should be reported per the new statute. Dr. Howard made a motion to accept the recommendation. Ms. Kasprak seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Laura Mackin, RDH – Ms. Mackin filed a local anesthesia reinstatement application. The Subcommittee's recommendation is to grant the reinstatement of Ms. Mackin's local anesthesia permit, issue a complaint against her for practicing without a license, and offer a consent agreement which would include a warning, a fine of \$50 which would have to be paid within 60 days, and an admission to practicing without a license on any future application(s). Dr. Dunbar made a motion to accept the recommendation. Dr. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Brandi Gatcomb, RDH – Ms. Gatcomb filed a public health supervision notification with the Board which indicated that she had provided public health supervision services prior to submitting notification. The Subcommittee recommends that the Board initiate a complaint to further investigate a potential violation of failing to notify the Board of Public Health Supervision status pursuant to Board Rule, Chapter 2. Dr. Howard made a motion to accept the recommendation. Dr. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Jeannine Robertson, RDH – Ms. Robertson filed a Public Health Supervision notification with the Board which indicated that she had provided PHS services

prior to submitting the notification. The Subcommittee recommends that the Board initiate a complaint to further investigate a potential violation of failing to notify the Board of Public Health Supervision status pursuant to Board Rule, Chapter 2. Dr. Howard made a motion to accept the recommendation. Dr. Morse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- Review of draft consent agreement and compliance documentation – Cathryn St. Laurent-Wright, RDH: The Subcommittee reviewed a draft consent agreement along with compliance documentation from the licensee. The Subcommittee recommends that the Board accept the draft consent agreement and that they accept the compliance documentation provided by the licensee. The Subcommittee would also like to inform the licensee that the balance of five remaining credits not used for purposes of compliance with the agreement can be used for the following license biennium. Ms. Kasprak made a motion to accept the Subcommittee recommendation. Dr. Davis seconded the motion and it passed with Dr. Morse recused.
- Review of Request to Convert Inactive License to Active – Brittany Rand, RDH: The Subcommittee reviewed a request from Ms. Rand to convert her inactive dental hygiene license to active. The Subcommittee recommends that the Board approve Ms. Rand’s request to re-activate her license. Ms. Kasprak made a motion to accept the Subcommittee’s recommendation. Dr. Morse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Adjudicatory Hearing – Donna M. Vix, DMD:

Hearing Officer Rebekah Smith was present for the hearing which was continued from September 9, 2016; Dr. Donna Vix was present and represented by Christopher MacLean, Esquire; James Bowie, Assistant Attorney General was present and representing the State. The purpose of the hearing was to address the preliminary denial of Dr. Vix’s application for renewal of her dental license.

Witnesses for the licensee include, Loren Andrews, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, and Dr. Kendra Bryant, Licensed Psychologist. Witnesses for the State included Reid Scher, Licensed Master Social Worker, Penny Vaillancourt, Executive Director for the Board of Dental Practice, and the licensee.

Dr. Davis made a motion that the State has proven by the preponderance of the evidence that the licensees present circumstances may result in the licensee performing services in a manner that endangers the health or safety of patients. Dr. Dunbar seconded the motion and it passed with Dr. Morse recused. Based on the above, Dr. Davis made a motion to grant Dr. Vix a license pursuant to the following conditions of probation:

1. Must practice with a licensed Maine dentist who is good standing for a period of five years once she begins practicing;
2. Provide proof of successful completion of hands-on clinical restorative dentistry continuing education (18 total hours) at least 6 months prior to first patient contact; and
3. Continue with therapy at intervals recommended by the licensed provider.

Ms. Kasprak seconded the motion and it passed with Dr. Morse recused.

Application for Dental Licensure - Edilia Marshall, DMD: Dr. Davis made a motion to grant a dental license to Dr. Marshall. Ms. Kasprak seconded the motion and it passed with Ms. Morse opposed, and Dr. Morse recused.

Application for Dental Licensure - Vahid Ebrahimi, DDS: Dr. Davis made a motion to preliminarily deny the application for dental licensure for Dr. Ebrahimi based on his failure to pass the jurisprudence examination successfully after multiple attempts. Dr. Morse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Application for Dental Licensure - Jason Hamel, DMD: Dr. Hamel completed an Advanced Education in General Dentistry residency in lieu of successfully passing a regional examination. Dr. Morse made a motion to extend licensure to Dr. Hamel based on Chapter 12, Section II.2.I. Dr. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Application for Moderate Parenteral Sedation Permit - Genko Stanilov, DMD: Dr. Morse made a motion to preliminarily deny the application for a moderate parenteral sedation permit for Dr. Stanilov as he does not meet the requirements as outlined in Board Rule, Chapter 14. More specifically, the course taken does not appear to have reviewed parenteral sedation of children ages 12 and under. Dr. Howard seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Review of Draft Consent Agreement - Dr. Edward Laga: Dr. Laga requested that his consent agreement be terminated due to the fact that he is now on under a modified agreement with the Maine Medical Professionals Health Program. The Board had requested changes be made to the consent agreement which was presented for their review. The amendment read as intended, therefore, Dr. Howard made a motion to accept the consent agreement amendment as drafted. Dr. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Review of Draft Board Rule – Chapter 13 “Continuing Education”: The Board made several changes to the draft rule as it related to the continuing education hours for anesthesia providers, the wording used for table clinics, adding ACLS certification to the CPR section of the rule, and several other changes. The Board requested that the revised draft be presented to them at the February 10, 2017 meeting for review.

Dr. Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m. Dr. Morse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teneale E. Johnson
Executive Secretary