

**Maine Board of Dental Practice
Subcommittee on Dental Hygienists
Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2016**

The meeting convened at 8:21 a.m.

Members Present: Tricia Spearin, RDH, EFDA; Nancy Foster, RDH, EFDA; Geraldine Schneider, DMD; and Stephen Morse, DMD

Members Absent: Ann-Marie Grenier, RDH

Also Present: Catherine Kasprak, RDH; Bonnie Vaughan, RDH; Lorraine Klug, RDH; Lauren LaRochelle, Assistant Attorney General; Teneale Johnson, Executive Secretary; and Penny Vaillancourt, Executive Director

Minutes - November 18, 2016: Ms. Foster made a motion to accept the minutes as drafted. Dr. Schneider seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Secretary's Desk: The following items were reviewed and accepted as an FYI:

- Continuing Education Approval List
- Preliminary Agenda for Upcoming Meetings

Executive Director's Report:

- Legislative Update - Ms. Vaillancourt informed the Subcommittee that there are new members appointed to the Labor, Commerce, Research, and Economic Development Legislative Committee, which is the committee of jurisdiction for the Board.
- Rulemaking Update - Ms. Vaillancourt informed the members that the Board is currently working on Chapter 13, and Chapter 14 and that the Rules Committee will begin working on updating the licensing chapters in March 2017.
- Adjudicatory Hearing - The Board will be holding an adjudicatory hearing later today.
- Statute Review - Ms. Vaillancourt will tailor a review of the new statute for Subcommittee members at a future meeting.

Executive Director's Report (Cont'd):

- Board Investigator/Inspector Position – Ms. Vaillancourt reported that the position for investigator/inspector has been posted.

Letter from John Tiemessen, Esquire RE: Ashley Ayotte, RDH: Mr. Tiemessen provided a report to the Board regarding his client Ms. Ayotte who is a current licensee of this Board, which included an Order issued by the Alaska Dental Board regarding unlicensed practice. A motion was made to send a letter to Mr. Tiemessen asking that the Board be kept apprised of any action taken by the Alaska Dental Board and remind him of the 10 day reporting obligation of his client. Dr. Morse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dental Hygiene License Renewal Application 2016 – Garret Richardson, RDH: Mr. Richardson filed a renewal application and responded yes to a question on the application. Ms. Foster made a motion to recommend that the Board renew his hygiene license and nitrous oxide permit, and remind him of his responsibility to report to the Board should the disposition result in a conviction. Dr. Morse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dental Hygiene License Renewal Application 2016 – June Toole, IPDH: Ms. Foster made a motion to enter executive session pursuant to Title 1, section 405, Subsection 6 (E & F) to discuss confidential medical information. Dr. Morse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The members voted to come out of executive session at 8:56 a.m. Ms. Foster made a motion to recommend that the Board grant the renewal of Ms. Toole's dental hygiene license and send a letter reminding her of the obligation to report any change in the status of her application. Dr. Morse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Application for Reinstatement of Local Anesthesia Permit and "Yes" Response – Laura Mackin, RDH: Ms. Mackin filed an application for reinstatement of her local anesthesia permit on November 18, 2016, which indicated that she last administered local anesthesia on September 1, 2016; her permit lapsed on June 24, 2016. Dr. Schneider made a motion to grant the reinstatement of Ms. Mackin's local anesthesia permit, issue a board generated complaint for the unlicensed practice, and offer her a consent agreement to resolve the complaint. Dr. Morse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. An amendment to the motion was made to include an admission to practicing without a license, a \$50.00 fine, a Warning, and that she report the unlicensed practice on her next application. Dr. Morse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. A third amendment was made that she has 60 days to pay the fine. This amended motion passed unanimously.

Public Health Supervision Notification – Brandi Gatcomb, RDH: Ms. Gatcomb filed a public health supervision notification and indicated that she had provided services prior to the paperwork being submitted to the Board. Ms. Foster made a motion to recommend that the Board issue a complaint to further investigate the potential violation of Board Rule, Chapter 2, section III.D. Dr. Morse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Public Health Supervision Notification – Jeannine Robertson, RDH: Ms. Robertson filed a public health supervision notification and indicated that she had provided services prior to the paperwork being submitted to the Board. Ms. Spearin made a motion to recommend that the Board issue a complaint to further investigate the potential violation of Board Rule, Chapter 2, section III.D. Ms. Foster seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Review of Draft Consent Agreement & Continuing Education Compliance

Documentation RE: Cathryn St. Laurent-Wright, RDH: The board’s legal counsel amended the language of the proposed agreement to include language of compliance as it relates to continuing education the licensee had completed, at the request of the licensee’s legal counsel. Ms. Foster made a motion to recommend that the Board accept the draft consent agreement, and to accept the compliance documentation provided by the licensee. The licensee will also be informed that the remaining five credits not used for compliance with the agreement can be used during the following license biennium. Dr. Schneider seconded the motion and it passed with Dr. Morse recused from the motion.

Request to Convert Inactive License to Active - Brittany Rand, RDH: Ms. Rand made a request to convert her inactive hygiene license to active and provided documentation of continuing education she completed from January 2016 – December 2016. Ms. Foster made a motion to recommend that the Board approve Ms. Rand’s request to reactivate her license. Dr. Morse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Ms. Spearin made a motion to adjourn at 9:23 a.m. Dr. Schneider seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teneale E. Johnson
Executive Secretary