

**Maine Board of Dental Practice  
Board Meeting Minutes  
November 17, 2017**

The meeting convened at 8:02 a.m.

**Members Present:** Drs. Lisa Howard; Stephen Morse; Glen Davis; Paul Dunbar and Mark Zajkowski; Ms. Nancy Foster, RDH, EFA; Tracey Jowett, RDH; Kathryn Young, LD; and Ms. Rowan Morse, Public Member

**Also Present:** Andrew Black, Assistant Attorney General; Teneale Johnson, Executive Secretary; Penny Vaillancourt, Executive Director

**Minutes:**

- **September 15, 2017** – Dr. Morse made a motion to approve the September 15, 2017 as drafted. Dr. Davis seconded the motion and it passed with Ms. Jowett and Dr. Zajkowski abstained.
- **October 13, 2017** – Dr. Dunbar made a motion to approve the October 13, 2017 minutes as drafted. Ms. Young seconded the motion and it passed with Ms. Jowett and Dr. Zajkowski abstained.

**Subcommittee on Dental Hygienists Report:** Ms. Ann Marie Grenier provided the following report to the Board:

- The Subcommittee meeting minutes for September and October were approved by the members.
- Application for Local Anesthesia Permit – Erin Graham, RDH: Following their review of the course information and documentation, the Subcommittee voted to recommend that the Board approve her application and grant Ms. Graham a permit. Dr. Davis made a motion to accept the Subcommittee recommendation. Ms. Foster seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Application for Local Anesthesia Permit – Philip Pennington, RDH: Following their review of the course information and documentation, the Subcommittee voted to recommend that the Board approve his application and grant Mr. Pennington a local anesthesia permit. Dr. Davis made a motion to accept the Subcommittee recommendation. Dr. Morse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Crystal DaCosta, Dental Radiographer Re: Letter dated October 2, 2017 from Supervising Dentists:** At its September 15, 2017 meeting, the Board voted to request clarification from two supervising dentists identified by Ms. DaCosta to clarify their understanding of her licensure status as a dental

radiographer, as well as the level of supervision they provided between December 19, 2015 and July 19, 2017.

The two licensed dentists submitted to the Board a written response describing their understanding of her licensure status and confirmed their direct supervision of Ms. DaCosta during the timeframe identified. Following their review and discussion of the information, Ms. Young made a motion to send a letter of guidance to each dentist, reminding them of their responsibility to verify current licensure for all individuals that they supervise. Dr. Zajkowski seconded the motion. Following further discussion, Ms. Young amended her motion to send a letter of information versus a letter of guidance. The letter will reference provisions of 32 M.R.S. §18325 regarding aiding and abetting unlicensed practice. Dr. Zajkowski seconded the amendment to the motion; the motion to send this letter passed with all members in favor.

**Application for Dental Licensure – Matthew Lawler, DMD:** Dr. Lawler filed an application for dental licensure and listed a specialty certification without including a copy of the certification. According to additional documentation received as part of the application, Dr. Lawler will not complete his specialty training until June 2018. Dr. Dunbar made a motion to grant Dr. Lawler a Maine dental license. Dr. Morse seconded the motion. Following further discussion, the motion was amended to grant his license and send a letter informing him that upon receipt of successful completion of his specialty training, the Board will add the specialty designation to his license record. Dr. Morse seconded the motion and it passed with Dr. Zajkowski recused.

**Application for Deep Sedation/General Anesthesia – Matthew Lawler, DMD:** Dr. Lawler filed an application for permit but did not include documentation of a successfully completed advanced education program. According to additional documentation received as part of the application, Dr. Lawler will not complete his specialty training until June 2018. Dr. Dunbar made a motion to deny the application for a deep sedation/general anesthesia permit based on that fact that he has not completed his specialty training. This motion was withdrawn. Dr. Dunbar made a motion to table review of this application until the Board receives proof that Dr. Lawler has successfully completed the specialty training. Dr. Morse seconded the motion. Both motions were withdrawn. Dr. Dunbar made a motion to delegate to board staff, the review and approval of the application upon receipt of proof of successful completion of Dr. Lawler's specialty training. Dr. Morse seconded the motion and it passed with Dr. Zajkowski recused.

**Application for Dental Radiography Licensure – Kristine Smith:** Ms. Smith filed an application and answered "yes" to the criminal background disclosure question. Following review of the application and documentation regarding the disclosure, Dr. Davis made a motion to grant a dental radiography license to

Ms. Smith. Dr. Morse seconded the motion and it passed with all members in favor. Board staff to send Ms. Smith a letter reminding her of the reporting requirements pursuant to 32 M.R.S., Chapter 143 §18352.

**Application for Dental License Reinstatement – Daniel Schecter, DMD:**

Dr. Dunbar made a motion to table review of this application until the December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Dr. Davis seconded the motion and it passed with Ms. Young recused.

**Chapter 14 “Rules for Use of Sedation and General Anesthesia”:** Following a brief discussion, Dr. Morse made a motion to table this agenda item until the December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Dr. Davis seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Dr. Morse made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 a.m. Dr. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teneale E. Johnson  
Executive Secretary