

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

The meeting convened at approximately 7:30 a.m.

Members Present: John Merrill, LD; Kathryn Young, LD; Michael Adkins, LD; Paul Dunbar, DDS; and Glen Davis, DMD

Also Present: Patrick Allen, LD; Catherine Kasprak, RDH; Lauren LaRochelle, Assistant Attorney General; Teneale Johnson, Executive Secretary; and Penny Vaillancourt, Executive Director

Minutes - November 18, 2016: Mr. Merrill made a motion to approve the minutes as drafted. Dr. Dunbar seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Secretary's Desk:

- Ms. Young reported that she will not be at the meeting on March 10, 2017; Dr. Dunbar reported that he will not be at February 10, 2017 meeting.

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

E-mail from Professor Michael Vakalis, LD Re: Maine Denturist Qualifying

Examination (MDQE) Results: Mr. Vakalis reported to the Board that there was one applicant for denturist licensure who took the MDQE and did not pass. The Board's rules do not speak to the re-take of examinations. Dr. Dunbar made a motion to send a letter to the denturist applicant letting her know that she has one year from the date of her application to provide proof of successful passage of the MDQE, and that she is allowed one re-take of the examination. The letter will also reinforce that she cannot practice denturism until such time as a license has been issued. Mr. Merrill seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Letter from Heidi Wright Re: Megan Higgins, LD - Consent Agreement Compliance:

The Board informed the Maine Medical Professionals Health Program (MMPHP) of their concerns with the borderline test results provided by their client who is under a current consent agreement with the Board. Ms. Wright of the MMPHP provided an additional explanation with regards to the testing provided. Dr. Davis made a motion to send a letter to the MMPHP requesting that should a borderline test result be provided by a client, that they order a re-test. Mr. Merrill seconded the motion and it passed unanimously

Dr. Davis made a motion to approve the compliance reports for Megan Higgins, LD. Mr. Merrill seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Subcommittee meeting adjourned at 8:12 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teneale E. Johnson
Executive Secretary